

ARIFIN GRAHAM, M.A.



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Re: Short-term vacation rentals on Hornby Island

*To Whom it May Concern:*

I write on behalf of the Graham family, with regard to our property at Dunlop Point, Hornby Island, and the issue of short-term rentals on the island.

Our parents, Pip and Nicky Graham, purchased the property in 1975, and retired to Hornby from Alberta in the early 1980s. Over a 30-year period, they became deeply engaged in many ways with the life and community of Hornby Island, and loved living there.

In order to be able to defray the considerable costs of keeping the home, we began doing some vacation rentals in 2003 through a highly reputable rental agency (Wind and Waves). Since 2016, we have been with the MyHornbyStay.com agency, which continues to manage our vacation rentals to the highest professional standards. It has been important to us, and to our agencies, that we always respect and work within Islands Trust guidelines and regulations.

We love Hornby, we love the property, and we love to opportunity to share its wonders with visitors to the island. We also appreciate that this is our opportunity to support the island economy in many ways, and at many levels, from management, to maintenance, gardeners, cleaners, and other services; and to the artists, artisans, restaurants, grocery stores, and many other businesses all around the island.

Without the opportunity to do vacation rentals at our property, we would not be able to maintain it, or to pay the annual taxes and insurance. Indeed, we would, reluctantly, need to sell it.

We appreciate the need to balance the social, environmental, economic and other aspects of the Hornby Island community. It is our view that, managed wisely, short-term vacation rentals can and should remain a vibrant part of the Hornby Island “ecosystem” for many years to come.

Sincerely, and with thanks,



Arifin Graham