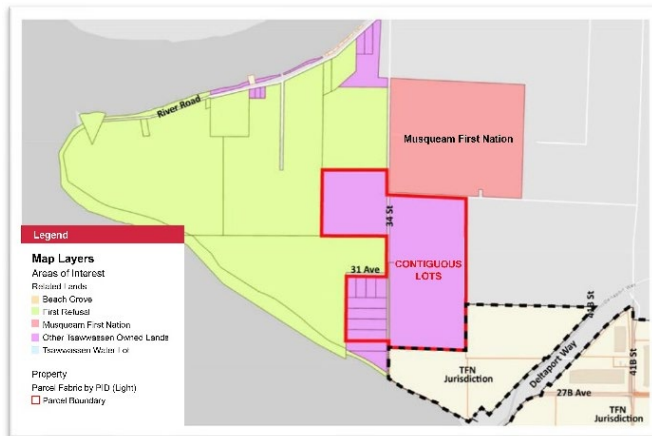


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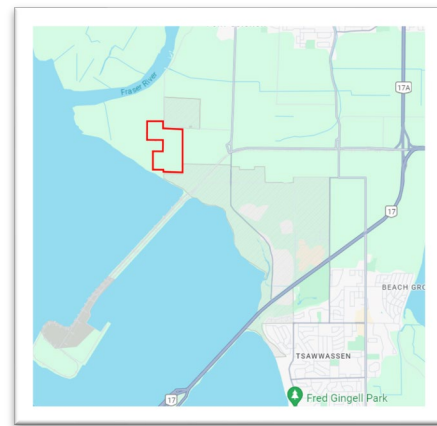
### Reconciliation and Treaty Implementation of Tsawwassen Lands

#### How many parcels of land is Tsawwassen First Nation acquiring, and where are they located?

Tsawwassen First Nation is in the process of incorporating 11 parcels of land in Brunswick Point into Tsawwassen Lands jurisdiction. Tsawwassen First Nation already owns these parcels. These lands are contiguous and adjacent to its Treaty lands. They represent one-third of the area, Brunswick Point Lands, deemed “Specified Lands” under the Treaty, about 173 acres, or 70 hectares.



The Brunswick Point lands, outlined in red and coloured purple, that will be incorporated to Tsawwassen lands.



The Delta region. The red outline depicts the Brunswick Point lands to be incorporated into Tsawwassen lands.

#### Who is the Tsawwassen First Nation working with to incorporate the 11 parcels of land?

Tsawwassen First Nation is collaborating closely with the *Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement* Treaty Partners, the Government of Canada, and the Government of British Columbia, as well as regional stakeholders, including the City of Delta and Metro Vancouver Regional District.

#### How is Tsawwassen First Nation able to acquire and incorporate land?

The *Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement*, signed by Tsawwassen First Nation, the Government of Canada, and the Government of British Columbia, and effective April 3, 2009, sets out the process for Tsawwassen First Nation to acquire and incorporate specified lands near Brunswick Point, that were historically governed by Tsawwassen First Nation prior to colonization.



## **What is the connection between the Tsawwassen First Nation and the 11 parcels of land?**

The Tsawwassen People have lived and governed these lands since time immemorial. Brunswick Point is deeply rooted in the history, culture, and heritage of the Tsawwassen First Nation and continues to connect the Tsawwassen Peoples to their ancestors, stories, lands, and waters, which sustain Tsawwassen community and life.

## **What outreach is Tsawwassen First Nation doing while this process is underway?**

Tsawwassen First Nation is working with the current lessees of parcels and seeks to establish long-term relationships rooted in shared values around food security and sustainability. Tsawwassen First Nation continues to work with the City of Delta to ensure services are unhindered and unchanged by the transition.

## **What happens next?**

In accordance with the Final Agreement, Tsawwassen First Nation provided formal notice to the Government of Canada, the Government of British Columbia, the Metro Vancouver Regional District and the City of Delta on April 23, 2023, to proceed with the process to incorporate the lands of Brunswick Point.

For the parcels to become Tsawwassen lands, all parties have 150 days to confirm and adjust Tsawwassen boundaries. As this process continues over the next 150 days, Tsawwassen First Nation will continue to work with the City of Delta and representatives from the Government of British Columbia and Government of Canada to support these steps towards reconciliation.

Following the incorporation of the parcels to Tsawwassen Lands, Tsawwassen First Nation will assume jurisdiction, including property taxation, laws, and regulations.

## **What does Tsawwassen First Nation plan to do with the lands?**

The land will remain in the Agriculture Land Reserve. Tsawwassen First Nation has lived on these lands for a long time, and it is committed to preserving food security, sovereignty and sustainability for our Nation, the wider community and generations to come. It will continue to foster long-term relationships built on respect, collaboration and supporting agriculture in the area.

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