



**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 15.2.

Resolution Number 23-131

Title: Request to Province to establish a regulatory framework for digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO - Resolution to Support

Date: Friday, August 18, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Barton

Seconded by: Councillor Cade Fraser

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of The Archipelago has received a request for support from the Town of Fort Erie with regards to Controls on Airbnb, VRBO and other global technology platforms which affect municipal rentals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of The Archipelago hereby supports the Town of Fort Erie's resolution and requests the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

1. Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations; and
2. Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality; and
3. Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario work with municipalities to address situations in which long term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Hon. Steve Clarke), local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried