

**Council Meeting Number 02-2021
Addendum Number 2
Tuesday, December 15, 2020**

Delegations

The consent of Council is requested for the **addition** of Delegation Numbers 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

2. JJ Fueser, Fairbnb Canada, will appear before Council to speak to Clause 1b. of Report Number 12: Received from the Administrative Policies Committee with respect to Supplemental Report: Short-Term Rental Licensing Program.

3. Megan Knott, Executive Director, Tourism Kingston, and Krista LeClair, Executive Director, Kingston Accommodation Partners, will appear before Council to speak to Clause 1b. of Report Number 12: Received from the Administrative Policies Committee with respect to Supplemental Report: Short-Term Rental Licensing Program.

4. Moved by Councillor Hill

Seconded by Councillor Neill

That Clauses 11.3 and 11.4 of the City of Kingston Procedural By-Law 2010-1, as amended, be waived in order to allow Ron Hartling to speak to Clause 1b. of Report Number 12: Received from the Administrative Policies Committee with respect to Supplemental Report: Short-Term Rental Licensing Program.

5. Moved by Councillor Hill

Seconded by Councillor Neill

That Clauses 11.3 and 11.4 of the City of Kingston Procedural By-Law 2010-1, as amended, be waived in order to allow Adrienne Montgomerie to speak to Clause 1b. of Report Number 12: Received from the Administrative Policies Committee with respect to Supplemental Report: Short-Term Rental Licensing Program.

6. Moved by Councillor Hill

Seconded by Councillor Neill

That Clauses 11.3 and 11.4 of the City of Kingston Procedural By-Law 2010-1, as amended, be waived in order to allow Kurt Khan to speak to Clause 1b. of Report Number 12: Received from the Administrative Policies Committee with respect to Supplemental Report: Short-Term Rental Licensing Program.

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Motions of Congratulations, Recognition, Sympathy, Condolences and Speedy Recovery

The consent of Council is requested for the **addition** of Motions of Congratulations, Recognition, Sympathy, Condolences and Speedy Recovery Numbers 2, 3 and 4.

2. Moved by Mayor Paterson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Oosterhof

That the sincere congratulations of Kingston City Council be extended to Councillor Ryan Boehme and his wife Jacqueline on the birth of their son Raphael Louis-Karl, born on December 5th weighing 7 lbs,11 oz. Raphael is welcomed by his older sisters Isabelle, Alexa and Sophia and older brother Dominic. Congratulations and best wishes to the Boehme family.

3. Moved by Mayor Paterson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Oosterhof

That the sincere congratulations of Kingston City Council be extended to the students and staff of the brand new Kingston Secondary School. KSS officially opened its doors for the first time today, offering state of the art facilities and a new and modern school experience to hundreds of secondary school students in our community. Congratulations to the Limestone District School board and all those who helped make this new school a reality.

4. Moved by Mayor Paterson

Seconded by Councillor Boehme

That the condolences of Kingston City Council be extended to Fran Tooley, Vanessa and Mark Gerretsen and their family on the passing of Vanessa's father Don Tooley. Don grew up on a fishing and hunting lodge in Plevna, Ontario. He attended St. Lawrence College in the 70's where he met his wife Fran (married 47 years), and started his trade in sheet metal, which eventually turned into his own successful company until retirement less than two years ago. Don will be greatly missed by many other extended family and friends. Our thoughts are with his family during this difficult time.

