# How To Register A Short-Term Accommodation Property: A Step-By-Step Guide





# **Short-Term Accommodation (STA) Licencing Overview**

All persons operating short-term rentals (less than 28 consecutive days) are required to obtain a STA licence to operate. This allows the Municipality to collect information needed for enforcement and safety purposes. Monthly rentals (those of 28 or more consecutive days) do not require a short-term accommodation licence.

### Term of Licence

- Renewable STA licences are issued for a three-year term.
- A licence holder can begin the renewal of their STA licence during year three of their current licence to ensure they are able to take advance bookings.
- A STA licence is conditional upon the homeowner maintaining ownership of the property; licences are non-transferrable and a new owner of a property will be eligible to apply for their own property STA licence.
- STA licences will be issued for a maximum load of 2 guests per room or suite, to a maximum of 10 guests per licenced property.

### Density of Short-Term Rentals

- In sub-division or settlement areas where properties are less than one acre in size, the Municipality has established a guideline of approximately 15% short-term rentals on any single street.
- Density requirements do not apply to properties on privately owned roads.
- This guideline is based on the number of homes constructed and occupied on the street.
- Council retains the ability to allow more or fewer short-term rentals if the property seeking the STA licence is surrounded in part or completely by other rental properties (clustering) or if Council deems it advisable to set a different limit based on other presented factors.
- Under the direction of the department of Economic and Community Development, the Municipality has engaged the services of an external third-party agency to ensure compliance with the regulations set out in the licencing agreement.
- Neighbours of short-term rental properties will be advised to contact the compliance agency to report any violations or disturbances.

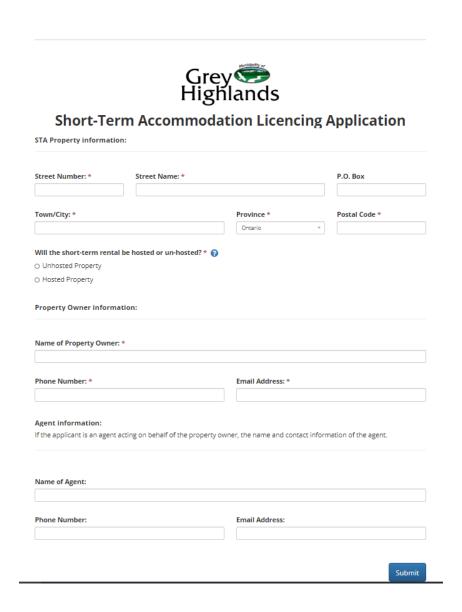
# Privacy

 The Municipality will not publicly post the names or addresses of short-term accommodation licenced properties and will ensure all information collected as part of the short-term accommodation licencing process will be protected in according with Ontario's Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA).

# How To Apply for a Short-Term Accommodation Licence

### **STA Questionnaire**

- Please click <u>here</u> to complete a short online STA Questionnaire.
- This is the first step in registering your short-term rental and places your application in the queue for consideration.



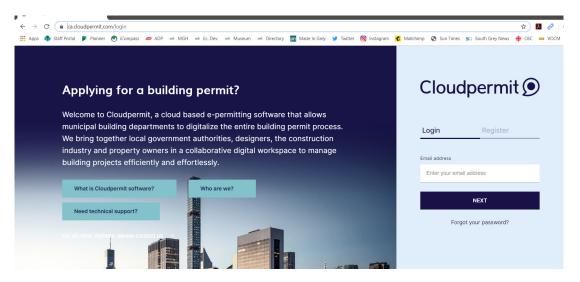
- Upon submission, a confirmation screen will verify that your information has been received.
- A member of the Economic and Community Development team will contact you within two business days to advise of the next steps to complete the registration of your short-term accommodation property.

### **STA Permit Application Process**

• Access the Municipality of Grey Highlands' online building permit application portal Cloudpermit via <a href="https://ca.cloudpermit.com/login">https://ca.cloudpermit.com/login</a>.

