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For the HO OCP project page posted under correspondence. Thanks!

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Dear Trustees,

Hornby Island is a special place for our family. For a week each spring for the last 15 years it has revived and held us. It's the place our kids experienced the wonder of a herring run; the joy of sea lions, river otters and seals; rainbows of spring flowers; the beauty of soaring eagles; and experientially learned about caring for the land and water.

We can't afford to own recreational property nor can we make Hornby Island our permanent home due to family and work commitments. Fortunately, Hornby vacation rental hosts have welcomed us to the island. Over the years we've stayed at Acre on the Waterfront, Above Tide Waterfront Cottage, A Wild Bluff, and Ford's Cove.

Acre on the Waterfront has been our most recent and consistent host. We appreciate their thoughtful care of the water and land. There are commitments in our signed agreement and reminders on the fridge about water conservation, septic management, waste management, and ecological conservation.

We take care each day as we visit the diverse and rich natural areas on the island, use water with care, and separate, collect and bring home our recycling, compost, and very limited garbage. We appreciate that we can make our own footprint light when we visit by walking or cycling to the Ringside Market. Each visit we shop for our food at the Co-op and Ford's Cove Store. We connect with friendly checkout staff, learn about the latest nature highlights from locals, enjoy meals, sip drinks and support the creativity and talent of Hornby's artists and artisans.

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Please reconsider H0-2025-012 and please maintain the current number of short-term rentals permitted on Hornby Island.

We also hope you'll consider allowing rentals during the off season. We used to visit in late fall, early spring and winter. We deeply appreciated the joy and quiet of Hornby during these months. During these times water resources are less stretched, we don't burden ferry access for residents, we don't disrupt nesting birds and flowers, and we don't contribute to the summer surge of visitors. We look forward to continuing to visit and support your neighbours with thoughtfulness and care of this land. Land that we respectfully acknowledge is on the Unceded Traditional Territory of the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land.

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