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Hornby Island has for decades been a welcoming place for families to come and enjoy a wonderful summer holiday. Many happy memories made as families have been able to gather under one roof to reconnect and enjoy each other's company. As there are few commercial accommodation options on the island with one being unaffordable for most and many can't or have no desire to camp, these cottages have filled a necessary void. It would be a sad loss if people were no longer able to open their homes to these families.

Banning short-term rentals on Hornby Island may not increase long-term and / or affordable housing and may instead create undue economic hardship for many residents whose income is heavily dependent on the tourist families who visit during the summer months.

Regulating homes, both primary and secondary, via property management companies and limiting the number of short-term properties may enable the balance the island needs to ensure it is not over run while allowing the economic benefit of tourists to continue.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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