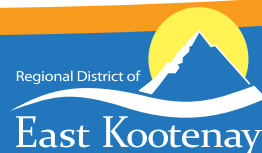


SHORT TERM RENTALS IN THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF EAST KOOTENAY



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The RDEK is currently engaging with the public, short term rental operators, stakeholders and tourism agencies to determine opportunities for the next steps in addressing short term rentals (STRs) within the entire Regional District of East Kootenay. The goal of this planning process is to determine best management options to address STRs.

WHAT IS A SHORT TERM RENTAL?

Short term rental refers to the accommodation of paying guests in an entire single family dwelling, room(s) within a single family dwelling, secondary suite, apartment or condo for less than 30 days.



THE RENTAL OF A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT
(either the entire dwelling or a room(s) within it)²



IN ANY HOUSING TYPE
(e.g. houses, secondary suites, carriage houses, garden suites, cabins, apartments and condos)



FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME
(e.g. less than a month)



PRIMARILY UTILIZED BY VISITORS/TOURISTS



OFTEN WITHOUT ANY IN-PERSON INTERACTIONS



FACILITATED BY PLATFORMS
(e.g. Airbnb)

Source:

Source: Shannon Jamison, Eric Swanson. Regulating short term rentals: a toolkit for Canadian local governments. Generation Squeeze, 2020: https://www.gensqueeze.ca/str_toolkit_2020

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

1. Visit Engage Page www.engage.rdek.bc.ca
2. Complete Survey on Engage Page (paper copies available by request)
3. Contact Michele Bates, Planner | mbates@rdek.bc.ca

? FURTHER INFORMATION

We encourage all residents of the Regional District of East Kootenay to visit the project page to learn more about the Short Term Rentals planning process. For more information and to complete the survey, visit the RDEK Engage Page at: engage.rdek.bc.ca

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PROPOSED TIMELINE

- Approval to Proceed**
 - Board Authorization - **April 2021**
- Public Consultation / Engagement**
 - 1st Newsletter - **June 2021**
 - Public Survey - **June – August 4, 2021**
 - Round Table Meetings - invited attendees - **June – August 2021**
 - Meeting with Municipalities - **August – September 2021**
 - 2nd Newsletter - **October 2021**
 - Public Forums (if necessary) - **October – November 2021**
- Reporting & Decision**
 - Compile information, determine options for STR regulations - **November 2021 – January 2022**
 - 3rd Newsletter - **February 2022**
 - Request for Decision to Board re: Next Steps - **April 2022**

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Visit engage.rdek.bc.ca to take part in the **Public Survey**

DEADLINE AUGUST 4, 2021

OTHER NEWS

The Regional District of East Kootenay is completing a Housing Needs Assessment to better understand housing challenges across our six Electoral Areas. This is a totally separate project from Short Term Rentals.

You can help us by participating in the Housing Needs Assessment survey, which is open until July 23rd. The survey will help us build a more complete picture of the housing situation in our communities. As we grow and change, the data and information you provide today will help address the housing needs and demands across the East Kootenay. To learn more, visit engage.rdek.bc.ca/housing