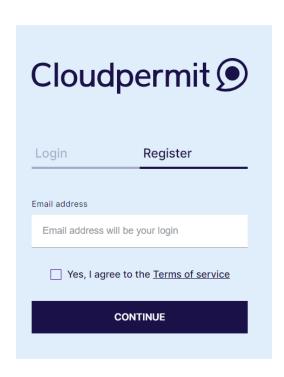
# **Returning User**

 If you are a returning user, please login using your credentials and proceed to your personal dashboard to begin the STA permit application process.

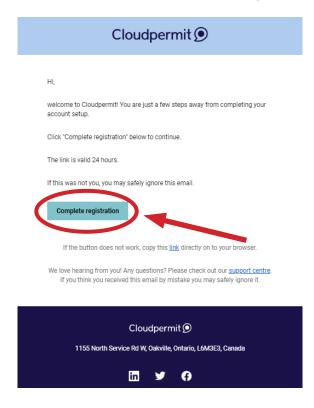


### **New User**

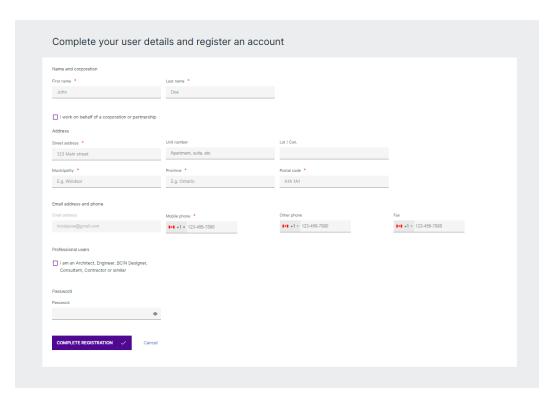
 If you are a new user, please register for an account using your email address (and click to agree to the Terms of Service).



You will be sent a confirmation email to verify the validity of your email address.
 Open your email and click on the box to complete registration.

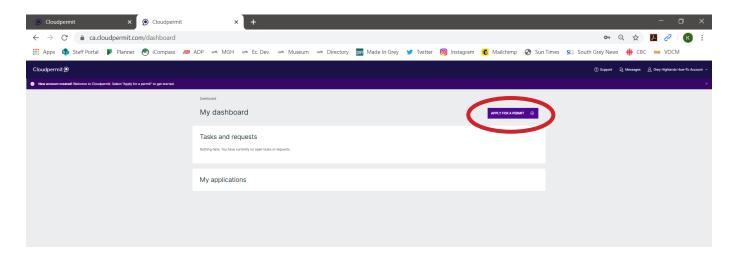


- You will be taken to a page to complete your user details and register an account
- Upon completing registration, you will be directed to a personal dashboard that will track your permit applications, pending tasks and requests, and allow you to apply for a permit.



# Apply for a STA Permit/Licence

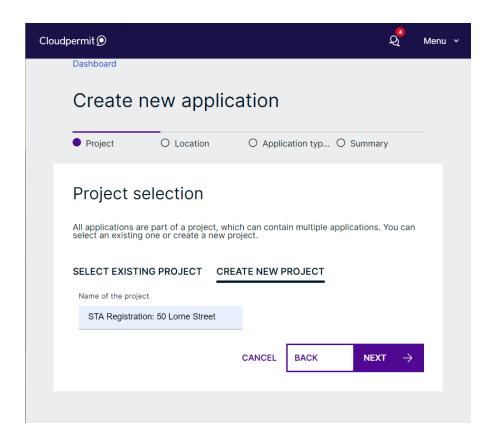
• Click "Apply for a Permit" to begin the application process.



# **Name Your STA Property**

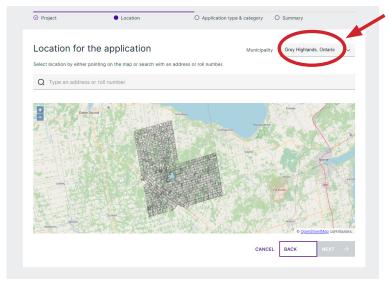
 You will be asked to create a new project, starting with a name. To help differentiate between multiple projects, you may wish to name your STA application as per the following:

STA Registration: <Property Address>



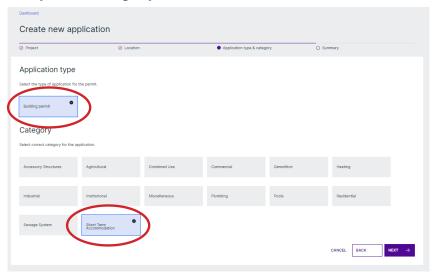
# **Identify Location**

 Choose "Grey Highlands, Ontario" from the drop-down menu and then search by your address or roll number.



