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Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2026 1:51 PM
To: SouthInfo <SouthInfo@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Subject: Comments re: Proposed Temporary Use Permit PLYUP20260124

Dear Mr. Belcher,

I am a home owner on Mayne Island and am writing with comments about the proposed Temporary Use Permit (TUP). I only saw the proposed TUP permit application yesterday but hope you will consider my comments.

With the shortage of housing for working people on Mayne Island I think it would be better to have more options for people to buy a home like this at a reasonable cost. Then people would be able to live and work comfortably in the community.

If I read the proposal correctly this seems to be a proposal for a long term entire home rental with no owner present in the home. I would support a model where the home owners are present in the home and part of the community on Mayne Island over an owner who lives somewhere else and is using the home to generate income. If the home owner is not present there is less monitoring of noise, excessive water use and other concerns. Home owners on Mayne Island should be able to visit the homes they own without having to worry about potential concerns with unsupervised and ever changing people renting an entire home with no home owner present.

Why are the owners of this residence allowed to have many years of renting a home with no home owner present? It does not seem to be a temporary use permit if it is a renewal of a previous 3 year permit or allows an additional 3 years condition.

A family could have lived in the home, worked on the island and been part of the community for all those years. I am worried families are leaving Mayne Island or choosing to set up in other communities because they cannot find a home here.

Also I support tourism and encourage visitors to Mayne Island. I wonder why is this TUP is of any benefit to Mayne Island when we have already have well managed and respectable accommodations available to visitors?

Thank you for considering my comments,
Elizabeth Downie