

Date: April 28, 2026

Re: File: Applicant Amber Baker and Daniel Costello

To: Mayne Island Local Trust Committee Bruce Belcher, Planner 2

From: Moira Silcox and Deb Ayers [REDACTED]

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We reviewed your Staff Report for a recurring application to operate a rental on behalf of owners of property 538 on Arbutus Drive. The property have enjoyed income derived from 5 years of operation. Initially, their aim was to operate this rental only for two 3-year periods apparently to fund the full purchase from their “parents”.

As an interested party ([REDACTED]) we are directly across from the property we follow with our concerns and opinions regarding another 6-years of rental activity.

1. We have a major concern with this property as an unattended and an over-active location for multiple vacationers who come and go little or no direct supervision of any kind. For instance, we are told a “notice” is provided inside the cabin for vacationers to read and adhere to whilst on the property. Whether visitors know how to handle open fires, secure garbage, and remove it entirely from the property and/ boulevard is questionable.

2. We have observed numbers of visitors using the property without direct owner supervision. Who do we call for emergencies? If the owners are not on-site, do they have a paid manager who can be responsible for issues. Who is there for a timely removal of garbage from the property. On occasion, bags and bundles are left sitting on the boulevard (in the hot sun with crows ripping bags open).

3. We are not in favour of your grant of another Permit for another full 6 years. Arbutus Drive has two major businesses who provide a high standard of service to a wide range of tourists and business visitors. These businesses work very hard to maintain and keep their businesses afloat. They pay taxes for the precious water used in a supervised manner, and have contributed to the overall economy of Mayne Island in many ways over many years.

4. As professional operations, the **Mayne Inn** and the **Blue Vista** at the south end of our neighbourhood attract well-paying customers —we see them walking up and down our street all the time, and in all seasons. They are visitors who purchase Wedding Parties, Funerals, Graduations, and other events that add significant revenue into the entire Mayne Island economy. Where our cottage is located, traffic to and from these properties speaks to the success of these two commercial ventures.

