

November 12, 2024

**The Town of The Blue Mountains Stakeholder Working Group Recommendations for the proposed STA Licensing and AMPS By-laws.**

The Blue Mountains Ratepayers Association (BMRA) & The Blue Mountains Short Term Accommodation Owners Association (BMSTA) have been mandated by Council to review the proposed STA Licensing By-law and the proposed AMPS By-law in conjunction with the Town’s Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and bring forward recommendations to Council.


Overall, BMRA and BMSTA unanimously agree that the proposed by-laws need further review for the Stakeholder Working Group consultation to effectively address concerns raised by residents and tourism accommodation operators. BMSTA and the BMRA therefore strongly recommend that Council agree to and approve the following two-step process.

1. That Council update the current STA Licensing By-law as soon as possible by adding the proposed Section 9.0 “Establishment of Licensing Appeal Officer” and Section 10.0 “Hearing Process” to the current By-law. This will allow for appeals to proceed without involving Council, which was the primary purpose for the Licensing By-law review.
2. That Council approve a 6-month extension, until June 30, 2025, for the Stakeholder Working Group to review and recommend amendments within the proposed by-laws (2021-70 and 2021-71). It is proposed and agreed to that June 30, 2025 would be the enactment/implementation date of the new by-laws. The Stakeholder Working Group has determined that there are significant differences between non-exempt residential neighborhoods and the exempt zones and that their management differences must be reflected in the new by-laws.

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