

July 2022

Hello,

Re: APC recommendations for Housing and Short-Term Rentals

Miranda-Jo and Dave Andersen

address on Hornby Island: [REDACTED] .

We are writing to you because we are extremely concerned about the rumours we're hearing that APC is suggesting there be no short-term rentals on Hornby Island.

First of all, I can't imagine how that would devastate the many people that live and make a living on Hornby Island if there is only very limited accommodations (camping) to be had. Not to mention the rise in illegal camping where there is no water, electricity and even worse, no toilets!!

Also, I suppose it would just drive rentals to work underground, therefore no one would benefit except the people renting their homes to vacationers. No more taxes, in particular the 3% pillow tax that has just been implemented this June 2022.

I have been going to Hornby for 50+ years, ever since my parents bought a cabin there so the children (my sister and me) "could have a safe place to play in the sand". This was because my parents were tired of not being able to find a campsite either in south B.C., nor along the Oregon Coast. Sounds kinda like the possible future of Hornby Island.

We spent every Christmas break, spring break, Easter break and summers on Hornby Island, even once my parents bought a lot on the sea and built a two-bedroom home which they retired to in 1989. My sister and I inherited this little piece of paradise, but my husband and I had to buy my sister out because she lives in the U.K.. The purchase went through December 2020, and we now have a very hefty mortgage to deal with as we look forward to retirement now. We rent our home out through the best months of the year because we could not possibly make those mortgage payments or the high annual taxes otherwise.

The thought of not being able to rent to extremely happy families that can't believe how blessed they are to be able to stay at Whaling Station Bay, is devastating to our regular guests and especially my whole family and me. I brought my children up there, now our grandchildren, and we do plan to retire to Hornby in just a few years. If we can't rent our home, we will definitely have to sell it, and that would be the end of us and our most appreciateive guests being able to enjoy Hornby Island.

We do not want you involved in what we choose to do with our personal property, especially when it seems your possible plan will be devastating to many Hornby full time residents, many happy family vacationers and many families just like us.

Regards, Miranda-Jo and Dave Andersen