



September 18, 2024.

**Attention: Robyn Mawhinney Area C Regional Director & Board
Strathcona Regional District
990 Cedar Street
Campbell River, B.C.
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Dear Robyn & Board,

Re: REDIP Funding Proposal Letter of Support

I am writing to request a letter of support for an exciting initiative led by the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce aimed at enhancing economic resilience and sustainable growth in our Quadra Island community. Our project involves hiring a part-time Economic Development Coordinator to spearhead efforts in diversifying our local economy, focusing on sustainable tourism and community development.

The Discovery Islands, with Quadra Island as the gateway, are renowned for their natural beauty and vibrancy. However, we face challenges due to our reliance on seasonal tourism and resource-based industries, which can undermine economic stability. Our project seeks to address these issues by developing a comprehensive sustainable tourism plan, engaging with local stakeholders, and building the capacity of our businesses through targeted mentorship and professional development.

We believe this initiative will significantly benefit our community by reducing economic dependency on seasonal activities, creating year-round employment opportunities, and preserving our unique natural and cultural assets.

We would greatly appreciate your support in this endeavor. Your partnership will play a crucial role in realizing our vision of a thriving, resilient, and sustainable economy for Quadra Island.

Thank you for considering our request at your September meeting.

Sincerely,

Carol Ann Terreberry
Council Member – REDIP Steering Committee
Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce