

# Short Term Rentals

In July 2023, the SRD released a survey to the residents of Cortes, asking about Short-Term Rentals (STRs). It received 181 responses. 78% of responses were from permanent residents.

## Current Zoning

- Short-Term Rentals are a commercial use, currently only permitted in commercial zones. Should this be changed to allow them in residential areas? This could potentially legalize existing Short-Term Rentals in residential zones.

## Survey Results

- 69% said STRs should be permitted on Cortes, 31% said no.
- 81 respondents said they should be permitted in all zones, 33 said “any zone that permits a secondary cottage.” 30 respondents said none should be permitted.
- 46% of respondents were concerned about removing long term rental units from the housing supply.
- Full results available on SRD website.

## Proposed New Provincial Legislation

- Requiring STR hosts to join a provincial registry.
- Enable local governments to require business licenses for STRs and other commercial businesses (at discretion of SRD Board).
- Introduction of Provincial enforcement and higher fines for those who break rules.
- Removal of the grandfathering non-conforming use legislation

