# 3.0 Air BnB Evaluation



## Late Aug 2017

Staff identified a number of vacation rental properties that were being assessed differently – Commercial and Residential.



## Sep. 2017

PVSC was notified that the Municipality had a great number of vacation rentals that were being assessed differently and that staff was compiling a list.



### 26 Oct. 2017

Interim CAO met with Carlos Resendes, PVSC, to discuss the vacation rentals.

Director of Finance requested that staff attempt to identify all vacation rentals in Inverness County to determine how they were assessed.



PVSC was provided a list of 167 properties to review. The request was that the properties be assessed consistently and fairly.



13 Oct. 2017

# 3.0 Air BnB Evaluation (cont.)



### 6 Nov. 2017

Interim CAO reported in the Monthly Report for Regular Council that a meeting was held with Carlos Resendes, PVSC, to discuss the review of the properties for the 2018 Assessment Roll.



### 4 Apr. 2018

Housing Coordinator requested the list of vacation rentals in Inverness County, in order to include them in his presentation to Council on April 9, 2018;



#### **Summer 2018**

PVSC contacted all vacation rentals to determine if they were active and to inform them that if they were assessed as commercial, and operated seasonally, they could be eligible for a seasonal designation.

Carlos Resendes provided an update to Council for PVSC. He reported that PVSC is working on bringing all Air BnB's uniformly assessed ,as some are being assessed as residential and some are being assessed as commercial".

5 Feb. 2018



Interim CAO reported in the Monthly Report for Regular Council that PVSC "confirmed action to be taken on vacation rental properties". Action was to contact each rental individually.



5 Mar. 2018

# 3.0 Air BnB Evaluation (cont.)

This initiative was driven by the Municipality. Whether PVSC determines thAir BnB'sey should all be assessed as residential or they should all be assessed as commercial, is irrelevant. The intent is for properties to be assessed fairly, consistently and equally.

In speaking to other Municipalities, this is something that has been identified as an issue. The Province of Nova Scotia has developed a task force to address this issue. However, there does not seem to be any movement with this initiative.

There are significant concerns from licensed accommodation owners regarding Air BnB's impact on their business. Inverness County has chosen to be proactive with regard to the vacation rentals.