

---

**From:** Morse, Chris [VCH] <Chris.Morse@vch.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:54 PM  
**To:** Lesley-Anne Staats  
**Subject:** FW: REFERRAL: Short-Term Rental bylaws

Hi Lesley-Anne,

Some comments from my colleague Sabrina here for consideration if it's not too late.

Regards,

**Chris Morse**

Environmental Health Officer  
604-885-8701

---

**From:** Sandhu, Sabrina [VCH]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:53 PM  
**To:** Morse, Chris [VCH]; Hwang, Sammie [VCH]; Carley, Lianne [VCH]  
**Cc:** McKee, Geoff [VCH]  
**Subject:** RE: REFERRAL: Short-Term Rental bylaws

Hi Chris,

I quickly reviewed the Short-Term Rental Bylaws for Consideration and I would agree with Lianne, it was done quite well and included some of health considerations: "respecting neighbourhood character and minimizing negative impacts on neighbours (such as street parking, noise, garbage, backyard fires)." It would be good to include environmental tobacco smoke and/or cannabis use in this section.

Also referred within the bylaw is the Council's strategic plan:

*Advocate for and Facilitate A Range of Housing Types*

- We will actively work toward increasing the supply and range of safe, secure and attainable affordable housing options

*Plan for Sustainable Growth*

- We will value the unique character of our Town and its neighbourhoods
- We will create spaces that promote a sense of community and are accessible to all
- We will support local business and foster a diverse economy

Much of HBE principles align with this plan.

Another consideration would be how covid would impact the market for STRs, how would hosts address concerns with cleaning protocols, guests tested for covid (privacy concerns), as noted in this article: <https://www.weirfoulds.com/the-long-term-impact-of-covid-19-on-short-term-rentals> or with CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>

Short term rentals often question around zoning bylaws; justifications for the primary residence restriction; economic impacts of the by-laws; effects on housing supply; as well as potential amendments to the rental by-laws.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thanks,