

## **PROPOSED**

### For visitors - Municipal Accommodation Tax

On Thursday November 23, 2017, the Province of Ontario issued the Transient Accommodation Regulation 435/17, which came into force December 1, 2017 and provides the necessary provisions for municipalities across Ontario to implement a Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT). **PROPOSED - On \_\_\_\_\_, Cochrane Council approved the adoption of a mandatory Municipal Accommodation Tax of 4% effective July 1, 2018 in the Town of Cochrane.** All eligible transient accommodators doing business and/or facilitating business transactions within the boundaries of the Town of Cochrane, will be obliged by law to collect and remit a 4% Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) on all room revenue sold for overnight accommodation.

Revenues generated from other hotel services including, but not limited to, meeting room rental, food & beverage, room service, laundry service, parking etc. will be excluded from the Municipal Accommodation Tax. Some Bed & Breakfast operators may be exempt from charging a Municipal Accommodation Tax, otherwise this tax is applicable to all accommodations under 30 days at hotels, motels, resorts, inns, individual accommodators using a common platform marketplace service, as well as other accommodators not previously excluded.

The Municipal Accommodation Tax revenue will be provided to the Town of Cochrane and distributed to eligible tourism entities for the purposes of promoting and growing the tourism industry in Ottawa. The funds will be used to promote Cochrane as well as to support product development and tourism growth.

**The Municipal Accommodation Tax will come into effect on July 1, 2018,** and will be charged at a rate of 4% for the overnight accommodation portion of your bill. The Municipal Accommodation Tax is HST applicable if the business is an HST registrant.