



Interior Health

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Shannon Duong:

RE: File E2021.027-TUP: 3175 Bartlett Rd: Lot B, District Lot 210, SDYD, Plan KAP47571

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this application. It is our understanding that the above referenced application seeks approval for a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) to allow for the operation of a short-term vacation rental during the months of April - September. This referral has been reviewed from a Healthy Community Development perspective. The following comments are for your consideration:

Housing is a key determinant of health. It has a significant influence on our physical and mental health, social well-being, and indirectly influences many other determinants of health such as income, early childhood development, educational opportunities, and access to health services. Healthy housing is attainable, stable, high quality, and in a location and community that meets our needs and supports health and well-being.

While this vacation rental can contribute to the property owner's income and support tourism through accommodation for the travelling public, it also reduces the availability of long-term housing units available in the community. It is important to balance long term housing needs with support for visitors and economic opportunity. As noted in the RDOS 2020 Housing Needs Assessment, there is an acute shortage of long-term rental availability.

A sewerage system file review has also been conducted for this property and has found a current filing in the Sewerage Registry. The filing speaks to the construction of a new sewerage system. As with any small lot, we are concerned about the long term sustainability for onsite sewage. While this system will be newly constructed, all onsite sewerage systems have a limited lifespan. To ensure long term sustainability, we encourage the pre-identification and conservation of a back up area.

Interior Health suggests this TUP not be approved without the applicant first demonstrating that a long term, year round rental option is not feasible.

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Interior Health is committed to improving the health and wellness of all by working collaboratively with local governments and community partners to create policies and environments that support good health. Should you have any questions about the information provided above, please don't hesitate to call or email – my contact information can be found on the bottom of this letter.

Sincerely,

Tanya Osborne, BAHS
Healthy Communities

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RESPONSE SUMMARY

TEMPORARY USE PERMIT NO. E2021.027-TUP

☐ Approval Recommended for Reasons
Outlined Below

☒ Interests Unaffected

☐ Approval Recommended Subject to
Conditions Below

☐ Approval Not Recommended
Due to Reasons Outlined Below

Signature: 

Signed By: Dennis Smith

Agency: Naramata VFD

Title: Fire Chief

Date: Jan 26, 2022

