

December 6th, 2023

Dear Gambier Islanders,

Thank you for your continued interest and involvement in the GICA REDIP project. We would like to provide you with an update on the project and share some exciting news with you.

The four master's students from the UBC School of Community and Regional Planning will be visiting the island on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>! Their plan is to engage with and learn about Gambier and its communities. The students will tour the SW peninsula on the 9<sup>th</sup> and will be attending the Christmas Potluck Dinner at the Community Centre, say hi if you see them! They will also visit several other Gambier communities on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

The students have been working hard to analyze the 400 survey responses and write an interim report. In the New Year, they will facilitate community engagement sessions. Members from all Gambier communities are welcome to attend. These sessions will be held either in-person, over zoom, or both. More information will be coming on this.

Attached is a project brief that the students put together which outlines their overall plan for the REDIP project up to April 2024. If you wish to learn more about the project, you can find their full proposal on the Gambier Island website: <https://www.gambierisland.org/GICA.htm>.

We will continue to update you on the status of the GICA REDIP project and will be engaging with you further soon. If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact **[gambierredip@gmail.com](mailto:gambierredip@gmail.com)**.

Best regards,

The Gambier Island Community Association Board,

The GICA REDIP Oversight Committee (Carmela Allevato, Elizabeth Carriere, Elaine Davies, Todd Elyzen, Zeno Farinelli, Torsten Kehler, Sophia Khan, Jeanne Mikita, Carol Petroski, Emily Pickett, Rod Robertson and Deb Wainwright) and

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