



**RURAL
ISLANDS
ECONOMIC
PARTNERSHIP**



A VIBRANT COMMUNITY NETWORK

RIEP's Fall Newsletter

Moving forward with your support RIEP is continuing to build a vibrant community-based network for rural-remote-Indigenous coastal community connections, convening, informing and advocating for the rural and coastal-created solutions required to thrive and sustain economically, environmentally and socially.

Together with Indigenous and settler community-building organizations, stakeholders, and policymakers we're amplifying locally-driven solutions by facilitating the flow of trusted information, fostering dialogue and sharing tools and resources.

RIEP's purpose is to ensure our voices are heard and received as we actively shape the future we need to thrive and survive.



BE AN INFORMED VOTER

In mid-September, RIEP issued a call for the BC Conservative Party, the BC Green Party, the BC New Democratic Party, to respond to questions about their Party's position on issues of concern for BC's rural-remote-Indigenous coastal communities.

[Election 2024 Responses – All Parties](#)

[Link To Election 2024 - Background Materials](#)

RIEP believes that being an informed voter is crucial to the health of our Canadian democracy. When voters are knowledgeable about the candidates, policies, and issues on the ballot, they are better equipped to make decisions that align with their values and the needs of their communities. Informed voting helps ensure that elected leaders are accountable and representative of the public's interests, rather than being chosen based on personality or misinformation.

Responses to these questions are being published widely in advance of the election to help citizens make informed voting decisions.

RURAL- COASTAL HOUSING STREAM RECEIVES REGIONAL DISTRICT SUPPORT



Facilitated by RIEP's **Housing Advocacy Working Group**, with the leadership of Robyn Mawhinney, **Strathcona Regional District Electoral Area Director** (Discovery Islands & Mainland Inlets, and Paul Brent, **Capital Regional District Electoral Area Director** (Southern Gulf Islands) – both **Regional District Boards** are calling on the Province to create a rural community-coastal islands affordable housing funding stream and supports to facilitate construction of projects suited with the unique constraints of rural housing.

The SRD and the CRD Boards issued Resolution letters on September 6 and October 9 to the Premier & Housing Minister on behalf of BC's rural and coastal island communities.

[View Resolution Here](#)

RIEP's Rising Tide Shared Services Hub



Partner Benefits Program Launched

Join with us in serving the businesses of BC's rural and remote coastal communities

Rising Tide is a 'shared business' service dedicated to supporting the rural and coastal island communities that require creative solutions for assisting start-ups, micro-business and entrepreneurs working hard to survive and thrive.

Rising Tide Partnerships provide **not-for-profit marketing services** offered through Channel Partners such as local Chambers of Commerce, Arts, Farm, Tourism, and local-regional Community EcDev organizations.

Joining as a Rising Tide Partner can strengthen local organizations with a mandate to support businesses and community well-being, while building up the capacity of their members and stakeholders.

[Rising Tide Partner Invitation](#)



Invitation: Partnership Opportunity

Join us in serving the businesses of BC's rural islands and remote coastal communities!

RisingTideBusiness.ca



Skills Up: Campbell River Micro-Market Business Training Kicks Off In October:

Campbell River's Micro Market is an exciting initiative for enhancing the cultural vitality of Campbell River while providing a catalyst for small business growth in support of local community economic development.

Rising Tide's SkillsUp Program is thrilled to deliver business skills training focused on scaling Campbell River's small businesses; providing them with the tools to effectively move through their business growth stages.

Towards Achieving A Rural-Coastal Community Circular Economy



RIEP is helping to realize climate goals and advance local circular economy achievements for BC's rural-coastal communities. As a Regional Partner with Synergy Foundation's Project Zero's Circular Economy Accelerator.

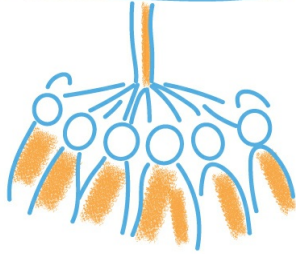
RIEP is proud to have sponsored Rural Island Businesses as a component of RIEP's Green Business Accelerator Project.

Congratulations to Salt Spring Sea Salt and Pender's Big Dig'Em, recent graduates of Project Zero. They are leading the way with efforts towards exploring new approaches for recycling or up-cycling waste into secondary raw materials, maximizing its economic value and reducing demand for virgin resources.

STAY TUNED:

March 2025 RIEP VIRTUAL FORUM

RIEP's 2025 Virtual Forum will be co-created to serve



the RIEP Network—celebrating and highlighting the work RIEP is doing with Partners, Allies, Members, to advance regenerative community driven socio-economic resilience.

Interested in helping to shape the program for the March 2025 Two-Half Day Virtual Event?

Please Contact:

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TOGETHER
We Are Building A
Vibrant Rural-Coastal Communities Network



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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

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