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Subject: Business license fees

Mayor and council
City of Penticton

I am writing to see if there is time to reconsider the cost of a BnB business license in Penticton.

When the fee was last increased, the rationale given was a need to offset the costs of regulating non-compliant operators. At the time I wondered if that cost could have been best borne, via fines, by the non-compliant operators. It seemed unfair that those who worked hard to follow all city guide lines requirements should bear the cost of those who did not.

At that time there was also a lot of concern that BnBs were harming the housing market. High license fees and other rules were intended to discourage and financially deter BnBs. We now know they were never the cause of the housing crisis.

BnBs are an important component of our tourist economy. Our guests repeatedly tell us that they holiday, vacation and pursue sports in Penticton BnBs because of their affordability, convenience and utility. Without those features they would not be able to visit here.

We also have a significant number of guests who stay with us while doing business and work on a short notice and short term basis. Our move-in ready BnB amenities make it possible for them to do this.

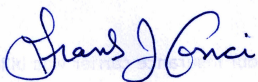
Would it not be fair for BnB fees to be brought into line with other small business license rates? Our annual revenues are small compared to almost all other businesses licensed by the city and the high fees are not proportional to business size.

Another factor that suddenly hit us last year was the provincial registration and licensing of BnBs. We are anticipating a \$400.00 charge, this year, from the province; who are basically doing the same permitting that cities already do. The combined license fees, this year, for our small operation are going to amount to ~6% of our income. That is huge.

Can a case be made to return our fees to the same levels as other small businesses in light of the importance to our cities economy and the imposition of redundant fees by the province?

Thanks very much for considering this matter on our behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank J. Conci". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue highlight behind it.

Frank Conci