

As you may recall, in May 2024, Staff reported to the the Planning Committee with a summary of the public comments received along with corresponding staff-recommended changes to the draft Short Term Rental Accommodation Licensing By-law.” Please find the [staff report](#), [appendix](#), and [link to the meeting](#) on the [Engage Muskoka Lakes page](#).

During the meeting on May 16, the Planning Committee discussed the comments received, and recommended the changes listed below:

1. Extension of the “on-season” to go from the Tuesday after Labour Day to the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.
2. Elimination of all restrictions on the “off-season” time (Tuesday after Thanksgiving to the week before Victoria Day)
3. Minimum 6 nights per stay in “on-season” (only 1 rental group per 6 nights)
4. Increased the permitted number of days allowed to rent in “on-season” from 50% to 75%
5. All proposed application requirements and changes approved
6. Approved to change the inspection fees to be consistent with our fees and charges by-law
7. License fees are still TBD, more discussion surrounding that will take place when the next draft comes back to Planning Committee
8. Penalties recommended to start at \$5,000 for operating without license and \$10,000 for operating with suspended license and go up in regular fashion as in the AMPS By-law (\$5,000, \$10,000, \$20,000 and \$10,000, \$20,000, \$60,000)

Staff will be reporting back to Planning Committee with an updated draft by-law on July 11, 2024. The agenda will be shared when it becomes available.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Rob Kennedy, Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, at rkennedy@muskokalakes.ca.