

HUB Tsawwassen Delta
Great Blue Heron Way Team
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December 16, 2019

Dear Chief Ken Baird,

Thank you very much for allowing the latest Great Blue Heron Way (GBHW) team meeting to take place at the TFN Lands Department office on December 10. We really appreciated having some planners join us, Senior Planner Rasika Acharya and Planner Kris Patel. And having Oliver's expertise to connect our computer to the screen.

It was excellent to have TFN artist Karl Morgan join us and give support for the GBHW vision. His artwork, first created in 2009 for David Hamilton of BC Ferries to enable sharing the GBHW concept with stakeholders and build the GBHW vision, is now an integral part of all GBHW communications. The beautiful heron artwork will be proudly prominent on signage along the GBHW path through Tsawwassen Land. We look forward to working closely with Karl on the final placement.

It was excellent to learn from Senior Planner Rasika Acharya that Place Making is being actively pursued at this time, and that the GBHW signage can be a significant part of that important initiative. At Tuesday's meeting this raised the need for way-finding elements with the GBHW path signage, to safely direct people on the correct path and connect people with both natural (breakwater) and built (Tsawwassen Mills and Commons) amenities that the TFN would like to share; as an opportunity for education, communication and economic benefit.

It was a great to follow up December 10 on our past meeting with you August 15, update members of the Great Blue Heron Way team, and remind people of Elder Ruth's lead that occurs due to your support. Karl Morgan gave his agreement for the marker and welcome signage design, both of which are attached for you to see.

Elder Ruth continues to communicate how the Great Blue Heron Way is hosted by Tsawwassen First Nation and reaches out to First Nations around the Salish Sea and along the Sto:lo — as an important and visionary reconciliation path. TFN is the geographical centre of that travel opportunity.

Elder Ruth and GBHW team members would like the opportunity to present to yourself and the TFN Executive, to show that the GBHW concept is a TFN lead, and all the genuine welcome that is given to Elder Ruth from all levels of government and local area residents.

Thank you very much for all your support. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
Elder Ruth Adams, Tsawwassen First Nation
Roel Schootman, Chair, HUB Tsawwassen Delta GBHW committee

cc. Karl Morgan, TFN Artist
Rasika Acharya, TFN Senior Planner
Neil Pope, Chair, HUB Cycling Tsawwassen Delta
Léon Lebrun, Trails BC
David Grigg, Arbutus Greenway Improvements Society
Sandra Jones, HUB Cycling Tsawwassen Delta
Carol Vignale, HUB Cycling Tsawwassen Delta
Jeff Leigh, Chair, HUB Cycling Regional Advisory Committee



Attachments: 2 Great Blue Heron Way sign layouts



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Graphic by Artist X^wastanaxan (Karl Morgan)

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Welcome to the Great Blue Heron Way

Tsawwassen First Nation was a host nation to other nations travelling back and forth between Vancouver Island and the mountains where the sasquatch roamed. Now Tsawwassen is host to the BC Ferries, the Delta Vancouver Port and the Tsawwassen Mills / Commons shopping malls.

On the Salish Sea shore the Great Blue Herons live with the Tsawwassen people, and their presence is a link along this path to others. Welcome to all those friends who have helped in this journey, and welcome to everyone to share in this spiritual path now and in the future.

Elder X^wasteniya (Ruth Mary Adams)



(Welcome sign size: 17" wide x 22" tall)