Report Number 07: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Consent)

2. **Remote Sensing & Mapping Program – Nearmap License Renewal Single Source**

The consent of Council is requested to **receive** Exhibit A to Clause 2 - Report Number 21-003 - Remote Sensing & Mapping Program – Nearmap License Renewal Single Source

(Exhibit A to Report 21-002 is attached as schedule page 1)

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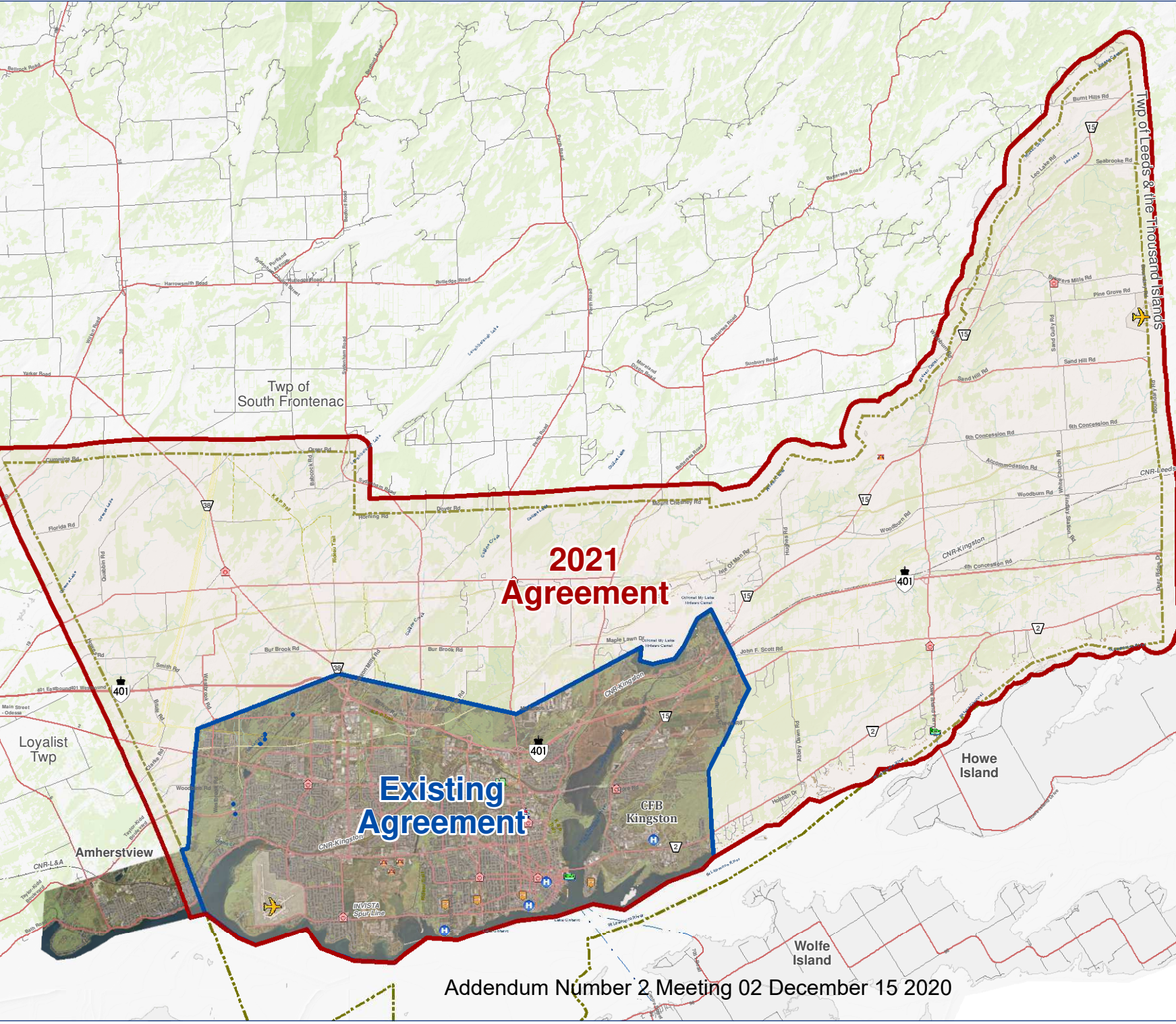
Communications

The consent of Council is requested for the **addition** of Communication Number 02-87.

