## Kim Maddin

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Laurie Hurst

Sent:

November 17, 2015 11:42

To:

Kim Maddin

Subject:

FW: Feedback from website for Mayor and Council

For login and processing, thanks.

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From: Barb Desjardins

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From:

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This is information submitted via the Esquimalt website.

\* Please reply within 2 business days. \*

Bruce Cuthbert

With respect to bylaw amendment being discussed tonight re: rental of property.

I would like to clarify a few items that other municipalities seem to be looking into including Vancouver:

- 1. Register and inspect all rental properties whether one or more suites involved to ensure that they are up to fire code, electrical code, plumbing code, building code for insurance purposes, etc.
- 2. If the whole house is rented, it is a business and should require a business license. License can be \$10 or ... But needs to be in place.
- 3. If a house has multiple tenants with an absentee landlord it needs to meet the zoning, ie if in single family area, then single family rental, etc.

- 3. Suites and houses that are rented should be 4. There should be a separate item in the list for "house" rental as well as "secondary suites".
- 5. Is there a limitation on the size of the suite?  $\bar{3}$  rooms 7 rooms....

Thanks for your consideration.

Regards, Bruce

15 Secondary Suites: The regulations have be rewritten for greater clarity, eliminating regulations that were found to be unmanageable to implement (the 'suite registry'), and unenforceable ('owner occupancy'). Secondary suites are an important form of housing within Esquimalt, providing affordable housing for many, additional income for home owners ('mortgage helpers'), and have proven to have minimal impact on neighbours when well built and maintained. Staff believe there is still a concern that single family dwellings with suites should have restricted commercial opportunity. Therefore, the new regulations have been written to restrict the rental of either the suite or the principal dwelling unit at any time, not allowing a secondary suite where a community care facility [daycare] is operating, and continuing to limit the type of Home Occupation that may exist in a suite to ones that do not generate more than one client at any time. Though the Community Charter does consider operating a secondary suite as a business, and income generated from a suite is taxable under the Income Tax Act, the primary function of secondary suites is to provide increased housing within the community.