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Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2025 10:30 PM
To: Alex Allen; Grant Scott; Timothy Peterson
Cc: northinfo; Sonja Zupanec
Subject: Proposed cap to the number of Vacation Rentals on Hornby

Dear sirs;

I am a home owner on Hornby Island. Unfortunately I am off island and unable to attend the meeting tomorrow evening. I am therefore writing to register my opposition to the proposed cap on vacation rentals on Hornby.

The suggestion that the APC recommended a cap be set in response to the OCP/LUB bylaw changes is false as such a recommendation was outside of their scope. The recommendation was that should a cap be considered it needed to be the subject of a community consultation process before any decision is made. I would add that in the interest of upholding our democratic Canadian values which we are so proud of these days, that such a process must be fair, unbiased, transparent and inclusive.

Furthermore, such a discussion should only take place once all the facts are known, such as how many active vacation rentals there actually are. This will soon be known once the provincially mandated registration process is completed in May.

A lot of good work has been done by the LTC, APC, HISTRA, HIRRA and others over the past few years. And while the LTC, in my opinion, has played a little fast and loose with due process and has been at times a little bias in its treatment of different points of view, a workable consensus seems to have emerged. I implore you not to set us back and reignite divisions within the community once again.

Ideally I would like you to please defer the whole OCP/LUB until the K'omoks referral is received and staff have had good discussions with the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) on both Vacation Rental Licensing and Building Inspection services.

At minimum, I urge you to reject the recommendation to add a Vacation Rental Cap and adhere to the actual recommendation to consult the community first.

kind regards,

Robin

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