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**Subject:** Letter (Vacation Rentals)

Here is a copy of the letter I sent to the Islands Trustees about the Short Term Vacation Rental issue. Thanks, Thor Kuhlmann

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Dear Trustees:

I am writing to you with respect to the proposed regulations to eliminate Short Term Vacation Rentals (STVR) on Hornby Island. I urge you to reject this proposal and allow STVR to continue.

I get it. We have an affordable housing crisis in BC. Is the elimination of STVR in Hornby Island the answer? It hardly seems so. Hornby Island's tourism economy provides high income jobs to locals so that they can afford to rent, maintain, debt service, insure and pay property taxes on their own housing (as the case may be). The STVR rental sector enables property owners to maintain and improve their properties (with a not insignificant benefit back to the local economy). The current balance of short term rental, long term rental, owner occupancy and, yes, even non-profit housing is working for Hornby Island (even if it may not work that well elsewhere in, say, Vancouver or Kelowna; small communities have different economic ecologies than bigger cities and must be considered differently).

Thank you for your careful attention to this complicated matter!

Thor Kuhlmann



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