

Request for EAD Meeting Business Item

SUBJECT:	Vacation rentals
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DESCRIPTION/ CONTEXT:	<p>I want to explore the idea of taxing vacation rentals through the providers – Air B+B and other major providers are willing to and do provide tax collection for municipalities in Ontario and elsewhere. Can we impose a tax on these rentals or only MRDT under the applicable legislation?</p> <p>TUP is not a permanent solution for handling this under restrictions of the Local Government Act (6 years max). We need a long term plan.</p>
DISCUSSION:	<p>In Revelstoke and Area B as well as other Electoral areas there are numerous vacation rentals. These are generally carrying on business in non-compliance with the CSRD TUP requirements. There is no way to really enforce these rules with our limited resources. I instead propose we impose a very high tax on the rentals through the providers and use this money to enforce bylaws by imposing fines around noise etc to stop out of control rentals. It is better to not have bylaws we cannot enforce. This damages the legitimacy of all of our bylaws when it happens.</p>
OTHER COMMENTS:	<p>I request staff outline the taxation powers we do and don't have in this context and what the extent of these possibilities are. I would also request statistics on the compliance with the TUP system currently in place.</p> <p>I also request that staff try and get a representative of Air B&B, VRBO and/or other vacation rental providers to present to the Directors their taxation programs and how they work.</p>