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The Blue Mountains Council November 19th, 2018

TOBM Deputation B.1

1. Good Evening Mayor McKean and Members of Council
2. My name is David Finbow and I am here to speak on behalf of the Blue Mountains Short Term Accommodation Owner's Association regarding proposed revisions to the STA Licensing By-law
3. As Council is aware, the Town's review of the STA Licensing By-law has been on-going for many months
4. At the October 10th COW Meeting, the Committee adopted a resolution directing Town staff to bring back the STA Licensing By-law for the Committee's review on November 5th and to bring the Draft STA By-law to tonight's Council meeting for consideration
5. As Council is aware, this is not what you got
6. On November 5th the Committee received a subsequent staff report with further recommendations, including staff's desire to prolong the review into the next term of Council and, no By-law tonight for Council's consideration
7. To state that BMSTA and other stakeholders are disappointed is an understatement
8. BMSTA, other stakeholders, Town staff and Council have invested significant time and money on this Town led process and now, unless this Council intervenes, it will be passed to the incoming Council and continue well into 2019
9. Further, BMSTA has concerns that Council and the Committee have failed to comply with the Town's Procedure By-law given the Committee's reconsideration of the matter on November 5th and the failure to have the Draft By-law on the Agenda this evening for Council's consideration

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10. BMSTA has dialogued with Town staff, made a number of presentations to the Committee, provided detailed written comments on the Draft BL, has corresponded with Council and provided comments related to Town staff's concerns in order to allow this Council to consider the Draft BL this evening but, here we are, no Draft BL and a recommendation flowing from the November 5th Committee meeting that doesn't align with the Committee's explicit recommendations of October 10th
11. Without giving the November 5th COW Recommendation any legitimacy, we have not been able to discern what it is that Town staff will be specifically reviewing in terms of the Draft STA Licensing By-law but based on communications with Town staff, it appears that the entire BL will once again be opened for review
12. This is not efficient and really doesn't have regard to the time and costs expended to-date by the industry, other stakeholders, Town staff and Council
13. Further, we have posed questions of Town staff and Council in our correspondence of November 7th, see the last paragraph at the bottom of page 2 and, have requested clarity in terms of the process going forward – What is it that Council is directing staff to do?
14. BMSTA submits that Council does have the opportunity to finalize its BL Review by:
 - a. enacting the Draft BL attached to Staff Report FAF.18.151, being Item B.3.1 in the COW Report of November 5th;
 - b. adopting a resolution directing staff to defer enforcement of Section 5.23 of the Property Standards By-law until the review of the BL is completed; and,
 - c. providing explicit direction to staff in terms of further review of the STA Licensing BL.

Respectfully,



David Finbow