

SHORT-TERM RENTALS (STR): HOW WE GOT HERE

Here's a recap of the public engagement, provincial requirements, and Council decisions that shaped Hope's short-term rental regulations.

Official Community Plan & Zoning Updates: Community Engagement & Public Input

Round 1 Open Houses & Pop-Ups – March 3, 4 & 5

- Multiple sessions throughout town
- Online survey (included STR-specific questions)
- Community sentiment on STRs: generally neutral

Round 2 Open Houses – September 9

- Additional in-person sessions
- Second community survey available of the draft OCP

Council & Provincial Requirements

May 12: Council and staff submitted a formal request to the Province for an extension

January–May 2025: Province introduced new STR legislation and a BC-wide mandatory host registration system

All local governments were required to bring their bylaws into alignment with these new rules

Council Meeting Timeline

June 9: Draft STR regulations presented to Council

July 14: Council introduced the proposed regulations

August 11: Public hearing held

September 8: STR bylaw adopted

Communications & Outreach

All engagement opportunities were publicly shared through:

- Local newspaper advertising
- District social media channels
- The District's website
- Required public notices

What the New Rules Do

Short-term rentals were already operating in Hope prior to the new provincial legislation.

The updated regulations:

- Create clear and consistent local rules
- Align Hope with provincial STR requirements
- Standardize expectations for all hosts

Airbnb-style short-term rentals are required to pay:

- Residential property taxes
- Municipal & Regional District Tax (MRDT)
- District business licence fees

Questions?

We're here to help.

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