Good afternoon.

Please be advised that Town Council for the Corporation of the Town of Georgina passed a motion concerning Short Term Rental Accommodations and directed that their motion be forwarded to the Region of York, all municipalities, MP’s and MPP’s within York Region. Please find attached said motion for your information.

Sincerely,

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RESOLUTION NO. C-2019-0536

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina understands the growth in the sharing economy, in particular, the home-sharing sector;

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina, as a lakeside community, attracts visitors and tourists looking to experience the beautiful beaches and parks nestled within the community;

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina recognizes the benefits and challenges short-term rentals bring to the community;

Whereas the Town of Georgina understands the importance of striking a balance between free enterprise and sensible regulation;

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina seeks support from the provincial government in addressing gaps and inconsistencies in key provincial legislation relevant to short-term rental accommodations;

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina recognizes the need for all levels of government to work collaboratively with key stakeholders on developing a meaningful, equitable, and sensible approach to address the challenges presented by the short-term rental market; and

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina understands the important role data plays in the administrative and enforcement efforts associated with regulating short-term rentals, particularly enforcing regulations that can impact the health and safety of the community.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Georgina holds the health and safety of the community in the highest regard. Therefore, requesting that the Provincial government work with municipalities on identifying and closing regulatory gaps and inconsistencies, of which may have adverse impacts to community health and safety, and that currently exists with short-term rental accommodations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Georgina recommends that the Provincial government work collaboratively with municipalities, and short-term rental platforms to explore the regulatory lever of
data sharing, as per the Ministry of Finance's 2018 "Home Sharing Guide for Ontario Municipalities", and come to a consensus on a mutually acceptable data sharing agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Georgina requests the Provincial government work in collaboration with municipalities, and short-term rental platforms to explore a taxation framework that is equitable and reflects the financial burdens placed on local governments.

That this motion be forwarded to the Region of York, all municipalities within the Region of York and to all MP's and MPP's within York Region.

Carried.