



Sandy Hook News NEXT

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President's Report— Signs of spring are sure popping up everywhere and not to be outdone you will see that your community association is announcing this year's AGM already. It is important that you attend to participate in local affairs at the most fundamental level. Let your association know how you feel about issues and give suggestions for projects and improvements.

You will see, too, that we are canvassing for some new board members. You should try it and contribute to your community. It can be fun.

There is enough said about the short term rental survey elsewhere but I would like to remark on the most positive aspect of the exercise. It was very heartening to see all those new and renewal memberships roll in.

Although there is a financial cost involved we must seriously consider an annual survey although, hopefully, on a less contentious issue. Maybe just ask things like what changes you might like in the parks or should your association press harder for road improvements. What do you think?

The Sandy Hook web site has been revised. It now should load much faster and we think the layout is cleaner – easier to navigate. Check the site often for news as it is the fastest and most detailed way we can tell you what is going on in between newsletters. Lastly but importantly, thanks to everyone for their work on the survey and to all those who responded. I'll be glad when this issue is resolved!

Short Term Rental Survey Results

94% of survey respondents want the District of Sechelt to enforce Bylaw 25 restricting commercial short term rentals. There is an overwhelming desire to have the District of Sechelt protect the residential nature of Sandy Hook. Your board will be doing a comprehensive report on the survey for the District Council and web posting. The press will be advised. In the meantime this is a short report on the essence.

Methodology

Forms were delivered to exactly the same distribution as this newsletter including 16 mailings off coast to non-resident members registered with us. Basically this is all the homes accessible by or from Sandy Hook Road. The total was 201 forms.

Forms and envelopes were numbered. These numbers were NOT used to identify individual respondents but controlled the survey avoiding any misuse of the forms.

Participation

A total of 91 forms was received or a 45% response considered

superior by all the experts.

Results

To The Main Question—I/we want Sandy Hook to retain its current residential zoning and expect the District of Sechelt to enforce Bylaw 25 restricting commercial short-term rentals.

84 said Yes or 94.4%

5 said No or 5.6%

(There were two spoiled forms).

There can be no doubt what residents want.

The survey results are credible because the community has been well informed on the issue, was given a clear question on the main point, they responded in numbers which pass any test for validity and the opinions were further validated by answers given to the other questions and by written comments.

We reviewed some web sites on surveys and they confirmed the validity of the findings based upon the participation and preponderance of answers on one side.

While signing was optional nevertheless, 87% signed their forms; often as man and wife or partners.

This showed us commitment and that Sandyhookers will stand up

LATE BREAKING

- ⇒ **GET YOUR DISTRICT SURVEY FORM IN. Even if after the March 28th "deadline" - but soonest.**
 - ⇒ **ATTEND FOR SURE— District Short-term rental workshop and meeting at Greencourt Hall, April 10— See paper for agenda and time.**
- THIS IS IT. ATTEND AND BE COUNTED**

and be counted.

FINALLY, a most gratifying item. Over 55 paid memberships came back with the survey forms plus 3 member slips without payment we will follow up. What a boost to our already representative membership in the community. We also think this shows the strength of the commitment to resolving this issue and to keeping our community the best place to live in the world.

To all those who participated a special thank you. To all of those who sent in memberships another thank you. To those who did not send in the form, we hope that you still will consider joining your community association and letting your voice be heard. You are most welcome.

Your Board of Directors

We welcome your input and comments in respect of all the Association activities.

President	Vice Pres.	Past Pres.	Secretary	Treasurer	Planning	Parks	At Large	At Large	NEXT MEETING
Bob D'Arcy 885-5766	Pat Moore 885-7865	Gray Waddell 885-5606	Joanne Rykers 740-8868	Harold Fletcher 885-4433	Din Ruttelynck 885-5089	Michael Davidson 885-3797	David Cripps 740-5758	Tom Nash 740-0601	April 15—7:30 Board Meeting

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