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To: [Tim McGonigle](#); [CAO](#)
Subject: Re: Island Coastal Economic Trust — Letter of Support
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Good afternoon Mayor McGonigle and John,

I hope you are both doing well — it must be paradise in Lake Cowichan right now with this weather. It was nice to see you at AVICC!

I wanted to check in if your council had had an opportunity to consider sending a letter to Minister Kahlon asking for the Trust's legislation to be prioritized this year?

Good news — Minister Kahlon was speaking in estimates at the Legislature late yesterday very positively that he is receiving letters from local governments and First Nations. Here are a couple quick citations from the Hansard

On the Island, the trusts are in a different place. I'm getting letters from every single local government and First Nation saying that we want to do this together in partnership. That's great.

What I've shared with the member is I've probably got 17 letters from communities on Vancouver Island that are asking us to help them with their trust to allow them to do more work in partnership with First Nations.

We believe that we'll get better outcomes if we're partnering and finding ways to connect on economic development. I think that when everyone will get better outcomes, everyone will benefit. That's the intention. We want all boats to rise together

***My team has been engaging with them regularly, and we'll find a pathway forward.** It may look different for different trusts, and that's okay, because they're serving different populations.*

Thank you and wishing you both a great weekend ahead, Brodie

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Subject: Island Coastal Economic Trust — Letter of Support

Good morning Mayor McGonigle and John,

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 feel free to 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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