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Subject: Flexible Housing

To the Mayne Island LTC,

I would just like to express my support for the flexible housing plan for Mayne Island. My only concern is that it is important that new cottages or “tiny homes” on properties NOT be allowed to be used for short term vacation rentals, Airbnbs, and the like. Or that it not be used as simply a way to gain an extra guest bedroom or two for visitors.

Like almost everywhere, lack of rental housing on Mayne has become a crisis, and any available options to help with this should be explored without delay or extended months & years of meetings.

Furthermore, I believe that the bylaw change that allowed for STVRs & legal Airbnbs on larger lots with guest houses should be rescinded in light of the current unavailability of rental housing. When the bylaw came in a few years ago, the rental crunch hadn't gotten as bad as it currently is.

I've been a renter for 23 years on Mayne and I have been looking for a new place, since my landlords want to move back to Mayne and into their house. It now looks like I may have found a place (not yet confirmed), but in 7 months of looking I've only seen two potential rentals, both asking for more than half my income and unaffordable for me.

One place had been rented short term on Airbnb for years and the landlord was finding it hard to keep up the chores, so was considering a long term tenant. But when I asked if she could come down in her rent for the tiny cabin, she told me that she makes 3 times that rent on Airbnb, so she couldn't consider a smaller rent. I noticed later that she was looking for someone to do the cleaning and chores for her so she could continue with the STVR rental. One less possible rental for someone on Mayne, because of the lure of really good money on Airbnb.

Thank you,  
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