

The Great Blue Heron Way



A VISION

Elder x^wasteniya (Ruth Mary Adams)
Tsawwassen First Nation



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VISION STATEMENT

“Recognition and acknowledgement of First Nation Traditional Territories is sacred to the Ancestors and youth today. The Great Blue Heron Way honours the people and their land past and present. By presenting these important landmarks for the history of Canada.

The Great Blue Heron Way is a journey where people can safely enjoy the nature of lands and waters. The spirit of this path connects the people along the way, where friendships can grow naturally.

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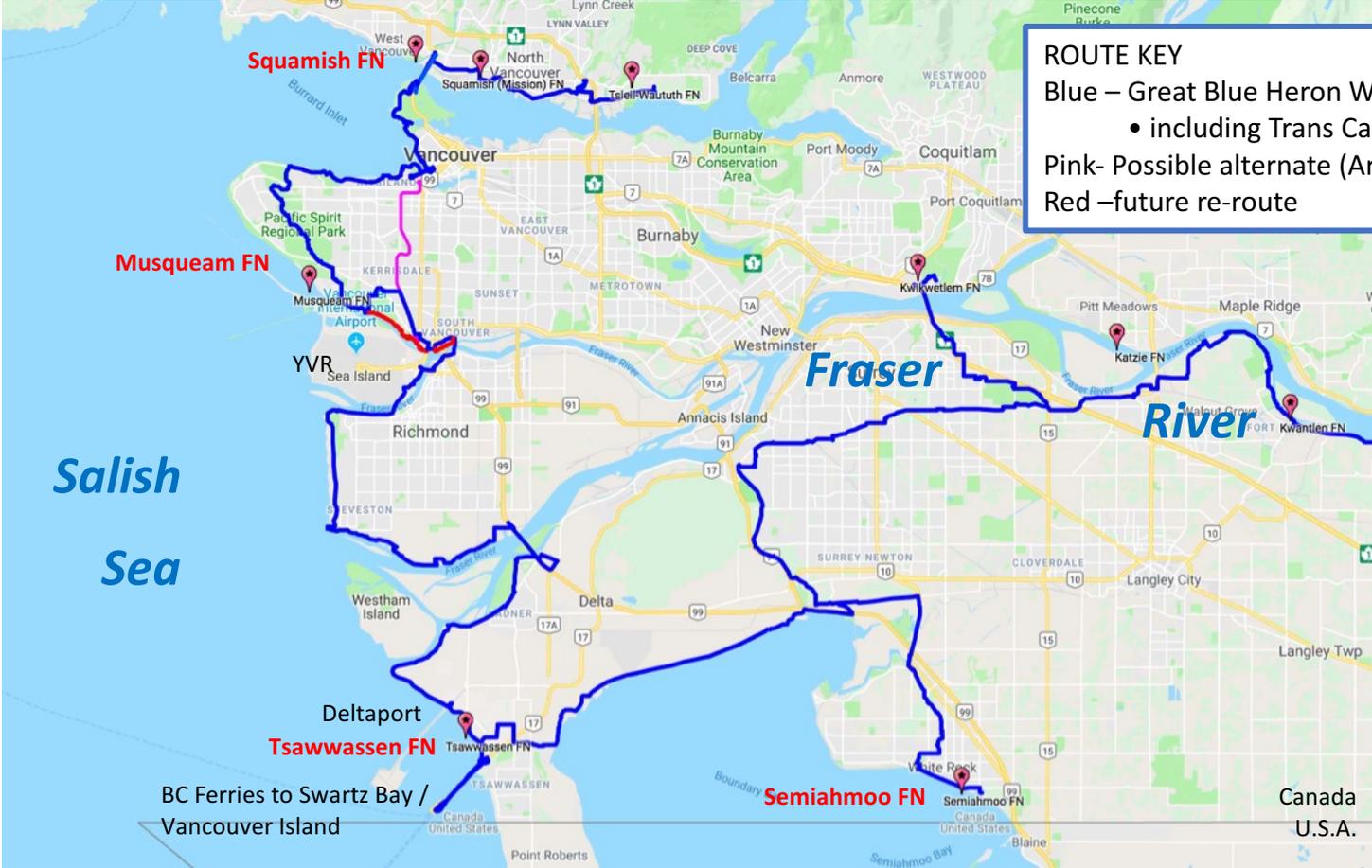
The Great Blue Heron Way is the vision of Respected Tsawwassen Elder x^wasteniya (Ruth Mary Adams). There are many hardworking friends who believe in this spiritual path that honours traditional territories and their people, past and present.

The Great Blue Heron Way honours the traditional territories of the Tsawwassen First Nation people. The path will honour each and every traditional territory that it connects with along the way.”

GBHW graphic by Tsawwassen First Nation artist x^wastenəxən (Karl Morgan)



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ROUTE KEY
 Blue – Great Blue Heron Way
 • including Trans Canada Trail
 Pink- Possible alternate (Arbutus Greenway)
 Red –future re-route

Sto:lo FN



BC Ferries to Swartz Bay / Vancouver Island

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The Galloping Goose Trail, Victoria, was the inspiration.

First section of Great Blue Heron Way completed in 2016.
The **Tsawwassen First Nation Breakwater Multi-use Path Project** from Highway 17 / Tsawwassen BC Ferry causeway to Tsawwassen FN Village via path and a new boardwalk.

Funders:

- **BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure**
- **TransLink**
- **Tsawwassen First Nation**
- **Aquilini**

Additional supporting partners 2007 – 2019:

BC Cycling Coalition; B.E.S.T.; Safe Routes Tsawwassen;
FVRL; BC Ferries; Trails BC / Trans Canada Trail; Experience
The Fraser; Arbutus Greenway Improvement Society; Fraser
Health; City of Delta; HUB Cycling Delta local committee.



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2019. Along the Salish Sea via breakwater path and boardwalk looking north.



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2019. Along the Salish Sea from Brunswick Point to Deltaport.
There used to be an at-grade crossing of the railway tracks. The Port Authority now has barrier gates.
A crossing solution is needed.



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2019. Along the Fraser River From Brunswick Point to Ladner. A 10-year TFN treaty anniversary celebration pole has been raised, facing the water.

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May 2019. Example photos from The Spirt Trail, North Vancouver.

The Great Blue Heron Way intends to connect: along the Salish Sea between Semiahmoo First Nation at the USA border and Squamish First Nation in North Vancouver, Vancouver Island First Nations via BC Ferries and, along the Fraser River via Sto:lo First Nation into the BC interior.



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