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Subject: Hornby Short Term Rentals

Hello!

My aunt, Joane Humphrey, a CBS radio journalist and Vancouver's first female DJ, purchased a 1/2 acre lot on Hornby in 1972 on payments (Shingle Spit area).

She had a small cabin built by her Hornby neighbor Hal Arnold. Her cabin on Hornby was her sanctuary and she would get away to visit whenever possible.

Many years later, she was able to have the cabin improved and added on to.

When she passed unexpectedly in 2008, she left the property to her niece Lesley, and nephews John, Paul, Mark and Andy.

We are a family of musicians and actors. With the exception of one brother who owns a house he has to rent out, we're none of us home owners.

When we pay our Hornby property tax it's without the ability to apply for the home owner grant. We are paying almost twice as much as we would be when/if we can live in the cabin year round. But only able to use the cabin for about 6 months a year.

We are typically on Hornby May, June, with rentals July, August, and back from September and October. Now that we are all approaching retirement age, it is hoped that one of us would be moving to live in the cabin year round.

But in the meantime it is only through our 2 month summer rental season's income that we are managing to keep the cabin in the family!

All repairs and maintenance go to service people on Hornby and I have thousands of dollars in receipts to show that.

I follow a lot of discussion around the short term rental issue.

I only ever hear it assumed that people doing summer rentals are fat cats cashing in on second homes.

I never hear anyone representing anything at all that sounds like our family situation. A family of creatives barely hanging on to their beloved Hornby roots.

Sincerely,

John Humphrey