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For decades vacation rentals were a home occupation.

Many residents wanted to keep them. One never knows if a partner will die or if there is a divorce, that extra income would mean the difference between staying in one's home or community, or having to sell.

I am facing this decision now.

My home will never be available for the rental market if I stop short term rentals
Real estate agents have expanded ownership on Hornby , not as principal residences, but telling buyers about the high summer rental income.

There is more to the story, but many places have tried solutions between a free for all and draconian rules. PEI for example, made rules banning absentee owners from summer rentals. In less than a year, the residents could again afford a home.

We have not tried or discussed nuanced solutions.

2 by laws were passed, ushering in short term rentals. This was needed to make the Thatch time shares financially viable. People were upset a Trustee said " I feel the majority is behind this decision".

Not true, 98% spoke against it". I went to every meeting and kept all the paperwork.

Please consider the solutions that come from community up. If they don't work, we can go draconian.

I am not a fan of a top down directive, time shares dictating rules, nor people who don't notice any of this. To have a home occupation, it should be your home. Easy to track.

Thanks,

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