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Subject: Renewal of Temporary Use Permit - 538 Arbutus Drive, Mayne Island - Daniel Costello & Amber Baker

We wish to again (as we did in 2021) object to the establishment of a temporary use permit (TUP) on this property.

Originally when this TUP was applied for it was on compassionate grounds due to the owners wanting to keep the property within the family. They were apparently unable to afford the property unless they applied for and were granted a TUP. We were concerned that this TUP would be a gateway to long term temporary use permits once established.

In saying this we have read the application and can see that the owner has met the regulatory requirements but we have questions.

1. We did not receive notice or were given an opportunity to once again object when this property was approved the second time (2023) for a TUP.
2. What is the purpose of this property under the TUP as there is nothing temporary. It seems that it is continually being approved.
3. Why would this property not be designated to allow for long term rental given the shortage of rentals on Mayne Island?
4. There are already short term rentals on Arbutus Drive (both legally and under the table). The Mayne Inn and the Blue Vista always seem to have vacancies other than at peak periods. Continuing to approve more competition does not seem to support our community economically.

We do not know or have ever met Daniel Costello or Amber Baker and hold no ill will toward them. Our goal is to continue to support our neighbours, some who are permanent residents and others, like ourselves who are classified as weekenders who have enjoyed our Arbutus property for over 36 years.

Respectfully submitted.

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