

HUB Cycling Tsawwassen Delta
Great Blue Heron Way Team
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Dear Chief Ken Baird and TFN Executive Council,

Thank you very much for having us to your March 3 meeting, to update you on the Great Blue Heron Way (GBHW) vision and route signage opportunity. Thank you for reading the GBHW team update report, your welcome, your endorsement of the GBHW, your excellent suggestions for opportunities such as the marathon concept, and the important discussion on next steps. We appreciate you sharing this GBHW pathway vision with the TFN Advisory Council.

As Elder Ruth explains, the Great Blue Heron Way (GBHW) pathway is a gift of friendship to those it passes by and is an educational, healthy active travel path for all to experience, young and old. TFN is the geographical centre of that travel opportunity — as TFN has been for thousands of years, this is where it all begins. It was mentioned in the meeting how the GBHW can contribute to economic advantages for TFN, too.

Some of the next steps we discussed are noted here. We do understand that these follow the TFN Advisory Council consultation:

- sharing the GBHW vision with TFN members, possibly within the Facility Plan and Place-making Program public outreach engagement sessions;
- working with TFN staff and TFN artist Karl Morgan to develop signage way-finding and best placement within the TFN Place-making Program framework;
- developing a pamphlet to have available for communications with FNs and other governments;
- reaching out to the neighbouring communities of Musqueam and Semihamoo, with TFN lead;
- having governments fully understand the need for reconnection of the traditional TFN pathway —from the south (across Highway 17 at the BC Ferries causeway) to the north (to reach Canoe Pass across the Vancouver Port railway tracks at the DeltaPort causeway);
- looking at pathway gaps on TFN lands where short-term measures might improve access in a safe manner

Thank you very much for all your support. We look forward to working together on next steps.

Yours sincerely, Elder Ruth Adams, TFN
and The Great Blue Heron Way team

March 3 meeting attendees:

Karl Morgan, TFN Artist

Jessica Adams, TFN Culture Coordinator

David Grigg and Ruth Grigg, Arbutus Greenway Improvements Society

Léon LeBrun, Trails BC / Trans Canada Trail

Sandra Jones, GBHW resource coordinator, HUB Cycling Tsawwassen Delta
regrets:

Carol Vignale, Roel Schootman, Neil Pope, HUB Cycling Tsawwassen Delta

