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CC: Tim Palmer

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Re: Short Term Rental Bylaw Recommendations

Dear Marianne,

Thank you for requesting our members input and feedback on the changes being proposed to the Zoning bylaw to address Short Term Vacation Rentals (STVR) in the City of Revelstoke.

We appreciate the thorough analysis Development Services has done with other similar communities before drafting the Bylaw. Overall, we are happy with the hard work that has been accomplished on this file and we look forward to seeing it progress.

There are two areas in which we would like to offer feedback.

1. In residential areas, STR's must be in the secondary suite.
Position: Do not agree
Rationale: STVR tourists are often families with more than 2 people, or multiple families looking to share the same space. This caveat also removes secondary suites from the long-term rental inventory.
2. A cap of 300.
Position: Do not agree
Rationale: We understand that the cap is there for the City's discretion, however, we believe that the cap should be no more than 300 and no less than 200.

Additional provisions that we care about:

- Registering for collection of MRDT and PST should be a prerequisite for business licensing. We remain consistent that MRDT from STVR's continues to be dedicated to affordable housing
- STVR's should have proof of safety compliance, including fire, as a prerequisite for business licensing.
- STVR's should not be in market for more than 120 per year and should have proof of commercial insurance for this period that they are in operation
- BC Assessment should classify the property as STVR which generates a different property tax multiplier than pure residential. We understand that the BC Assessment is out of the City's control, however the city could send all business license information to BC Assessment.
- COR should assess a utility charge for the additional burden on infrastructure (water, sewer, stormwater, to be consistent with commercial businesses

Kind Regards,



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