



We Look Forward to Seeing You At The 2023 RIEP Forum!

April 25-27

The Haven Centre, Gabriola Island

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*We respectfully acknowledge the Snuneymuxw First Nation of the Coast Salish People
on whose unceded and traditional territory this program takes place.*

The flagship event of the Rural Islands Economic Partnership (RIEP)
returns with our first in-person gathering since 2019!

Please review this entire email,
It includes all the information you need to prepare for your time with us next week.

For more information, visit the 2023 RIEP Forum on the web:

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If you have any questions at all, please contact the Forum Info Hub:

admin@ruralislandspartnership.ca

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What To Bring

- Casual, comfortable attire
- Spring jacket suitable for cooler temps/rain

- Comfortable shoes (ideally slip-on/off)
- Water bottle and travel mug
- Pen or pencil
- Personal toiletries

PLUS: Don't forget your thoughts, ideas, experiences to share with others across BC's rural island network!

Upon Your Arrival

All attendees (including speakers/panelists and sponsors) are expected to register at 'Satir West', located across from the Lodge:

REGISTER

Tuesday, April 25

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

At registration, you will receive your 2023 RIEP Forum Welcome Kit, with information on the full program, meals and breaks, and optional events.

Arriving later? Registration will be open throughout the Forum.
Check in at the Forum Info Hub – Satir West.

Accommodations

Staying at The Haven

Register anytime between 9 AM – 12:30 PM

Tuesday, April 25

Off-Site Accommodations

Check-in by 11:00 AM

Tuesday, April 25

Timely check-in will allow you to register at The Haven and have lunch prior to the Opening Program.

If needed, The Haven can store your belongings securely until the end of the day's program.

Traveling To & From The Haven

Didn't bring a car? No problem—our sponsor [Tour Salt Spring](#) is providing

complimentary shuttle service (100% powered by waste vegetable oil) between the Gabriola ferry terminal, off-site accommodations, and The Haven.

To pre-book shuttle pick-up or drop-off—especially for Tuesday arrival—contact: admin@ruralislandspartnership.ca

Scheduled shuttle service for all days will be posted at The Haven Lodge during the Forum.

Food

The Haven offers tasty food options for most diets, including vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free.

If you have any food allergies or other nutritional preferences/concerns, please contact admin@ruralislandspartnership.ca ASAP.

Join Fellow Attendees For A Casual Networking Lunch

Tuesday, April 25

11:00 AM—1:00 PM

The Haven Lodge Dining Room

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2023 RIEP Forum Program

Welcome & Opening Session

1:00 PM

(doors open 12:45)

Phoenix Auditorium

What To Expect At the 2023 Forum

- **Connect**—with island settlers, Indigenous communities, and allies, to learn from and support each other in the celebration of the diversity, unique character and culture of BC's rural islands.
- **Reflect**—on your experience and outcomes from past RIEP Forum events in order to inform your participation in the program, including engaging keynote

sessions, interactive panel discussions, topical sector-driven showcases, and energizing & inspiring Action Labs.

- **ACT!** Following Day 2 Action Labs, the program will close with group development of 2023 Forum Resolutions—our ‘unconference conference’ outcomes.

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April 25-27!



The **Rural Islands Economic Partnership (RIEP)** leads, inspires, and cultivates sustainable economic resilience and community well-being through collaborative initiatives and partnerships for the benefit of BC's rural islands and the Indigenous Communities who have traditional or reserve lands on these islands.



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