From: <u>Alex Allen</u>

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2025 8:18 AM

To: <u>northinfo; Hornby Island Local Trust Committee</u>

Subject: Fw: Short term rentals

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Alex Allen Hornby Island Trustee (250) 335-1129 Ext. 420

I respectfully acknowledge that I live, work and play on Hornby Island, the unceded territory of the K'omoks and other Coast Salish Peoples.

From: Ken A-N

Sent: March 20, 2025 6:26 PM

To: Alex Allen Cc: Margaret Finnis Subject: Short term rentals

Dear Sir:

We have a family cottage near hidden Beach. Currently we are exploring the fabrication of a septic field and flush toilet. Jed is in charge of this endeavor and it will require a pump, tank, and lots of soil.

We will install a flush toilet and remove trees.

We are not raking in the dough from short-term vacation rentals. We are improving our property and employing local workers.

Moreover my mom and dad's ashes are left in the vicinity in the ocean and my

family is deeply tied to Hornby. Hornby Island is connected to our hearts

Though I'm skeptical that the decision about short term rental properties has already been made by you and this decision is the opposite from what you told us, that the short-term rentals existing now would be grand fathered in: I thought I would write you. It is disappointing that you have likely changed your mind from your original assurances.

Our recommendations:

Any discussion of a Vacation rental cap must be community based and include real, unbiased information.

We have arrived at consensus in our community on what well managed Vacation Rentals require. Please look these findings with a fiduciary framework and open mind about all of us. There are not two tiers of people that own property on Hornby Island. We all deserve a voice to be heard.

Defer the whole OCP/LUB until the K'omoks referral is received and the staff have had clear discussions with the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) on both Vacation Rental Licensing and Building Inspection services.

Please eject the staff recommendation to add a Vacation Rental Cap without a comprehensive community consultation.

We want to be heard.

I acknowledge and respect the K'omoks peoples on whose traditional territory I live. Their historical relationship with the land continues to this day.

Thank you Mr Allen.

Ken Agar-Newman and Margaret Finnis