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Hello and good morning,

Please find attached, comments and property photos for your reference, regarding application for renewal of a Short-Term Vacation Rental.

We are the owners of [REDACTED] living immediately adjacent to the STVR dwelling.

At your convenience, could you kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you,
Nicola & Rick Fillier

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Belcher,

We would like to make it known that the following issues are ongoing at the property known as 538 Arbutus Drive – we understand that they have applied to renew a Temporary Use Permit.

We are a retired couple who own the home next door and live on Mayne full-time, directly adjacent to 538 Arbutus; we are not happy with having various and ongoing adults, children and barking dogs next door on a revolving door basis. This is not an ideal living situation for us or for our privacy and enjoyment of living on Mayne Island. Also, the state of their yard severely affects our enjoyment of our own home and property.

1. There are large piles of debris on the property; wood, furniture and broken materials - for several years now, that are eyesores and attract rodents, despite asking for it to be removed
- photos attached
2. There is a large amount of brush against the fences on the property lines - for several years now
- photos attached
3. There is a line of dead trees, along the property line - for several years now
- photo attached (ivy is growing on the dead trees)

The above are highly combustible; our concern's are that these are extreme fire hazards. Despite a plea with the owner to clean up said debris and reduce our anxiety, we have seen no real attempt to do so to date.

Last year, during a total fire ban, the owners had a fire. We let them know it was illegal and unsafe at the time, and they insisted that there was no ban and that they had checked the website. We had to approach them again, to display the correct webpage, indicating there was a fire ban in place. We would like confirmation that they had, and currently possess, an Open Air Fire Permit. We need assurance that they are aware of the strict requirements and the parameters of the burning season and will respect the bylaws.

As I said previously, we had contacted the owner regarding the debris, that we see EVERY time we open our front door. which at the time included a commode on top. Their reply was, 'that they could not give a timeline that it would be cleaned up'. I asked if they would in the meantime, at the very least, remove the commode atop the pile which is directly across. This conversation was a year ago. The pile remains, albeit minus the commode.

Rats frequent the area and we are very concerned they will increase in number.

These owners demonstrate that they are not really interested in the maintenance of the property or what impact it has on their neighbour's property.

We did not oppose the initial temporary use permit, but now we have endured countless guests right next door for several years and we are opposed to a renewal of the permit.

If this is one of few permits allowed, one would think that the property would be better maintained and monitored.

Could you kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,
Nicola & Rick Fillier



Mayne Island

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dead trees.JPG



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