
On Mar 24, 2026, at 12:50 PM, Brodie Guy <brodie@islandcoastaltrust.ca> wrote:

Good morning Mayor Wells and Geoff,

We are at a pivotal moment for local economies across Vancouver Island and coastal communities — and the voice of your community matters.

Local leaders who govern Island Coastal Economic Trust are working to support the Province of British Columbia to advance a once-in-a-generation opportunity to modernize the Trust with a strategic investment to shape economic development across our region for decades. A brand-new [Independent Legislative Review — A Case For Change](#) — provides a compelling, evidence-based case for this change, identifying strategic investment as the essential foundation for modernizing the Trust and advancing co-governance with First Nations. This is something local governments and First Nations have sought since the Trust started, and now, enabling new legislation is being developed by the Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth.

We are requesting the support of your council in this defining moment in Trust’s history. Attached is a template letter for your council to consider sending to Minister Ravi Kahlon. At the Regional Advisory Committee meetings of the Trust, elected leaders encouraged each other to copy your local MLAs and, where possible, coordinate a joint letter with neighbouring councils, First Nations, and/or regional districts to amplify the message. Please adapt the template with stories and examples specific to your community — the Minister needs to hear the human and local economic impact of this work in your own words.

This advocacy builds on real momentum. Throughout early 2026, community leaders have engaged MLAs directly, building on recommendations from over 30 First Nations governments who contributed to the [First Nations Strategic Recommendations Report](#) — which is now actively informing the development of new legislation. Together, governments across our region have built a strong foundation. But the window is open now: legislative and investment decisions will be made in the months ahead, and elected voices like yours are essential to advancing this vision that is shared among local governments and First Nations.

Please reach out directly if I can support you in any way — I am ready to assist immediately.

With gratitude,
Brodie

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