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Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 4:50 PM
To: Alex Allen; Grant Scott; Timothy Peterson; northinfo
Cc: Sonja Zupanec; HISTRA Association
Subject: Letter regarding STRs on Hornby Island
Attachments: Arifin Graham – IT re STRs.pdf

Greetings — please find attached a submission regarding the upcoming December 13th meeting.

With many thanks, Arifin

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“The river is within us, the sea is all about us” — T.S. Eliot, from *Four Quartets*, 1941

ARIFIN GRAHAM, M.A.



December 5, 2023

Re: Short-term vacation rentals on Hornby Island

To the Islands Trust Hornby Island LTC:

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 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, the family 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 local agents, that we always respect and work within Islands Trust guidelines and regulations. We educate and encourage our guests to conserve water and to “tread lightly” in the Hornby community.

Our family loves Hornby, we love the property, and we love the 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. Due to the nature and value of the property, it would become neither affordable nor long-term housing for island residents.

We appreciate the need to balance the housing, 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