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Subject: Re: March 20th Local Trust Committee Meeting 11:30 AM FRiday March 20th at the Hall

Good evening, in regard to everything including the reasonable changes HISTRA is proposing, the following might not have been considered to date. I am not able to attend the meeting, but would like to convey the following :

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

The *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* protects a number of rights and freedoms, including freedom of expression and the right to equality. It forms part of our Constitution – the highest law in all of Canada – and is one of our country’s greatest accomplishments.

Every year on April 17, we celebrate the anniversary of the Charter which was signed in 1982.

Equality rights

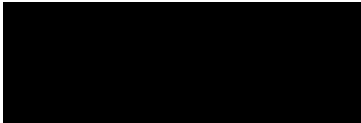
Equality rights are at the core of the Charter. They are intended to ensure that everyone is treated with the same respect, dignity and consideration (i.e. without discrimination), regardless of personal characteristics such as race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age, or mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, **residency**, marital status or citizenship.

The current path the trustees are on discriminates against the non-permanent residents of Hornby island.

I believe this to be an important argument. Something that can have legal considerations and consequences.

Respectfully,

Peter Devette



On Sat, Mar 14, 2026 at 6:53 PM HISTRA Association <hornbyshortterm@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello HISTRA Members:

We hope you have been able to arrange things to come to the LTC meeting on March 20th, at the Hall starting at 11:30 - for anyone who wants to speak, you have to attend in person, and we need as many of you as you can to speak to impact of both the permanent resident requirement and the cap of 65 on your families and futures. They will either move forward with the March 3rd meeting decisions or adjust them. We need to be in the room to have any chance to impact the outcome.

HISTRA has asked the Trustees for three changes:

1. Remove the permanent residence requirement.
2. Set the cap at 100, while allowing all currently legal and qualifying Vacation Rentals to obtain a Temporary Use Permit (TUP), with any needed reduction occurring through attrition.
3. Define short-term rentals as stays of less than 30 days

Many of you have shared your amazing and heartfelt letters to the Trustees - we thank you for them, they are inspiring! We've attached the letter HISTRA sent yesterday For those that are wanting to write - those letters need to be sent **by the 19th** for the Trustees to see them before the meeting - here are some of the themes that are running through the letters we've seen:

- We believed we had were in alignment on Vacation Rental bylaws that worked for the whole community, not perfect but a reasonable compromise, the decisions made March 3rd were a shock
- We have deep connections to Hornby
- Houses not rented will not be empty in the summer, they will be sold to vacationers who will still be here in summer months, or for those who can afford it, filled with family in the summer
- Responsible management helps to protect Hornby
- We are one community, treating the 41% who are part time not full time residents as, essentially, less valuable to the community is unfair, divisive and wrong.
- We invest in the local economy, hiring many locals throughout the year, the money from Vacation Rentals offered by Part Time residents doesn't leave hornby, much of it goes to full time residents working here.
- Many intend to retire here if they can hold on until retirement by renting
- These changes do not create affordable housing, reduce the summer population or make the ferries less busy

For those who just can't get here on a Friday morning, here is the link to watch the meeting: [March 20th LTC Meeting Link](#). We also now have the recording of the March 3rd meeting where these decisions were made: [March 3rd LTC Special Meeting recording](#)

We hope to see lots of you on Friday the 20th.

Your in solidarity

The HISTRA Board

Jan Radford, Arifin Graham, Eulala Mills, Jenessa Tuele, Karen Young, Kim Luteijn, Michelle Easterly, Ray Therrien, Ticara Coertze, Patrick Lui

