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Thank you Susan. We must address all of the things you mention. We are in a position to tell the province that the rules to protect tenants is not equal for urban vs rural islands. This bylaw only addresses making a cabin like yours legal. We are working to bring in a strong approach to managing stvr, but need the CRD to cooperate. I won't give up on the fight to keep the island a healthy diverse community.

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 19, 2022, at 8:18 AM, Susan Worrall <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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> Good morning Laura. I am extremely upset that we, as an island community, have not taken care to provide more affordable housing. I also deplore the attitude of greed that has settled into our island mindset. I am appalled at the growth of airbnb and vrbo. I am equally appalled at seeing a 600 sq ft apartment for rent at \$2200 per month.

> And further at the influx of homeowners with 2 or 3 other properties

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> My husband and I, both of [REDACTED] and not [REDACTED] are just working stiffs. We live on a wonderful arable property which was declared a riparian zone several years ago. On our property, we have a cabin that has been grandfathered. We could easily convert it into a tiny home with composting toilet etc. and rent it. [REDACTED]

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> Here's my concern. After spending several thousand dollars to convert to a rental, I have no protection as a lessor. As the access to our cabin is through our garden, a tenant could leave the gate open and allow in critters to destroy our garden. Or improperly use the composting toilet that cost us over \$3500. Or just be loud, messy and disagreeable. My understanding is it could take several months to arbitrate a removal.

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> In addition, there are so many barriers to the concept of us having a rental, we'd be 90 before anything could be approved. That combined with rising costs such insurance premiums makes this untenable for many.

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> I might suggest we make the town of Ganges a viable town instead of a "dead at night" one. Increase mixed rental buildings. Raise height restrictions. Stop this island from being another playground for the wealthy.

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> Best regards

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> Susan Worrall

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