



Thank You for Being Part of the 2023 RIEP Forum!

We couldn't have done it without you.

Whether you came to the 2023 Forum as an attendee, speaker, sponsor, or 'friend of RIEP', our time together on Gabriola was a great success, and that was due in large part to YOU - your time, passion, and demonstrated commitment to keeping the islands vibe alive and flourishing.

The 2023 RIEP Forum Resulted In Successful:

- **Connections:** New or renewed, the value of the experiences shared over those three days cannot be overstated. In-person, our sense of 'virtual community' transformed into real bonds, the critical, connective tissue for building the actual community of BC's rural islands.
- **Reflections:** Thanks to the guidance and direction of our facilitator team and opening speakers, we drew forward the ideas and values-based economic model established at the 2022 Forum to inspire new ideas to inspire change. We looked back, and now we're ready to move forward.
- **Action:** The ultimate objective of this year's Forum was for guided collaboration amongst all participants to result in actionable outcomes. Thanks to you, we created six working resolutions that express our collective determination to make change happen.

So What Happens Next?

In many ways, it's up to You, along with RIEP members, volunteers, and the Board to stand ready to breathe life into these Resolutions. With your continued support, the outcomes from 2023 RIEP Forum will be the platform for addressing the unique needs of BC's islands through intentional collaboration and collective action.

REGISTER TO ATTEND Connection Cafe 2023 RIEP Forum Resolutions

• FREE •

Thursday, June 8, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Learn more about the Resolutions, and the proposed process going forward. Share your ideas, and join in on next steps.

[REGISTER for the Connection Cafe - June 8](#)

Check-Out 2023 Forum Highlights

Now through the end of the summer, we'll share excerpts of the 2023 Forum program via the RIEP Forum Network Webpage, social media and video to showcase the full breadth of the Forum experience. Special thanks to Carla Duffey, Limesoda Photography, for her creative and engaging photographs of the Forum. Enjoy highlights in the *2023 RIEP Forum Photo Gallery* through the link below.

[2023 RIEP Forum Photo Gallery](#)

Brilliant 'Visual Sensemaking Illustration' of the 2023 RIEP Forum by the Artist Jenni Otilie-Keppler

[See Jenni's 'Visual Sensemaking' Illustration](#)

The 2023 Forum also featured evening entertainment — performances from talented Gabriola Island musicians *Sarah Osborne* and the *Fall in Love Dance Band*. They moved us...in all the ways! [Check-out Highlights here.](#)

And, deep gratitude to our friends at the *Gabriola Chamber of Commerce* for welcoming the 2023 RIEP Forum to the Island, as well as the *Haven Centre*, located on the traditional and unceded territories of the Snuneymuxw First Nations. [Check-out photos here.](#)

Forum Evaluations Open Until May 31

We Welcome Your Feedback

What worked? What could have been improved? What could we do differently?

Your feedback is essential to ensuring the evolution and success of the Forum. If you have not already done so, please complete the 2023 Forum Evaluation.

Visit the 2023 Forum Evaluation & Give Feedback!

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2023 RIEP Forum

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