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Resolution 2024-15: Short Term Rentals

Background:

Many communities in Northwestern Ontario are struggling to ensure adequate long-term housing stock for residents, particularly affordable housing. Short term housing rentals have compacted this issue as long-term stock is being lost to short term housing organizations such as Airbnb, VRBO, and outside purchasers who purchase houses for the purpose of renting them out.

Recommendation:

WHEREAS NOMA supports the City of Thunder Bay's request to the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

- Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations; and
- Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality; and
- Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association call upon the Province of Ontario to work with municipalities to address situations in which long term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties.

Moved By: Lisa Teeple, Councillor of Emo

Seconded By: Alex Crane, Councillor of O'Connor

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Landry".

President