02-87 Correspondence received from Ron Hartling with respect to the Short-Term Rental By-Law, dated December 15, 2020.

(Distributed to all Members of Council December 15, 2020)

(Attached to Addendum Number 2 as schedule pages 2-3)



Existing Agreement



Urbanized Area

2021 Agreement



Municipal Boundary with 500 meter Buffer

2021 Agreement

Existing Agreement



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On Dec 15, 2020, at 10:19 AM, Ron Hartling

wrote:

Hello again, Wayne. I wasn't intending to contact you again on this issue but I've just been advised of a rumour that you're planning to speak against the STR bylaw amendment on behalf of Tourism Kingston. In the event that's true, I would strenuously urge you to reconsider.

This bylaw process has been a long and very stressful process which has, in my view at least, been unnecessarily adversarial and has engendered a lot of animosity. The amendment by APC Councillors is a well-considered attempt to bridge that gap, as was actually urged by the two tourism industry delegations who spoke at the November APC meeting. By imposing a full licensing regime, it fully meets the previously Council's directive which launched this whole exercise. Simultaneously, by removing the private-sector surveillance aspect, it eliminates the most egregious aspect of the staff proposal which I don't believe even had a mandate from Council.

In my email to you of the other day, I mentioned but didn't attach the detailed cost-benefit analysis which I had recently undertaken. I ask that you review it, as it clearly demonstrates that the proposed surveillance regime would significantly reduce the City's net MAT revenues. Lots of hosts, myself included, would switch to medium term (31+ day) rentals rather than submit to such crap.

Since we're both political animals, I would also advise that, by visibly aligning yourself with the tourism lobby, you would in effect be yellow-circling yourself for the next municipal election. This whole ordeal has succeeded in politicizing a very active and engaged group of Kingston residents. The last time that I worked with such an effecting and highly motivated grassroots citizens' group was when, as president, I aligned the federal riding association and its members with the Save Our Prison Farms movement. The Harper government learned to its regret the cost of having dismissed such a group. It lost them Kingston's seat in Parliament which they had been poised to win. The prison farm issue was what made the difference in Brian Abrams withdrawing and Ted Hsu's subsequent narrow victory over Alisha Gordon, and the Conservatives haven't been serious contenders in this riding in any subsequent election. In this case, I would estimate that the hosts themselves, their families and friends and the small business owners who rely on hosts' free and enthusiastic referrals to their guests would amount to a block of a thousand voters.

You should understand the degree to which this group of voters sees senior staff as choosing to represent well-heeled hotel interests to the detriment of hard-working residents. The limited paper trail in Council documents points to their role as trusted insiders, which is supported by the degree of unquestioning copy and paste from the Hotel Association of Canada's anti-Airbnb handbook for municipal legislators. That perception was recently reinforced when one of our core host-activists took the initiative

to phone other municipalities which have chosen to have Airbnb collect the MAT at no cost. He reached the CEO of the Kitchener-Waterloo equivalent to Tourism Kingston who had the overall responsibility for MAT collection. She enthused about how easy and effective it was for her. I suggested that he call her back to see if she would be willing to share that experience with our Councillors. Sadly, she demurred for the simple reason that doing so would expose her to retribution from powerful hotel interests.

With senior staff utterly unwilling to negotiate a fair solution, hosts have learned to appreciate Councillors who have proven willing to put their constituents first and actively represent those constituents' interests. While hosts didn't get everything they wanted in the APC compromise, there's a lot of joy and appreciation in the sense that this long struggle is coming to an end with an acceptable solution that's sensitive to their utter antipathy to staff's proposed private-sector surveillance regime. It makes no logical sense to impose such measures without at least trying a simpler and more Kingston-like approach. Should the original staff recommendation be adopted this evening, surveillance will become a big issue in the next election and there will be a lot of emotive energy directed towards replacing Councillors who chose to spurn compromise and bring the surveillance society into our community. That at least is my reading of the political tea leaves.

Ron

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