

## ***Temporary Use Permit Application – 6447 Chute Lake Road, Naramata B.C.***

**Dear Chief Administrative Officer and Board of Directors,**

We, the owners Nancy and daughter Heidi, along with brother Jacob (our builder) and sister-in-law, Ashley, respectfully request a 3-year Temporary Use Permit for 6447 Chute Lake Road, Naramata.

**Purpose:** We seek approval to continue the use of: three (3) accessory dwellings in the form of recreational vehicles, and (1) removable temporary portable bathroom and one (1) temporary accessory structure on trailer frame.

**The approval will prevent our family's displacement and financial hardship.**

It will help us to develop our land responsibly, give us time to adapt to BC's updates to building legislative changes so we can build our homes in a financially and environmentally responsible manner.

**Currently, we are responsibly managing health, safety & waste:**

- Residents use septic field Interior Health (approved).
- Residents drink potable water from our tested well source.

**Our Story & Rationale:**

1. We bought the land in 2020, and responsibly enhanced value over \$200,000 shown by 2021 report by South Okanagan Appraisal. This includes: Installed underground power, well activation, build sites prep, professional septic, Development Permit, Environmentally Sensitive Development Permit.
2. We were about to build the first permanent homes, but unfortunately, during COVID, our family faced housing & financial challenges, and rather than building right away chose these temporary alternative housing options.
3. We believe we align with BC's evolving policies and reflect the province's growing leniency in the housing crisis towards atypical housing situations, as seen in policies by the Ministry of Forests and Rural Development.
4. We have community support, good relationships with our neighbors, with no complaints or incidents.

5. One of our residents is a loyal and valued employee at the Naramata Inn and has been for 3 years. Approval of the TUP will help to avoid her displacement and financial hardship. This not only benefits our family but also enriches the Naramata community.
6. Residing here is vital to the development of the land financial situation. Currently we are landscaping, managing invasive weed control, fireproofing, re-planting for soil erosion, and building site preparation, all of which lay the groundwork for our development plans for building permanent homes.

**To conclude:**

The approval of the Temporary Use Permit is essential for us, and will provide crucial stability to prevent our family's displacement and financial despair, and give us time to navigate the BC changes to policies that may affect our building plans significantly.

We respectfully thank you for your time and consideration,

*Sincerely,  
Nancy & Heidi Rasmussen*

**Additional Rationale for Consideration**

**1. Our applications aligns with BC Housing-First Approach and Local Housing Crisis**

- The BC Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resources demonstrates leniency towards alternative housing solutions on crown land, mirroring our necessity to provide atypical but necessary housing for our family amidst a housing shortage.

**2. We need time to adjust our build plans with BC's New Housing Legislation**

- Approval of TUP allows us to align our build plans with British Columbia's new legislation which may affect us including:
  - Development of diverse housing types, such as townhomes, triplexes, and laneway homes.
  - Addressing outdated zoning to facilitate affordable housing in established neighborhoods.
  - Allowing secondary suites or laneway homes in communities across B.C.

### **3. RVs and Alternative Housing are being considered provincially as legitimate solutions to the current housing crisis.**

- RVs are recognized in some jurisdictions under the Manufactured Home Tenancy Act since 2020.
- The inclusion of RV dwellers under tenant protection laws, these protections align with our efforts to provide stable housing for our family during uncertain times.
- Our RVs and alternative housing aligns with provincial and global trends, showing the growing acceptance and legitimization of RVs and tiny houses as sustainable, affordable housing.

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