

Electoral Area 'H' Official Community Plan

Background Report

PART 3: STREETS & MOVEMENT



INTRODUCTION

An Official Community Plan describes the long-term vision for the future of a community and a course of action to achieve it. This background report provides a snapshot of the current community in four parts: **People & Work; Land, Buildings & Spaces; Streets & Movement; and Environment & Climate Change**. This information will help inform a community discussion around the goals and policies for an updated Official Community Plan.



Part 3: Streets & Movement presents data on roads, trails, transit, and water accesses. It also includes data for proximity of homes to work, school or transit. The next several pages cover the following topics:

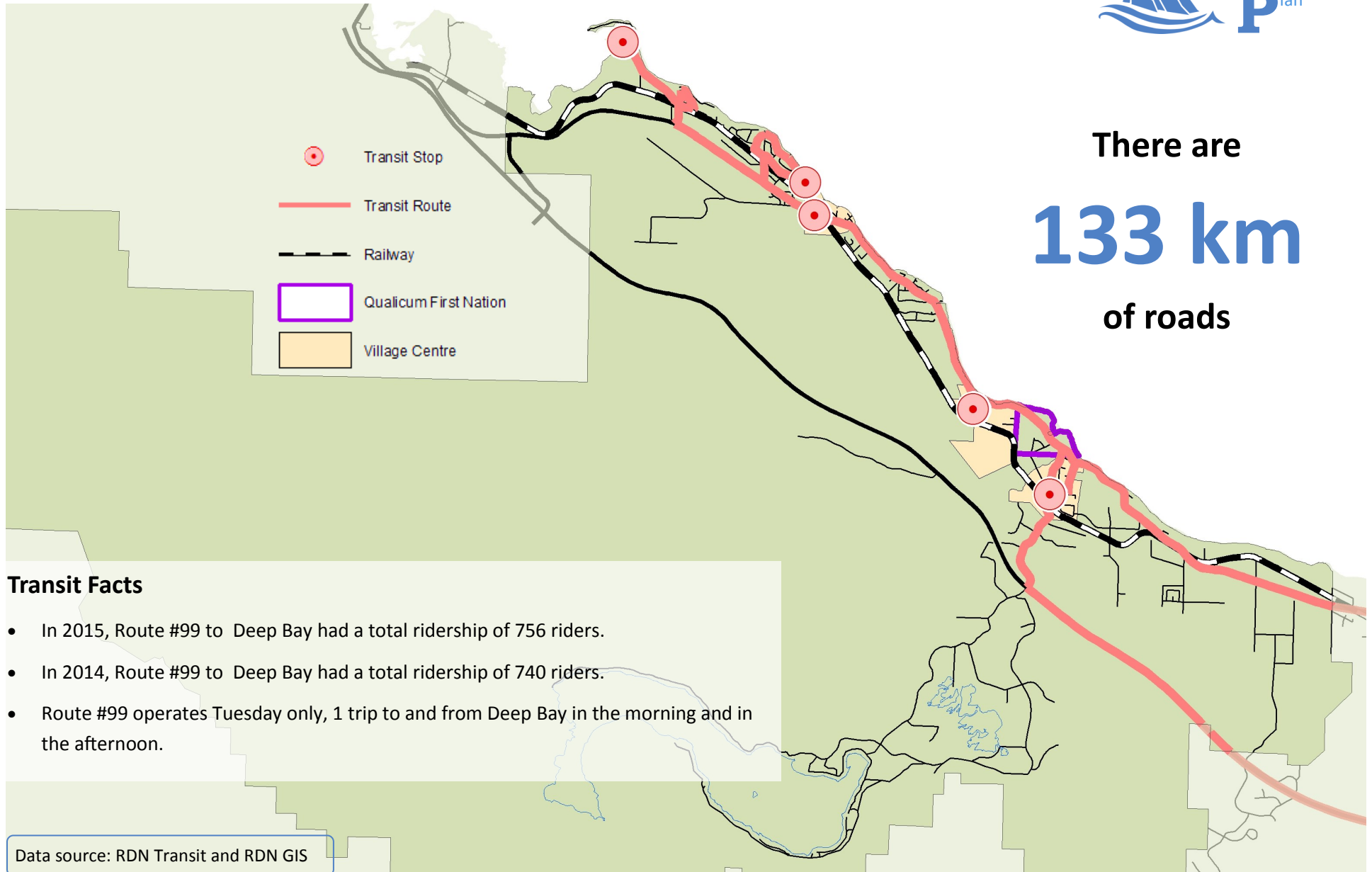
- Roads, rail & transit
- Proximity to transit
- Mode of transportation to work
- Regional District of Nanaimo trails
- Harbour, boat launches and beach access