# **Application Type**

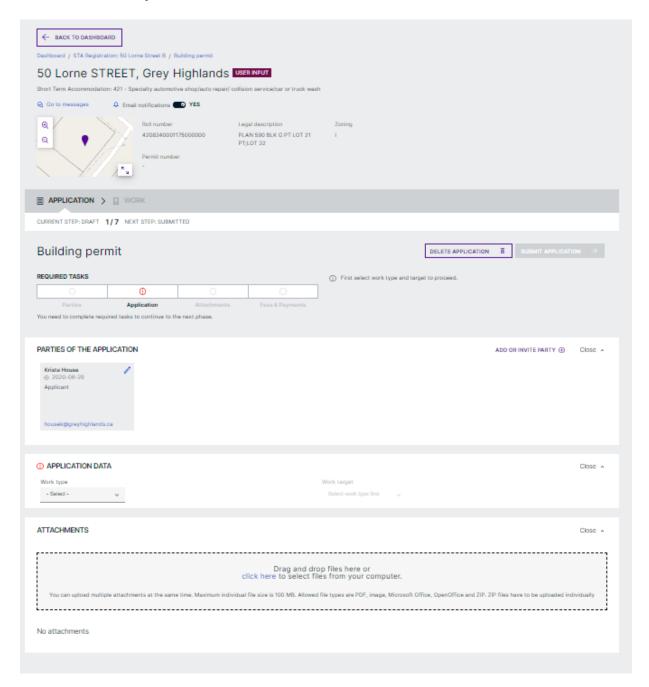
• On the next page you will be asked for the application type, which is "Building Permit", followed by the category, which is "STA".



• Choose next, then "Finish and Create".

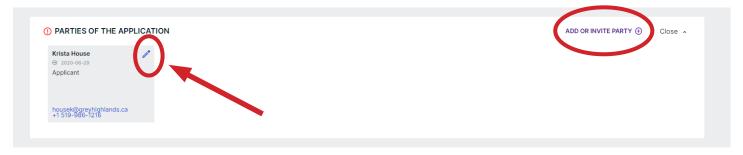


# **Registration Summary**

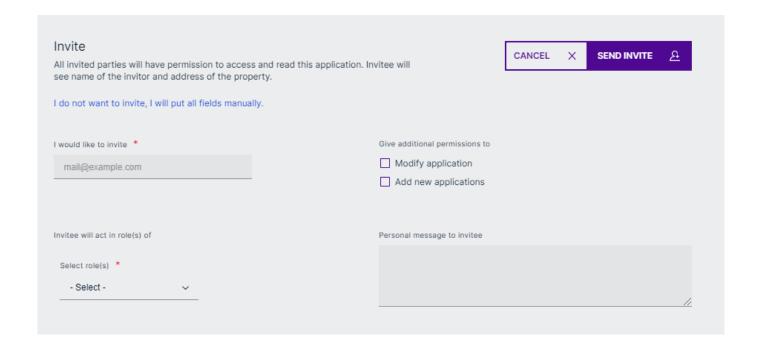


# Parties of the Application

- This portion of the application demonstrates the relationship of the applicant with respect to the STA property, as well as identifies other parties that may have a direct interest in the property.
- Edits can be made by clicking on the small pencil icon in the top right corner of the information box.



