



Appendix A – Delegation Presentation Material

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Paul Petrie – To speak to the draft Trust Policy Statement and Implementation Policy 1.3.1.

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Francine Carlin, Rural Islands Economic Partnership – To provide background which supports RIEPs re-submission for \$2000 of Islands Trust sponsorship support for the Rural Islands Economic Partnership Forum 2026-27.

From: Paul Petrie <[REDACTED]>
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To: Executive Admin
Subject: Re: Application to address Trust Council

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Hi Alexandra,

Thank you for the clarification of what is required to support my presentation to Trust Council. I will address 3 issues in my presentation to Trust Council as summarized below.

1. Given the findings in the May 2026 phase 4 Public Engagement Report, I will propose an option for Trust Council to consider for the draft Trust Policy Statement consistent with the guidance offered to Trust Council in the Minister's April 28, 2025 letter.
2. On the basis of the 2025-26 budget, I will share my views on steps to better reconcile the budget consistent with the statutory Object of the Trust and with the current Trust Policy Statement.
3. After reviewing *Canada v. Vavilov* and the subsequent *Auer v. Auer*, I will propose an approach for revising the outdated Trust policy 1.3.1 for implementing the "contrary to or at variance with" test in section 15 of the Act.

Best regards,

Paul Petrie

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ISLANDS**
ECONOMIC
PARTNERSHIP

RIEP Forum 2025

Purpose, Importance & Impact – OUTCOMES SUMMARY

Adaptation

Innovation

Resilience

PURPOSE

The RIEP Forum's Mission

The RIEP Forum is the flagship event of the Rural Islands Economic Partnership — bringing together residents, business owners, non-profit leaders, housing advocates, artists, educators, and Indigenous leaders in a shared space to name common challenges, surface practical solutions, and forge connections across island boundaries.



Adaptation

Responding to US tariff policy, shifting funding landscapes, and evolving community needs

Innovation

Embracing AI tools, shared services, cooperative housing, and hydroponic farming

Resilience

Building social infrastructure, economic foundations, and cross-community partnerships

Applying a Climate Lens to Community Economic Capacity Building



RIEP: Just & Regenerative Economy

Green local economies & circular systems replace extractive models with regenerative livelihoods



RIEP: Adaptation & Resilience

Risk-informed investment & climate-lens planning builds island communities that withstand disruption



RIEP: Indigenous Reconciliation

Equity at the centre prioritizes frontline communities and supports Indigenous-led economic stewardship



RIEP: Local Solutions & Innovation

Self-reliant island economies — local food, clean energy, shared services — as climate adaptation in action

Both the Islands Trust mandate and the RIEP Forum are rooted in the same purpose: ***protecting place and building prosperous, adaptive communities are the same goal.***

WHY THE FORUM MATTERS

A Unique Economy

Owner-operated micro-businesses facing higher infrastructure costs, ferry-dependent supply chains, and seasonal economies.

External Pressures

US-Canada trade war and tariff escalation threaten fisheries, forestry, and tourism. No island can absorb these shocks alone — collective resilience is essential.

Reconciliation

Keynote speaker Adam Olsen (Tsartlip First Nation) challenged participants to move beyond acknowledgement toward active economic partnership with Indigenous communities.

Housing Crisis

Eight housing organisations collaborated at the Forum. The unified ask: a dedicated rural funding stream, rural-specific design standards, and a seat at the decision-making table.

IMPACT

Knowledge Shared Across Communities

HEALTH

Multi-stakeholder coordination for community-wide crisis response

TOURISM

Regenerative model — visitor education over high-season promotion

FOOD SECURITY

Emergency food resilience through grassroots networks on Salt Spring Island

CLIMATE

Community-driven climate pathways through deep local organising

REGIONAL

Economic framework centring reconciliation and rural inclusion

ARTS

Cultural hub anchoring social cohesion and youth engagement

CAPACITY

Hydroponic greenhouse delivering food sovereignty outcomes

IMPACT

Amplified Advocacy — A Multi-Year Arc

2023

Formal resolution on the rural housing crisis produced at Forum

2024

Advocacy led to regional districts writing directly to the Premier

2025

Housing roundtable sharpened collective ask; built solidarity among housing societies

Connection as Infrastructure

The most durable impact of the Forum is the human infrastructure it builds: relationships forged in breakout rooms, the shared understanding that your island's challenges are not unique, and renewed common purpose carried back to communities. In a context of geographic isolation, the annual Forum is itself an act of resilience.

LOOKING FORWARD

Strengthening Connections — Year Round

The 2025 Forum closed with RIEP's enduring call to action: Forums alone are not sufficient. The relationships, knowledge, and momentum generated must translate into sustained action.

Network

Build connections across
island communities
year-round

Advocate

Continued representation
to provincial & federal
government

Support

Grow ecosystem of
shared services &
cooperative models

Act

Translate Forum
momentum into on-the-
ground collaboration

RIEP's Purpose

The Rural Islands Economic Partnership (RIEP) serves to empower British Columbia's rural islands and remote coastal communities by honouring reconciliation and by collaborating and convening to share information, resources and opportunities. We network, we advocate, we support, and we take action to achieve enduring socio-economic well-being together.

Inviting Your Support

Fall 2026–27 Forum Sponsorship

\$2,000

Sponsorship

Islands Trust's mandate — to preserve and protect the unique amenity and environment of the Trust Area — is lived out every day by the residents, organisations, and leaders who gather at the RIEP Forum. A \$2,000 sponsorship for the Fall 2026–27 Forum is a direct investment in the communities Islands Trust exists to serve.

Shared Constituency

The RIEP Forum brings together residents, businesses, housing advocates, and Indigenous leaders from across the exact communities Islands Trust is mandated to protect. Sponsorship signals that Islands Trust is a committed partner in island community wellbeing — not just a regulator.

Aligned Priorities

Housing affordability, reconciliation, climate resilience, and sustainable local economies are central to both RIEP's Forum agenda and Islands Trust's strategic priorities. Supporting the Forum amplifies work that Islands Trust already cares about.

Visibility & Goodwill

Sponsorship provides Islands Trust with recognition across the Forum program, website, and communications — reaching an engaged audience of island community leaders. It builds goodwill and strengthens the Trust's relationship with the communities it serves.

We respectfully request Islands Trust's support as a sponsor of the RIEP Fall 2026–27 Forum