

Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program grant for Gambier Island  
April 25, 2023

Dear Gambier Islanders

We were delighted to receive your initial thoughts and positive replies to our April 19<sup>th</sup> email about our Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) grant.

We are reaching out again to share additional information about our project and ways Gambier Islanders can become involved.

### Project activities and timelines

Starting now through to May 2025 we plan as follows:

- Spring 2023 – launch the project by appointing an oversight committee and recruiting volunteer/paid staff
- Summer 2023 – develop and conduct a survey of island residents and property owners about community-identified priorities for the island\*
- Fall – Winter 2023/2024 – Review and compile the survey results and list the priorities for some plans to be developed and carried out\*
- Spring/Summer 2024 – develop plans to address the most pressing priorities identified from the survey\*
- Summer 2024 to Spring 2025– begin activating some plans in order to begin addressing some priorities identified during the survey

\* We expect these activities to be completed with the assistance of a professional consultant.

### Ways to contribute to the project:

- Participate in the survey coming later this summer.
- Become a member of the Oversight Committee to provide overall leadership on this project. In order to successfully execute this project the Oversight Committee will be made up of various members of the Gambier Island community including two GICA board members. We are also seeking two or three people to represent the interests of other established Gambier Island organizations and two to three community-at-large members.

If you are interested in being part of the Oversight Committee, please send an email to Brian Thorpe ([brianthorpe74@gmail.com](mailto:brianthorpe74@gmail.com)) by May 10, 2023, indicating your interest, outlining why you are qualified, and if you are applying to represent the interests of a community organization or as a community-at-large member.

- Apply for our Project Coordinator employment opportunity

Attached to this email is a job description for a part-time Project Coordinator. This position reports to the Oversight Committee and plays an integral role in our REDIP project. While we would love to find a community member interested in filling this role pro bono, we have funds budgeted to contract someone to do this work. The paid position has a wage of \$30/hour, and we expect the individual to work a total of 300 hours (150 hours annually over a 2 year period).

Individuals interested in this position can apply by sending a resume and cover letter to Danny Tryon ([dwtryon@gmail.com](mailto:dwtryon@gmail.com)) by May 3, 2023.

- Contribute as a project consultant. We are seeking qualified individuals who have experience conducting community consultations, developing needs-assessment surveys and creating action-plans to address issues identified by the community. In-kind/pro-bono work is always appreciated and will allow more of our Provincial funds to be directed towards activating our action-plans. If you have any of the qualifications outlined herein, and are interested in contributing to this project, please contact Scott Finestone ([scottfinestone@gmail.com](mailto:scottfinestone@gmail.com)) as soon as possible.
- Make a financial contribution in support of any aspect of this project as you wish. Any additional contributions received by the Association will allow Provincial funding to go further! (Note that once community-identified priorities are established, we hope to circulate plans, with budgets, for each priority and will be seeking financial support directed at specific projects.) If you are able to make a financial contribution to this project please contact Scott Finestone ([scottfinestone@gmail.com](mailto:scottfinestone@gmail.com)).

Best regards,

Gambier Island Community Association Directors