



Being Prepared for Climate Change Economic Disruptions

Wednesday, March 27 - 6:30 - 8 PM

Learn About Best Ways To Mitigate Climate Threats to
Small Businesses & NPOs from Specialists & Activists

Connect with RIEP's Economic Resiliency Network

SPEAKER LINE-UP ANNOUNCED

Roundtable # 1:

Specific Risks To Rural & Remote Coastal Areas

- Provincial Planning To Mitigate Risk
- Business Interruption Protections
- Learnings From the 2023 Climate Change Disruptions

Featuring Speakers:

- Andrew Pape-Salmon, Executive Director, [Strategic Initiatives: BC Disaster Risk Management](#)

- Ken Villines, Senior Manager and Yvonne Jones, Advisor , [Coastal Community Credit Union](#)
- Cheryl McLay, Regional Mgr. [Vancouver Island/Coast Regional & Rural Development Unit, Ministry of Jobs, Economic Dev.& Innovation](#)

Roundtable #2:

Climate Anxiety Coping Strategies

Featuring Speakers:

- Nidhi Sharma, Projects Administrator, [UBC Climate Club, Climate Healing & Resilience](#)
- Maggie Ziegler, [Trauma Therapist & Educator](#)

Local Climate Change Mitigation Activists

Featuring Speakers:

- Susan Swift & Greg Blee - [Gabriola Island Climate 12-Action Project](#)
- Elijah McKenty, Fire Chief - [Cortes Island Fire Fighting Association](#)

[Register Now](#)

JOIN IN THE CONVERSATIONS FOR ACTION

Are you prepared for the risk of climate-related disruptions to your coastal region business, community organization, or livelihood?

Over the past few years, many parts of British Columbia have been directly –and sometimes dramatically–affected by climate change. In 2023 alone , a record-breaking wildfire season, the closure of Highway 4, and windstorm power outages resulted in a disproportionate number of rural island and remote coastal communities being negatively impacted.

It's very evident: We aren't immune to disaster by fire, flooding, or extreme weather events. These are economic disruptions affecting travel, staffing, communications, shipping and business operations at all levels.

Micro and small businesses across the islands and coast are even more impacted due to:

- Lack of coordinated approaches and attention due to our geographic dispersion
- Reliance on ferry transportation
- Limited, dependable communication infrastructure

Add your voice to advocacy for coordinated climate risk planning, response and recovery!

FREE
Virtual Event

RIEP CONNECTION CAFE • March 27 - 6:30 PM

[Register Today](#)

CONNECT
With Fellow Rural island & Coastal Community Residents

SHARE Your Experiences
GAIN Information
OBTAIN Vital Resources



**Ride a Wave of Growth for
Your Island Venture**

Rising Tide is the *go-to resource* for everything from website projects to digital marketing and sales support.

[Book A Free 30-min Consultation](#)





Help Build The Rural Islands & Remote-Coastal Community Network

Become A RIEP Member

RIEP Members are the voice for BC's rural islands & remote coastal communities

Recognizing RIEP's alignment of common needs and shared goals with BC's rural-remote coastal communities RIEP membership includes. Chemainus, Port McNeill, Port Hardy, Port Alice, Sayward, Powell River, Campbell River and Ka:'yu:'k't'h' / Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations are just a few of the many rural - remote coastal communities that can share in and contribute to the creation of business and community partnerships that are so critical to building rural-coastal resilience.

Join Us!
RIEP memberships start at \$25/year.

RURAL ISLANDS ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP
CULTIVATING RESILIENT PARTNERSHIPS

[Check-Out The Latest RIEP Member Profiles](#)

Join RIEP



CONNECT



Monthly Connection
Café meetup

GROW



Affordable digital
marketing tools



INFLUENCE



Become a voice for
change + action

SHAPE



Participate in a
RIEP Committee

We respectfully acknowledge that this correspondence has been sent from the traditional unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the WSÁNEĆ First Nations and Hul'quimi'num Treaty Group, whose historical relationship with the land continues to this day.



RURAL ISLANDS ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP
CULTIVATING RESILIENT PARTNERSHIPS

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, rural-remote coastal regions, and the Indigenous communities who have traditional or reserve lands on these lands.

Follow us:



RURAL ISLANDS ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP | c/o McKimm & Lott, Unit 201-118 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2S4 Canada

[Unsubscribe info@ruralislandspartnership.ca](mailto:info@ruralislandspartnership.ca)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by info@ruralislandspartnership.ca powered by



Try email marketing for free today!