

## HISTRA Report: November 2021

In the spirit of fostering open communication and good neighbourly relations, the HISTRA board urges all vacation rentals to follow the Islands Trust bylaw asking for a sign clearly visible from the road to provide the contact information for the owner/operator. A couple of times last summer we fielded messages between residents and guests/owners. While the Board is happy to help whenever we can, sometimes a simple and straightforward phone call can bring people together more powerfully and provide better results much sooner.

Creating a sign is easy. Michael and I hired Sure Copy in Courtenay ([surecourtenay.ca](http://surecourtenay.ca) or 250-334-2836) to both design and make our signs and couldn't be happier with the final product. Their friendly staff effortlessly guided us through the decision-making process, all from the comfort of our home computer and telephone. They'll even mail the signs to Hornby if you need. You can also consider asking some of our local artists to create something more homegrown and special for you.

Remember to tell them the signs live outdoors and need weather proofing. Know beforehand the distance they will hang from the road to ensure they are visible. Signs need to be a minimum of 15cm by 30cm.

At our last meeting, Ray and Angela put forth a brilliant idea for a double-sided sign; one to alert when a home is being used for rental and the other to show when the home is owner-occupied.

Please remember the intention is to help us all navigate living together during the busier rental times. It would be so welcome to also hear positive feedback when guests are being spectacular, quiet and thoughtful.

I hope everyone is enjoying the rest of the off-season as much as I am.

Be well,  
Patrick Lui  
Rental Manager and HISTRA member