

Request for EAD Meeting Business Item

SUBJECT:	'Seasonal Accommodation'
REQUEST BY:	Jay Simpson
DESCRIPTION/ CONTEXT:	In a recent board discussion regarding a North Shuswap resort the term 'seasonal accommodation' was discussed. I don't feel there was a reasonable conclusion to the rationale for this designation.
DISCUSSION:	 The comments and questions I have include: What is a seasonal designation trying to accomplish? What is the benefit of limiting recreational vehicle, Park models or dwellings to seasonal usage? The definition of seasonal is 'less than 182 days'. It doesn't say 'in the summer', or between May and September. This could potentially be through the winter. If someone were to inhabit their dwelling from Easter to Thanksgiving that would be 234 days. The golf season is longer than 182 days (in most years) Low cost housing – conversation with Director Martin. Many people can't afford to buy a house. Most can't find a house to rent. Over winter during situations such as Covid What are the remedies if someone does stay longer than 182 days? Do we have a stick? If it's something that we can't, or won't, enforce, why do it? The businesses in our community are struggling during the off season due to the large seasonal populations and anything we can do to reduce restrictions, or extend the length of occupation, would be of community benefit. What benefit is there in restricting anything to 'Seasonal'
OTHER COMMENTS:	I would ask that we recommend to the board that we ask staff to report where we are using the 'seasonal' designation, what benefit is received by having, and what detriments there might be of not having this designation with an eye to removing this designation where possible.