

February 1st, 2024

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 the **preliminary survey results** from the island-wide survey conducted this past summer.

1. Further engagement

The four master's students from the UBC School of Community and Regional Planning will be returning to the island for an **in-person community engagement session on February 17th from 10am-12pm at the Gambier Community Centre in the downstairs Anavets room**. This in-person session is open to all islanders. **Please RSVP to gambierredip@gmail.com if you plan on attending**. Light food and refreshments will be provided, and all folks who attend will be entered into a draw to win one of three fabulous prizes. For those who cannot make it in-person, there will be an **online engagement session on February 20th from 6:30-8:00pm over zoom**. There will also be additional online engagement sessions with communities outside of the Southwest peninsula in February.

2. Preliminary Survey Results

Attached is a document of the preliminary survey results compiled by the students based on the 400+ survey responses from the island-wide survey conducted this past summer. A more detailed analysis will be coming after the community engagement is complete.

We will continue to update you on the status of the GICA REDIP project and will be engaging with you again. If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact **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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