

Short term rentals

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Hello,

We are a retired couple who have lived at Shawnigan Lake for the last 50 years. We were self employed during our working life and so do not have a retirement pension. We have a self contained guest suite on our property which we rented out for a few years but did not enjoy having tenants who did not respect the property or us. From 2019-2023 we did Airbnb for six months of the year, only because of our steep driveway. We really enjoyed hosting people visiting our beautiful part of the country and met so many wonderful people, several of whom returned. There are two private schools in the area and we also hosted parents coming to drop off or pick up students. They were so grateful to find local accommodation because the nearest hotel is in Cowichan Bay. As a result of having visiting guests, we were always asked for recommendations for local restaurants and other attractions, so it was a win for our local economy. We had one couple stay for a week and they ate at The Lakehouse every night. And of course we always paid income taxes on our short term rental income. We will not have long term tenants again and we feel very strongly that CVRD is foolish to ban short term rentals. We appreciated the income to help pay our property tax. Please give this the added attention it deserves.

Yours truly
MaryLou & Glen Jones

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