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I am emailing to give detailed feedback on your proposed bylaw changes.

Instead of outright banning standalone STRs, it makes much more sense to mandate that standalone STRs have a local property manager on hand to deal with any issues that do come up, on the rare chance that there is an issue.

Many locals rely on STRs for their friends and family to be able to visit. Past events such as weddings, milestone birthday parties, and wedding anniversaries would not have been able to be celebrated without local STRs.

The hotels in the area are mostly defunct, unclean, or filled with long-term workers for the mill / civil contractors. How many local hotels are functioning and what capacity are they at? Our community has not kept up with accommodations for visitors.

Our town relies on tourism. If you are retired and own your home outright, and don't see the need for STRs to help pay a mortgage, or host visitors, you may change your tune when local restaurants/cafes/bars/breweries start to go belly up because visitors choose to vacation elsewhere because they can find suitable accommodation in other locations.

Let's have a common-sense approach to STRs.

- Adding a permit system will likely be easier than enforcing bylaws against those that continue to operate despite the new rules
- Operating permits for STRs which can raise funds for greater enforcement of trouble properties
- Airbnb review system does police the bad guests, and makes sure they are basically blacklisted from renting again after being a less-than-desirable guest
- Let's keep up with the needs of our visitors by providing them with excellent accommodations for them to come and enjoy our town. Balancing the needs of locals to be able to enjoy their neighbouring properties is crucial, but those needs can be met through operation permits / bylaw enforcement.

Thanks,  
Brett Beadle