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To: Alex Allen; gscott@islandstrust.bc; Timothy Peterson; Sonja Zupanec
Cc: northinfo
Subject: short term rentals
Attachments: Islands Trust letter .docx

please find attached my letter in favour of short term rentals on behalf of Hornby Arts

thank you

Sheila

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Board Chair

Hornby Arts

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Islands Trust

Attention Grant Scott
And Alex Allen

Regarding Short Term / Vacation Rentals on Hornby Island

Dear Grant and Alex,

I am writing on behalf of Hornby Arts to speak in favour of having short term vacation rentals on Hornby Island. Hornby Arts represents artists in this community who make their livelihood creating art and selling to locals and to tourists. The impact of arts and culture on Hornby Island is an integral part of the island economy.

Hornby Arts is involved in an ambitious project to build a new Arts Centre on Hornby Island that we expect to have completed by the spring of 2024. We anticipate that the Arts Centre will have a positive impact on the arts and culture scene not only on Hornby Island but throughout the Comox Valley. The many artists on the island who present their work to the public rely on it as their sole source of income. There is clearly an economic impact to further developing the arts community. These artists rely on tourists and short term visitors to the island to buy their art. Without short term vacation rentals on Hornby Island there would be not nearly enough accommodation and nowhere to stay.

We hope that short term vacation rentals will stay on Hornby Island especially as we are anticipating many visitors to our new Art Centre and that they will participate in our programming and studio tours. The effect of limiting or abolishing short term rentals would have a deleterious effect on the grassroots economy that artists rely upon and would pose an enormous economic challenge to the livelihoods of the local arts community.

Sincerely,

Sheila Morissette
Board Chair
Hornby Arts

Hornby Arts respectfully acknowledges that the land we gather on is part of the unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land.