

Planning and Development Council Meeting
March 19, 2018

Comments Received Regarding Item 9

Recommendation Report - Licensing By-law 2018-045 and Town-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment for Short-Term Accommodations and Bed and Breakfast Establishments - By-law 2018-037 and By-law 2018-038 (Zoning By-law 2014-014 and Zoning By-law 2009-189) File No. 42.03.90

From: Sally Thomas Sent: March 17, 2018 11:12 AM
To: David Gittings
Subject: Short Term Rental Businesses in Residential Neighbourhoods

There is a house, at Canterbury Crescent, directly across the street from us which changed ownership last spring and is now being rented out to multiple families or groups and is not owner occupied. This is evident by people coming and going with suitcases and, at times, a variety of cars in the driveway with license plates from different provinces or states.

There is quite a bit of activity at this property. The owners show up, frequently when new guests arrive. The elderly parents of the owners come to the house for upkeep, often watering plants in and sweeping this past summer at 7:00 a.m. Yet someone else appears at the home and it would appear that he is dropping off new guests. At other times, the house sits empty for a long stretch.

While the home has been reasonably maintained on the outside and, to date, guests have not been too disruptive apart from children of guests running around on our lawn and guests using our driveway for über or other transportation pickup, we do not feel this type of business should be permitted in a residential neighbourhood and is not in keeping with the zoning. This is a very different situation from a long term lease with a single person or family. We ask that the Town of Oakville adopt a bylaw similar to the City of Toronto to prevent this type of short term rental in our residential neighbourhood.

Regards,
Rob & Sally Thomas