- Applicants must identify whether they are the owner of the property or an agent acting on behalf of the owner.
- If the applicant is an agent, the contact information for the property owner will need to be provided by "Add or Invite Party".
- If the applicant is a property owner that will be utilizing the services of an agent, the contact information for the agent will need to be provided by "Add or Invite Party".
- If applicable, the applicant will provide the name and contact information for all additional parties through individual "Add or Invite Party" invitations.
- When providing the contact information for additional parties, their role must be identified by choosing the most suitable description from the drop-down menu.
- Once all information is provided, the applicant will select "Send Invite", which will alert the relevant party that an STA application is being made for a property in which they have an interest.



# **Application Data**

 Under the Application Data block, choose "New" and "Occupancy", which will prompt "Application to Construct or Demolish". This is a default application that must be completed in order to proceed with registering the STA.



### Application for a Permit to Construct or Demolish

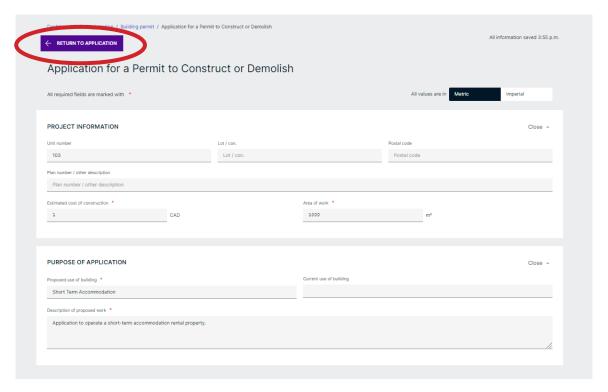
# Project Information

- The estimated cost of construction is a required field, so please enter "1.00"
- The area of work is a required field, so please enter the total area of the STA space that is being offered (you may choose your measurements to be metric or imperial).

# Purpose of Application

- For the proposed use of building, please enter "Short Term Accommodation" or "Short Term Rental".
- For the description of proposed work, you may enter "Application to operate a shortterm accommodation rental property."

At the top left of the page, click the purple box "Return to Application".

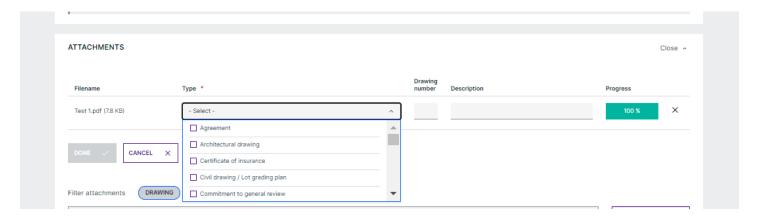


### **Attachments**

In order to complete the application, a number of supporting documents must be provided:

- Proof of ownership (copy of the transfer/deed/property tax document)
   Attachment type: Agreement
- Site plan of the premises (may be hand drawn)
   Attachment type: Site Plan
- Parking plan (may be hand drawn)
   Attachment type: Drawing
- Floor plan of the dwelling that includes the location of all bedrooms, exits, fire extinguishers, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors (may be hand drawn)
   Attachment type: Drawing
- Responsible Person Consent Form (PDF available for download <u>here</u>)
   Attachment type: Agreement
- STA Applicant Declaration (PDF available for download <u>here</u>)
   Attachment type: Agreement

These documents must be uploaded as attachments from your computer. When uploading, please indicate in the drop down menu whether it is considered part of an agreement, site plan, or a drawing (indicated in blue above). Please note, if different files are combined into one document, you may select more than one attachment type per document.



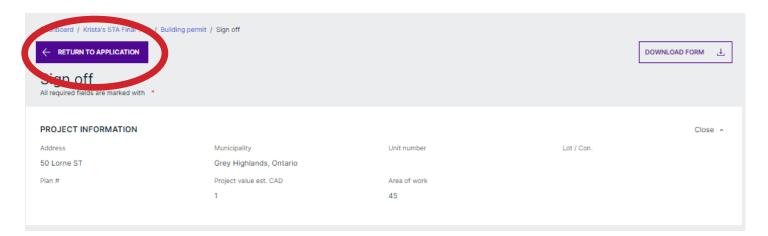
Once all the attachments have been uploaded, the application may be signed-off.

