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Roger Cheetham
Planning Officer
Agricultural Land Commission
Rm. 133 4940 Canada Way
Burnaby BC V5G 4K6

Dear Mr. Cheetham:

Re: Hornby Island Short Term Vacation Rental Regulatory Review

This letter is to advise you that the Hornby Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) is considering draft bylaws to amend the Hornby Island Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw to enable short term vacation rentals as an accessory use to a residential use, and to enable consideration of Temporary Use Permits for vacation rentals that exceed what is defined in the regulations. The draft bylaws exclude vacation rental use in the zoning regulations for small lot zones or heavily developed aquifer areas such as Whaling Station Bay, Sandpiper and Galleon Beach. Copies of Draft Bylaw No. 137 and 138 are enclosed for early consideration and comment.

Following the public consultation period currently underway, public and agency comments will be presented to the Local Trust Committee for consideration. Once the Local Trust Committee is satisfied with the draft bylaws and gives first reading, they will be circulated to agencies for any final comments before the bylaws proceed to a public hearing. The proposed bylaw amendments may be formally referred to agencies as early as September 2010 for review and comment.

Electronic copies of all staff reports and background documents are available on our website <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ho/default.cfm>.

Thank you for your early consideration of Draft Bylaws No. 137 and 138 and for forwarding your agency's concerns or comments to planning staff. If you have any questions or immediate concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at (250) 247-2203.

Sincerely,

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c: Hornby Island Local Trust Committee

Enclosures (2)