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Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 5:56 PM
To: Alex Allen; Grant Scott; Timothy Peterson; Sonja Zupanec; northinfo
Cc: Association HISTRA
Subject: Short term vacation rentals

Dear Trustees,

Once again we are writing to express our 100% agreement to allow short term rentals on Hornby Island.

Presently we are concerned the number of STR properties is proposed to be capped at 67. How is this number arrived at? Has consideration been given to the visitors who will no longer be able to find accommodation on Hornby and will stay on Denman or close to Buckley Bay and do day trips instead? This will congest the ferry traffic with daily increases rather than weekly and impede local residents in their travels.

Our property on Hornby has been in the family since 1978 and we now have a third generation actively involved in both decision making and being a part of the Hornby community. The property will never be available as a year round rental as it is used constantly through the year by family, except for the summer rental period.

We have obtained our STR registry with the BC government.

Renting our property out for 7 weeks in the summer allows multitudes of Hornby Island residents to enjoy the tourist dollars generated supporting the restaurants, Co-op, Ford Cove, boat rentals, wineries and distillery, market vendors, artists and artisans, Hornby Festival events, house cleaners, maintenance and security, etc. This clean resource money sustains many of the folks here for the rest of the year.

Hornby Island is unique in its lack of corporate stores and lodging. Keeping life simple, beautiful and real as the nature around us on Hornby is important to all of us. Let's license and supervise STRs so we have a consistent good product that works for owners, neighbours and all of the Hornby Island community.

My husband Don and I will be attending the May 16, 2025 meeting and look forward to meeting both Hornby Island Trustees. Please reply to this letter prior to the meeting and answer the question on how the number cap of 67 was arrived at. I have been disappointed that no reply was sent to my previous letters regarding STRs.

Regards,
Peggy and Don Sheppard

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