Dashboard / STA Registration: 50 Lorne Street B / E  RETURN TO APPLICATION  Sign off All required fields are marked with	Building permit / Sign off			DOWNLOAD FORM .i.
PROJECT INFORMATION  Address	Municipality	Unit number	Lot / Con.	Close ~
50 Lorne ST	Grey Highlands, Ontario	50 Lorne Street	and y worth	
Plan #	Project value est. CAD	Area of work		
	1	278.709		
PURPOSE OF APPLICATION				Close ^
Current use	Proposed use	Application type		
Residential	Application for STA	Short Term Accommodation / New / O	decupancy	
Description of work				
STA				
PARTIES				Close ~
Applicant, Property Owner				
Krista House 50 Lorne Street				
NOC 1H0 Markdale, Ontario				
TARION WARRANTY CORPORATION (ONT			Close ^	
Is proposed construction for a new home as defined in the Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act?				
Is registration required under the Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act?		- Select - v		
COMPLETENESS AND COMPLIANCE W	ITH APPLICABLE LAW			Close ^
This application meets all the requirements of clauses 1.3.1.3.(5)(a) to (d) of Division C of the Building Code (the application is made in the correct form and by the owner or authorized agent, all applicable fields have		Yes v		
been completed on the application and required schedules, and all required schedules are submitted).   Payment has been made of all fees that are required, under the applicable by-law, resolution or regulations				
made under clause 7.(1)(c) of the Building Code Act, 1992, to be paid when the application is made. *		Yes v		
This application is accompanied by the plans and specification prescribed by the applicable by-law, resolution or regulation made under clause Z(1)(b) of the Building Code Act, 1992.		Yes		
This application is accompanied by the information and documents prescribed by the applicable by-law, resolution or regulation made under clause 7.(1)(b) of the Building Code Act, 1992 which enable the chief building official to determine whether the proposed building, construction or demolition will contravene any applicable law. *		Yes		
The proposed building, construction or demolition will not contravene any applicable law.		Yes		
DECLARATION OF APPLICANT  Close ^				
Krista House do hereby declare that the information contained in this application, attached schedules and forms, attached plans and specifications, and other attached documentation is true to the best of my knowledge. If the owner is a corporation or partnership, I have the authority to bind the corporation or partnership By signing off, I understand that it constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and agree to the above				

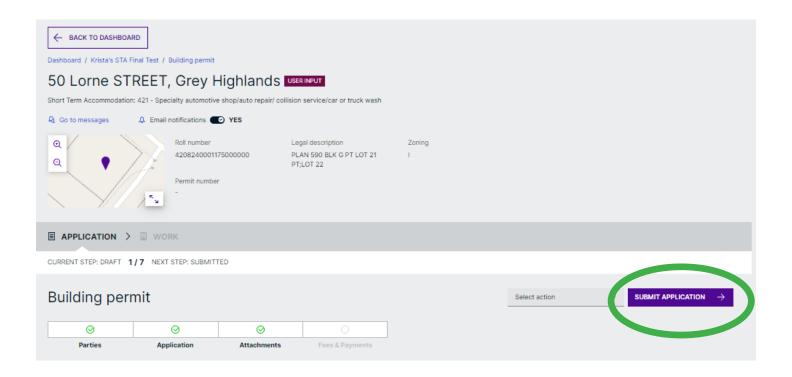
SIGN OFF [

Personal information or used in this form and schedules is collected under the authority of subsection 8,(1.1) of the Building Code Act, 1992, and will be used in the administration and enforcement of the Building Code Act, Cuesties are collection of personal information may be addressed to: a) the Chief Building Official of the municipality or upper-tier municipality to which this application is being made, or, b) the inspector having the power and the formation authority to which this application is made, or, c) Director, Building and Development Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 777 Bay St., 2nd Floor. Toronto, MSG 2E5 (416) 585-6666.

- Review carefully to ensure all the information provided is correct.
- Once the application has been signed-off, click "Return to Application".



When back on the application screen, click "Submit Application" to enter the application for review and scheduling of the life safety inspection.



The status on the application will change to "In Review" and you will receive an email to confirm that your application has been submitted.