The last page of **Part 3: Streets & Movement** lists observations about transportation options within the community and relationship to land use. The purpose of these observations is to start a discussion about what direction the community would like to go in the future, and how to get there.

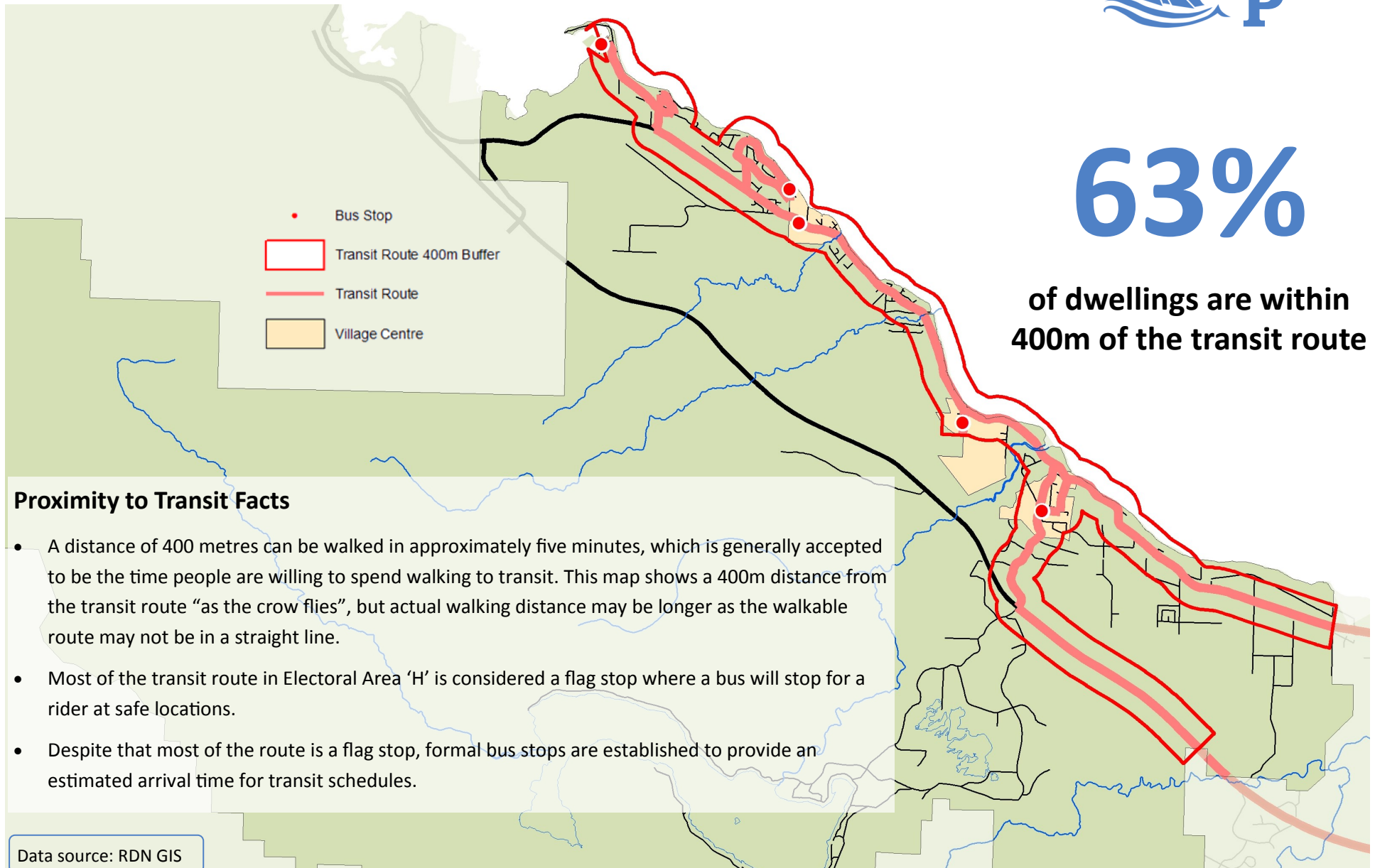
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Roads, Rail & Transit



