

SANDY HOOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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SHORT TERM RENTAL SURVEY

(Please respond as soon as possible using the enclosed self addressed and stamped envelope. This survey is going to every resident and/or property owner in Sandy Hook who usually receives our newsletters. If you have been missed please call 885-5766 or email sandyhooker@sechelt.net to get your copy.)

BACKGROUND

We tried to cover much of this in the newsletter we delivered to you last week and the one in September. If you desire more information please call 885-5766 or 885-5606 or visit the web site www.sechelt.biz (Note: this site argues the case against short term rentals. The case in favour is argued and proposed by others.)

Legal owner-occupied B&Bs or private unadvertised occasional rentals that do not generate complaints are not at issue here. There is no desire to change the current bylaw.

A very brief, incomplete recap of the problem is:

A small number of residential property owners in the District of Sechelt, along with some local realtors, are actively promoting non-compliance with Bylaw 25, Residential Zoning, portraying our established residential neighbourhood as a cottage or revenue paradise. In many cases a package of website advertising, a management/maintenance contract and an agent to conduct illegal use is offered to property owners and potential non-resident owners. The practice is referred to as "motelling" when neighbourhood properties are rented out to total strangers as frequently as on a night-to-night basis, like a motel.

The District of Sechelt Council appears to be considering changing zoning to permit Commercial short-term rentals in residential communities.

We would be grateful if you (Association members **AND** non-members) would complete all of the following questions you feel comfortable to answer but please be sure and answer the bold highlighted question at the bottom:

1	Would you still have moved or purchased here if a Commercial short-term rental had been operating next door or across the street?	_____
2	Have you considered that all business activities in Sandy Hook in our current bylaw are restricted to owner-occupied?	_____
3	Have you considered that house values can be affected negatively when a residential neighbourhood goes commercial?	_____
4	Do you believe that parking, noise, septic or fire regulations and safety for you and your children with transients around as a result of this commerce could be satisfactorily controlled by a bylaw officer who does not work 24 hours every day?	_____

Please answer the following by circling "yes" or "no":

I/we want Sandy Hook to retain its current residential zoning and expect the District of Sechelt to enforce Bylaw 25 restricting commercial short-term rentals.

YES

NO

Check Below:

I am a) A full time resident _____ OR b) A part time resident _____

I am a) A property owner _____ OR b) a renter _____

Signature (Optional but Preferred)

OTHER: If you wish to add your own comments, please do so here.

Please mail your response in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope as soon as possible. Thank you very much.