

City of Nanaimo– short term rentals (GPC Meeting, Oct. 26/20)

Full-time resident of Nanaimo for 39 years.
Experiencing “nuisance” STR, vacant house-
owner is not in residence.

Experience STR June–Oct. 2020

- ▶ *In summary, activities are that of a commercial operation (“recommended for 9 adults”) in a residential neighbourhood.*
- ▶ Large groups of people, one occasion excess of 20 persons, 6 vehicles on driveway. *Health and safety concerns– cleaning protocols? Inspections?*
- ▶ Increased traffic and parking on a normally quiet street.

- ▶ Trucks with trailers and boats parked on road, impeding traffic and blocking access to our property.
- ▶ *Noise and disturbances.* Early departures (before 6 am) of multiple people and vehicles, loud talking, doors closing, loud vehicles (e.g. motorcycles).
- ▶ Police called on at least 2 occasions for noise and arguments, after 11 pm.

- ▶ *Increased and improper garbage and recycling.* Garbage spread on street on occasion. Bins set out late at night (12:45 am) by non-resident.
- ▶ *Light pollution,* commercial rather than residential. Interior and exterior lights on all night. Headlights of cars coming and going, early and late hours.
- ▶ *An owner in residence would not likely tolerate the current activities.*

Recommendations

- ▶ Support clear definitions (B&B-STR) and a “guide for STR operators”
- ▶ Requirement for *owner to be in residence*.
- ▶ *Prohibit STR's of entire residence*. Possible exception, primary residence (8 mo.), STR when owner is away, but with defined limits.
- ▶ **Business licence** required.
- ▶ **Meaningful penalties** as a deterrent.
- ▶ **Do not delay** new bylaws.