Proximity to Transit



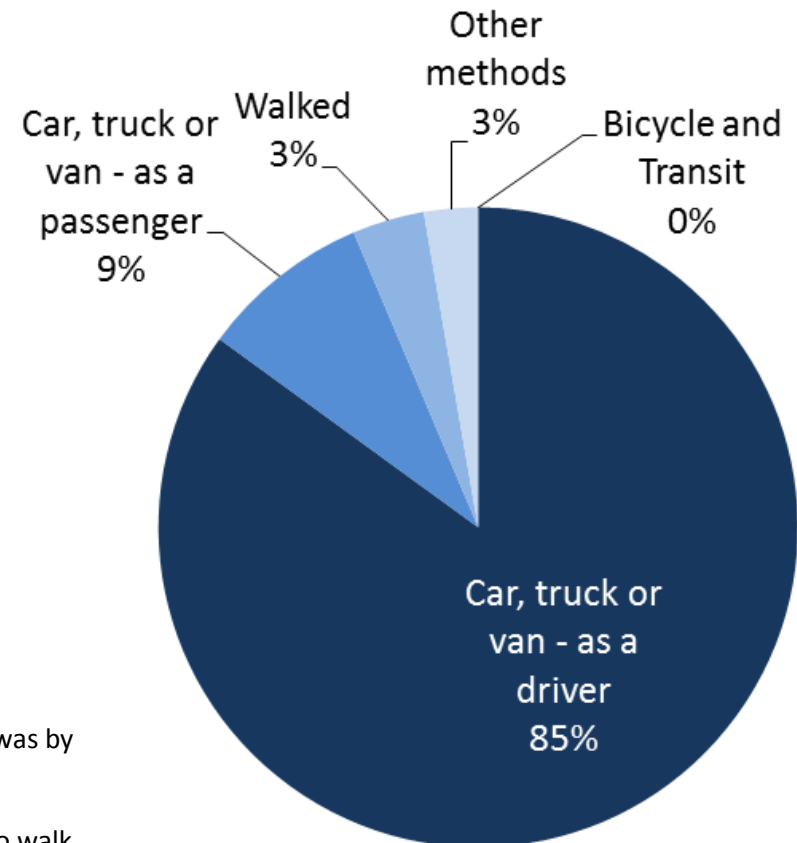


Mode of Transportation to Work

In 2011

94%

of residents (1,030 people)
travelled to work by car either
as driver or passenger



Mode of Transportation to Work Facts





- For the RDN as a whole, the primary mode of transportation for 86% of residents was by car, either as driver or passenger.
- In Electoral Area 'H' 3% of residents (40 people) walk to work compared to 7% who walk to work in the entire RDN.
- This statistic is for the primary mode of transportation, as identified in the 2011 Census.

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Regional District of Nanaimo Trails



