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Subject: FW: Letter to Trustees

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Dear Trustees Grant Scott, Alex Allen and Sue Ellen Fast,

My husband and I attended a HISTRA (Hornby Island Short Term Rental Association) on June 10, 2022 where we listened to concerns voiced by at least 16 other homeowners who, like we, offer short term rentals.

These concerns are two fold.

Firstly, there is the question of being regulated by a bylaw to only allow rentals for a 3 month portion of the year. Discussion of impacts on Hornby's economy with a shortened rental period brought up loss of wages for the those working directly with the rental properties in house cleaning, home repair, landscaping, etc. It was mentioned that the visitors staying in short term rentals add over \$1 million to the local economy each year, benefiting the local restaurants, food vendors, artists and the retail businesses. This also creates more employment and summer jobs for students.

Secondly, we understand that one of the objections to short term rentals is linked to the housing shortage on the island. An informal survey of the homeowners in the room, including us, declared their properties would NEVER be available for long term rentals. Housing shortages for both year round rentals and seasonal rentals for workers is a current challenge to be sure but not one that has any relevance to whether short term rentals exist.

We have enjoyed spending time at our property since 1979 and are in residence for varying durations each month throughout the year. Sharing it with other like

mindful people who enjoy the opportunity to visit Hornby for a week or two keeps our property in use during the busy summer months and helps the economy on Hornby Island.

Thank you for considering this viewpoint,

Peggy and Don Sheppard

Hornby Island property owner and tax payer.