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## **Challenge of Township of Tiny's Short-Term Rental Accommodation Licensing By-law dismissed by Superior Court**

**Date:** March 25, 2025

**(Tiny, Ontario)** The Township of Tiny is pleased to share that the legal challenge filed by Tiny Township Association of Responsible STR Owners to quash our Short-Term Rental Accommodation Licensing By-law (STR By-law) has been dismissed by the Superior Court of Ontario on March 24, 2025.

The Township's STR By-law was passed in 2022 after a lengthy multi-year process, creating a new set of rules and regulations for Short-Term Rental (STR) operators aimed at decreasing the number of STR-related complaints in Tiny. This court decision confirms that local municipalities have the legal right to implement a program to regulate and licence STR operations which is good news for all municipalities in Ontario struggling with this same issue.

"The STR By-law has been instrumental in curbing the number of complaints our By-law Department has received about STRs, and in 2024/2025 our complaints are trending down" said Mayor David Evans. "We're grateful that the courts recognize that our STR By-law provides for the safety of renters and visitors to the Township of Tiny. It also provides a reasonable solution for residents to make additional income by renting their properties for others to enjoy the beauty of Tiny. We are committed to having a vibrant, engaged, and cohesive community, and this by-law ensures just that."

As Ontario Superior Court Justice Leibovich recognized in their decision "The regulations and restrictions have been implemented lawfully and properly by the Township based upon detailed investigation of the issues with community feedback." [Subsection 49 pg. 19]

"Hopefully this decision ends this chapter of the STR issue in the Township and allows our great By-law Enforcement team to fully enforce and lay charges (if warranted) against any STR operator who doesn't want to follow the rules," stated Chief Administrative Officer Robert Lamb. "We currently have laid over 115 charges which have been held up in the courts for over a year pending the outcome of this decision, and those can now proceed."

To read the legal decision, learn more about the STR By-law, or to apply for a licence, please visit [www.tiny.ca/STR](http://www.tiny.ca/STR).

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