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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this email as a concerned owner of property in Okanagan Falls. I have become aware that an unadvertised meeting took place on February 28<sup>th</sup> following a re-zoning meeting. Such a meeting holds significant interest, not only for current owners who rent out their properties, but also for the many businesses who count on local tourism. How can the RDOS make a decision without proper input by its constituents? This lack of transparency makes it appear that a personal agenda is at play.

I am not an owner who advertises on platforms for short-term rentals. We prefer not to do so as we prefer to personally use our property for family and friends. However, we have (on a couple of occasions) rented out our place to help local residents arrange for accommodations for extended family members. So it is not due to personal interest that I am speaking up at this time, but more so due to the harm that I feel would be done to the community.

Also, if a decision is made to opt-on the province's regulations, the alternative route of applying for a Temporary Use Permit through the RDOS is a joke. The costs associated with this process are in fact astronomical in comparison to many major cities and communities.

At this time, a hasty decision should not be made in order to meet the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. I would ask that the RDOS discuss this issue openly with its community members in a well-advertised meeting that would also allow for participants to join via zoom.

Susan Numerow