There are
29,746 m
of trails or
8.5 m per
capita

-  RDN Trail
-  Park, RDN Community
-  Park, Regional
-  Park, Provincial

Trails Facts

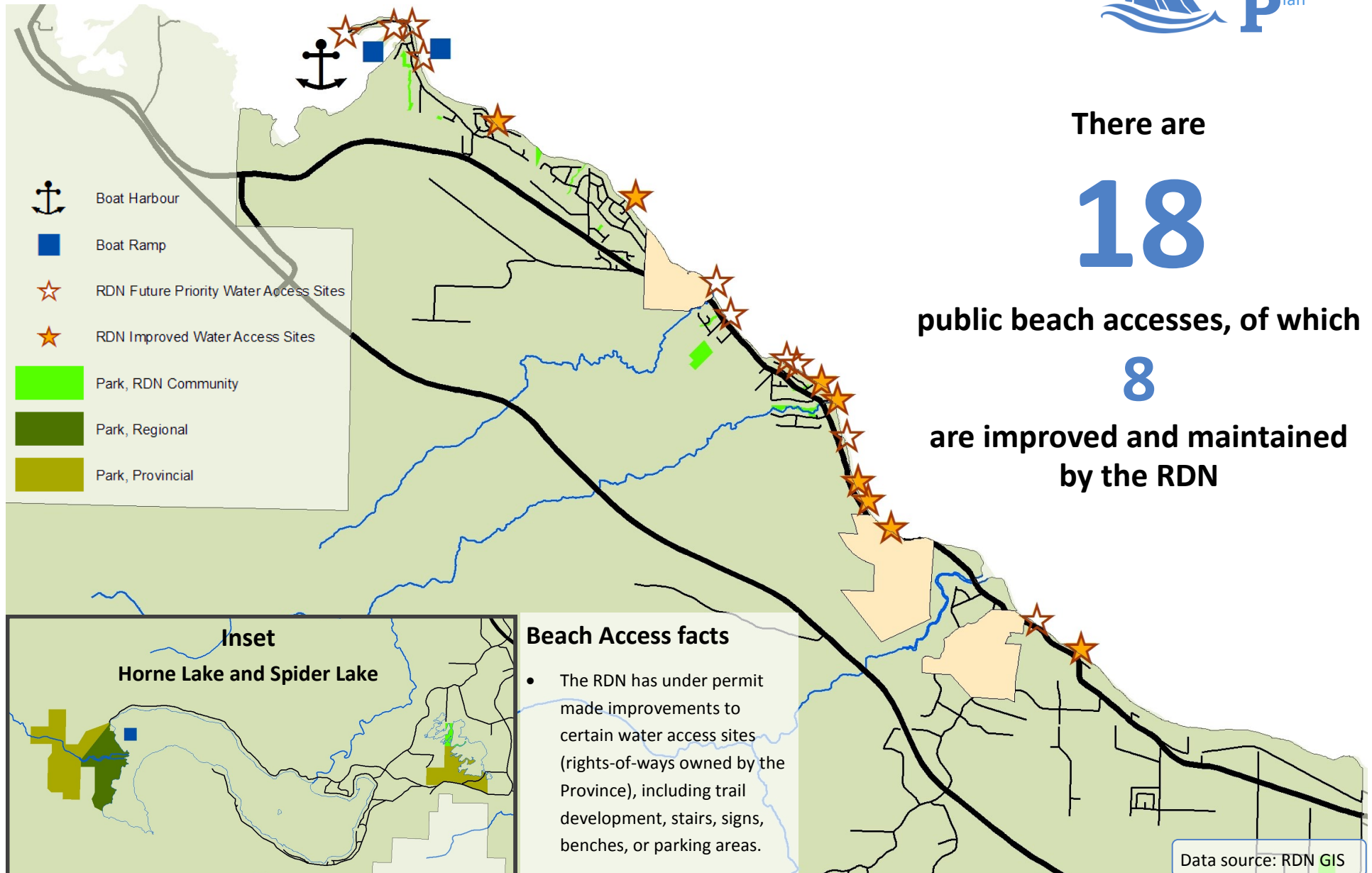
- The 8.5 metres of trails per capita represents the length of RDN trails for every person in Electoral Area 'H', which has a population of 3,509 people.
- Comparatively, the RDN as a whole has 3.5 metres of trails per capita.
- Electoral Area 'H' also has many informal trails on Crown land not shown on this map.

Data source: RDN Parks and GIS

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Harbours, Boat Launches & Beach Access



Summary & Observations



1. While ridership on the #99 bus is low, with 63% of dwellings within easy walking distance to the transit route there is potential for transit use to increase, particularly if the frequency of service increases.
2. The extensive trail network in Area 'H' is something residents take pride in, and is seen by some as having potential to be more widely advertised as a draw for tourists and new residents.
3. Community members have said there is a lack of safe routes for non-motorized transportation between places people regularly travel, such as between home, school, and commercial areas. For example, Highway 19A runs through the Qualicum Bay and Bowser communities and in many places the shoulder is narrow and unpaved, where the speed limit is also 70 or 80 km / hr.
4. Where topography allows, public beach access points are well distributed along the coast.