

## Temporary Use Permit Application - Proposed Use

**Civic Address: 450 Robinson Avenue, Naramata BC V0H 1N0**

**Temporary Use Proposed: Short term rentals for the period May 15 to Nov 15**

Naramata is a gathering place. Naramata means “Smile of Manitou”. It is a place where family and friends meet and enjoy each other’s company in a wonderful setting to enjoy the radiance of the “Smile of Manitou”. It is a welcoming place where I feel at home.

My parents bought a small lot in Naramata in 1961 from the Robinson family when I was a child. My parents built a Pan-Abode house by themselves after carefully saving for 3 years. As a young child, I also “helped” to build the house.

I have been coming to Naramata ever since and my experiences here have had a significant and positive effect on me. Since then, the family involvement in Naramata has grown and grown. My wife and I, and our children and grandchildren come to Naramata.

My aunts and uncles, and many of my 22 cousins and their children and grandchildren come to have wonderful experiences in Naramata. Some come from Vancouver, others come from as far as New York and Europe. Over the years, there have been numerous happy events, including my children entering an OgoPogo float in the Naramata parade, and a family wedding. We all feel at home in Naramata. There are others that meet in Naramata to gather and feel the same.

As the number of descendants has increased, Martin and Andrea Forbes purchased 450 Robinson in 2016 to accommodate more family members at our gatherings, with a view to long-term retirement. As I have told others about Naramata, they have asked about staying in Naramata.

We would like to rent our home for the benefit of other than family members, and in order to provide more tourism revenue to the area’s local wineries and businesses, and to aid with the increasing maintenance costs as inflation has set in. Short term rentals would allow other families to enjoy this centrally located well-appointed Naramata family home.

There are significant benefits to the Naramata economy. We have employed many people for work at 450 Robinson Ave, often using local people sourced from the bulletin board at the Naramata store. This has included: gardening and yard work, landscaping, plumbing, septic maintenance and repairs, painting and cleaning. Visitors to the area also spend much more per day than residents.

Robinson Ave is the main street of Naramata. The surrounding area includes both commercial and residential properties. Immediately to the west of 450 Robinson, are Naramata’s main commercial establishments including the Naramata Store (219 Robinson Ave), the Sun ‘n Sup paddleboard and kayak rental shop (176 Robinson Ave), as well as several cafes and restaurants between these businesses. The Village motel is also nearby at 244 Robinson while the Naramata Village Motel is located on the block kitty-corner at 360 Robinson Avenue. There are also several commercial buildings east of 450 Robinson, including Rocky’s Real Things Pizza (961 Robinson) and the Naramata Pub & Grill (985 Robinson).

The house has four spacious bedrooms as well as a games alcove and two bathrooms capable of accommodating 8 people. The original building dates from 1992 and is fenced with large mature trees and bushes providing privacy from adjacent properties. There is ample off-street parking for 5 cars.

The proposed temporary use for short-term rentals from May 15 to Nov 15 for 450 Robinson will be administered by family members, primarily by Martin and Andrea Forbes. I (Martin) spend a good portion of my semi-retirement at 3795 1<sup>st</sup> Street, in Naramata, and would manage the 450 Robinson Ave property from this nearby long-term family property.

In the words of Mrs. A. L. Gillespie, from her poem "Naramata":

Echoes of laughter on the shore  
Blend with the dip of a falling oar;  
And sunlight or starlight has no frown,  
As it loving rests on the little town  
Of Naramata.

O, the waters blue, and whispering trees,  
The blossoming flowers, the humming bees,  
And the loyal hearts of people true  
Have just one song ---"We welcome you"  
To Naramata

It is in the spirit of the welcoming tradition of Naramata that I request the granting of a Temporary Use Permit for 450 Robinson Ave, Naramata. We would like to welcome others to enjoy the radiance of the "Smile of Manitou" to warm the souls of all who experience Naramata.

Thank you,  
Martin Forbes