




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	May 5, 2023
SUBJECT:	Licensing Short-Term Rental (STR) Accommodations (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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The purpose of this Communication Update is to provide the Mayor and Members of Council with information regarding the revised timeline for the roll-out of the City's new Short-Term Rental (STR) licensing regime.

On January 25, 2023, City Council approved through Report PED17203(c) a new by-law to license and regulate Short-Term Rentals in the City of Hamilton, and endorsed the implementation plan to develop, administer and enforce the licensing of Short-Term Rental units. The Report specified that staff would begin to receive Short-Term Rental licences on June 1, 2023. Phase 1 of the implementation of Short-Term Rental licensing was scheduled to be completed in May 2023 with the finalization of the Communication Plan, Enforcement Strategy, and the establishment of the appropriate data management systems to allow for the collection and reporting of necessary metrics.

On April 26, 2023, City Council directed staff to report back to Emergency and Community Services (E&CS) committee in August 2023 with a full suite of options to halt renovations within the City, namely a city-wide Licensing By-law, a standalone Renovictions By-law, and a suite of enforcement options. In response to this direction, the priorities of Licensing & By-law Services will need to pivot to accommodate. Therefore, the implementation of the Short-Term Rentals licensing program will be delayed, and the new date for the acceptance of Short-Term Rental licenses will be shifted to December 2023.

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Licensing & By-law Services is working closely with the Communications Department to ensure messaging is provided City-wide to inform the community including, operators and residents, of the revised implementation timelines.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact Monica Ciriello, Director, Licensing & By-law Services at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5809 or by email at Monica.Ciriello@hamilton.ca.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

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