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Subject: Bill 35 and Airbnb

Dear Sirs,

I notice that Tofino BC has recently decided to include itself in the provisions of Bill 35. Admirable and farsighted!

I am writing to oppose the recent CVRD staff recommendation that the CVRD opt-out of the Principal Residence Requirement of Bill 35. Adopting this requirement would prohibit the standalone Airbnb units that currently diminish the housing stock available to residents and workers in the valley. The lack of affordable housing is one of, if not THE largest barrier to a decent quality of life in the valley right now. Anything the district can do to support residents in having safe, secure, affordable housing would be a huge step in the right direction. I'm urging the CVRD to support the adoption of Bill 35 in full, including the Principal Residence Requirement. The rights of residents, workers and tenants of this valley, and the dire need to increase our housing stock, need to take precedence over the profits of real estate speculators and Airbnb operators.

Yours truly,
Ingrid Sheeter