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Honourable Steve Clark

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RE: Tax Classification of Short-Term Rental Units

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 6, 2023, Councillor Hammond brought forward a Notice of Motion for Council’s consideration regarding the current tax classification of Short-Term Rental Units. In particular, Council discussed the implications of having Short-Term Rental Units operate as a business within a residential community. Council noted that allowing Short-Term Rental Unit Operators to pay residential property taxes is inequitable to those business owners who must pay commercial property taxes, solely due to the location of their business.

As a result of this discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

R23-03-082

Moved by: Councillor Hammond

Seconded by: Councillor Matyi

That Council direct Administration to send a letter to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (“MPAC”), the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and any other relevant bodies, to investigate the tax classification of short-term rental units and consider taxing them as commercial as opposed to residential.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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