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**From:** Martin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** July 7, 2020 10:18 AM  
**To:** Clerk <Clerk@gibsons.ca>  
**Subject:** Opposed to STR Bylaw Changes

Hello,

I am writing today after speaking with Sue (Bylaw officer) in regards to our tourist accommodation above Beachcomber Coffee in lower Gibsons and how it will be impacted by the proposed changes. We've had zero complaints in an entire year of operation (this can be confirmed by Sue). We provide a unique accommodation in that we do not have neighbours, it is in a commercial unit which is an accessory to Beachcomber Coffee downstairs. We have staff onsite from 6:30am until 5:30pm and we live in Gibsons, only a 3-minute drive from the AirBnB. However, the requirement to 'live' on-premise will eliminate a unique destination that has garnered national attention for the Town of Gibsons:

<https://www.narcity.com/travel/ca/bc/beachcomber-coffee-airbnb-is-a-seaside-apartment-on-top-of-a-cafe-in-bc>

We fully support regulating STRs and licensing them, however, we feel it is shortsighted to require an owner to live on premises. If residents of the Sunshine Coast want to re-invest back into the community and provide options for tourism, I believe that's a positive for the economy.

People are looking for unique, standalone accommodations - that's the future of travel and tourism. Unfortunately the current accommodations within the town do not make Gibsons a destination, however, unique independent AirBnB operators like ourselves draw people to Gibsons and pump money into the local economy.

Again, I fully support methods to regulate, control, and license AirBnB operators - the only issue at hand is the requirement for the owner to live on premise - that will eliminate some unique accommodations in Gibsons and as a resident of Gibsons that lives 3-minutes away, I feel that local residents should be excluded from this requirement or at least create some parameters around this requirement such as proximity to the rental, or specific uses in a commercial building like ours that happens to have a business attached to it with staff onsite most of the time.

Thanks for listening.

Regards,

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