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Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

To the Rural Advisory Council:

**RE: Letter in Support of Gabriola Chamber of Commerce Application**

The Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee would like to express its support for the Gabriola Chamber of Commerce application to the BC Rural Dividend Program for a grant of \$10,000 to fund the preparation of a Commercial Demand Forecast for Gabriola Island.

This initiative works towards achieving key goals of the Islands Trust and Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee, including the Islands Trust Policy Statement goal, "*To sustain island character and healthy communities,*" and the Gabriola Island Official Community Plan goal, "*To preserve the rural character and atmosphere of the Gabriola Planning Area and ensure that the community remains a viable, healthful place in which to live, providing for a variety of lifestyles in harmony with the natural environment.*"

The Commercial Demand Forecast will be a beneficial tool for community planning on Gabriola Island and more specifically for planning of the Gabriola Village Core, which has been identified as a key project on the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee work program.

Sincerely,

Laura Busheikin, Chair  
Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee

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