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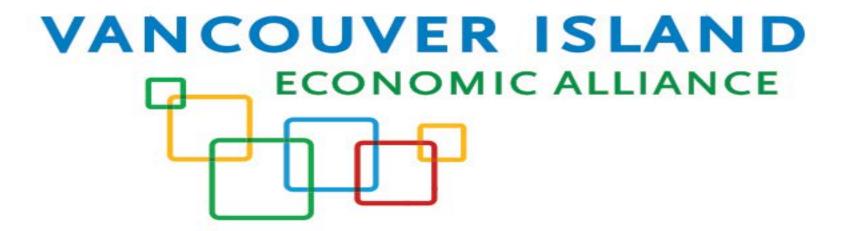








#### What is VIEA?





#### **VANCOUVER ISLAND**



**is:** 

- Non-Government
- Non-Profit
- Supported by Members/Sponsors
- Serving all of VI & Gulf Islands
- With 15-Member Board & Several Committees

- Objective Economic Vitality & Sustainability
- Methods Collaboration & Information Sharing
- Priorities Broad Benefit to Island Stakeholders
- Results Improved Economic Climate



## VIEA Produces...

## STATE OF THE ISLAND ECONOMIC





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# REPORT

#### **Key Observations for 2019:**

Expect Economy to Moderate
Skilled Labour Shortage Will Slow Growth
Tourism Will Remain Strong. Aquaculture & Wood Industries Challenged

Increasing Cost of Housing Will Continue As An Issue



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# REPORT

2018 Report (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) is available for purchase - \$195 viea.ca

2019 Report (5<sup>th</sup> Edition) will be released at Economic Summit – Oct. 23/24, 2019

Free access for VIEA members & Summit delegates





## Priorities...

- Retaining Talent from Colleges & Universities
- Increasing Value-Added Wood Manufacturing
- Developing & Marketing Island Business Cases
- Reducing Child Poverty/Improving Access to Education
- Engaging First Nations in Business/Economic Development



## So, What is...







# A Market Share Advantage for Island Products

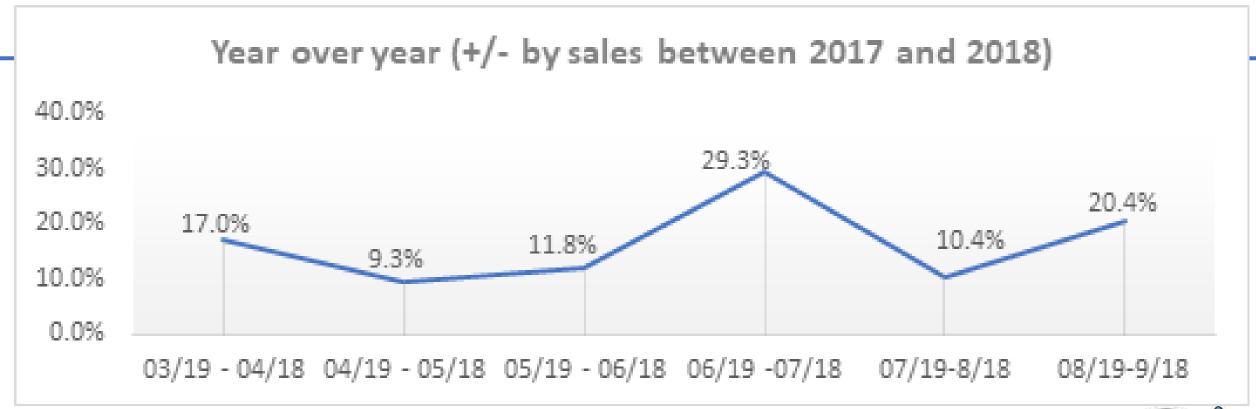


## Six-Month Pilot with Four Major Grocers in 2018

- Ad Hoc Committee One year formulating the concept
- Formal Committee with Retail Partners 18-months preparing the pilot
- Six-Month Pilot March thru September 2018
- Pilot Results & Next Steps Released at Economic Summit, Oct. 2018



#### What We Achieved





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## 16.36% Sales Lift for Island Products

Averaged Sales in 45 Grocery Stores





#### What We Sought & What We Learned

#### Our Thesis:

- If Island products are easier to identify on retail shelves, will consumers purchase more?
- We assume that increased demand will lead to increased production.
- We assume increased production will lead to more investment and more employment.

#### Our Learning:

- Yes, consumers will respond.
- Island Good shelf & product marking clearly makes a difference.
- Lift in sales was sustained throughout the campaign.
- Island Good has increased market share for Island products.



#### Where Now?



Expanding to include culinary tourism by broadening access to Island Good for resorts, restaurants, wineries and distilleries.



Opening the door for a wider & more diverse list of retailers to meet market demand for local products by using Island Good at point of sale.



Encouraging growers, producers & processors to use Island Good on their packaging & in their web presence & advertision



#### Tourists LOVE Local!

We know that tourists look for local products wherever they go—and 'local' can be hard to find...

Island Good has huge potential for appeal in tourism & hospitality:

- Resort & Tourism Centre Product Displays
- Box Lunches for Adventure & Eco Tours
- Restaurant Menus
- Winery Tours & Culinary Experiences



#### Licensing Now Available...

Island Good is registered and protected as a marketing advantage for interested growers, producers, processors, distributors and retailers of Vancouver Island food & beverage products.

Visit Islandgood.ca for details.





## Early Adopters:

#### **Demand Side Licensees:**

- Country Grocer
- Comox Valley Airport
- 49<sup>th</sup> Parallel Grocery
- Quality Foods
- Thrifty Foods
- Peppers Foods
- Tru Value Foods
- Vancouver Island Market
- Big Value Sales

#### **Supply Side Licensees:**

- Paradise Island Foods
- Tilly's Galley
- Springford Farm
- Mitchell's Soup Company
- 40 Knots Winery
- St. Jean's Cannery & Smokehouse
- Level Ground Coffee
- Foley Dog Treats
- Nanoose Edibles Farm
- VI Farm Products



























### Now, What is...







## **HTZ**Vi

#### - The 12<sup>th</sup> FTZ Point in Canada

- FTZ Vi The only broad regional FTZ in Canada
- FTZ Vi The only FTZ granted to a non-government organization
- FTZ VII Started in a conversation at the Summit in 2015
- FTZ Vi All about improving Island prospects for global trade





## The FTZVi 3-Fold Advantage

- 1. Duty/Tax Deferral Programs Cash Flow Advantage for Exporters
- 2. Single Point of Access Government Task Force Assigned to FTZ Vi
- 3. A Single Island Brand for Global Export Marketing







#### Has Enormous Growth Capacity



Airports in Nanaimo, Victoria, Port Alberni and Campbell River have significant commercial lands available...



Nanaimo & Port Alberni Port Authorities, GVHA, and deep water access up & down the Island from Crofton to Port Hardy...



Existing Transportation Infrastructure can handle 10 times current volumes...







'Right Out of the Gate':

Foreign Direct Investment – a portfolio of business cases.

MOU with Chinese Young Entrepreneurs Association of Canada







Foreign Direct Investment:

7 Business Cases marketed internationally – Wood Manufacturing, Clean Tech, Tourism, Aquaculture







Vancouver Island - Perfectly Positioned in Canada's Pacific Gateway for Global Trade





## Tools for Economic Vitality

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SUMMITTEE

VIEA-Attracting Investment & Making Deals

BUSINESS

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