



# Village of Pemberton Friendship Trail Bridge Info Session

**When:**

Tuesday,  
April 11, 2017

5:30pm

**Where:**

Council Chambers,  
7400 Prospect St.

**Learn about the history of this regional project, the community benefits, funding and next steps.**

This informal information session will take place prior to the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 11th. Staff will make a short presentation, followed by a Q&A session. The community will also have an opportunity to browse informational displays.

## **Can't make the Info Session?**

Displays from the presentation will be available the following day at [www.pemberton.ca](http://www.pemberton.ca). If you have questions, please send us an email at [admin@pemberton.ca](mailto:admin@pemberton.ca) or call us at 604.894.6135.



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# Friendship Trail Bridge

**Timeline:** Following the Friendship Trail Bridge Info Session this evening, Council will consider awarding the RFP for the construction of the Friendship Trail Bridge.

**Project Background:** The Friendship Trail Bridge is a key component of the Friendship Trail route, which is part of the Sea to Sky Trail and Trans Canada Trail network. The aim of the Friendship Trail and Bridge is to provide a linear, safe connection between the Village, Plateau neighbourhood, future recreation site and Lil'wat Nation.

The construction of the Friendship Trail is being managed by the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District. The project management of the Friendship Trail Bridge is being overseen by the Village of Pemberton.

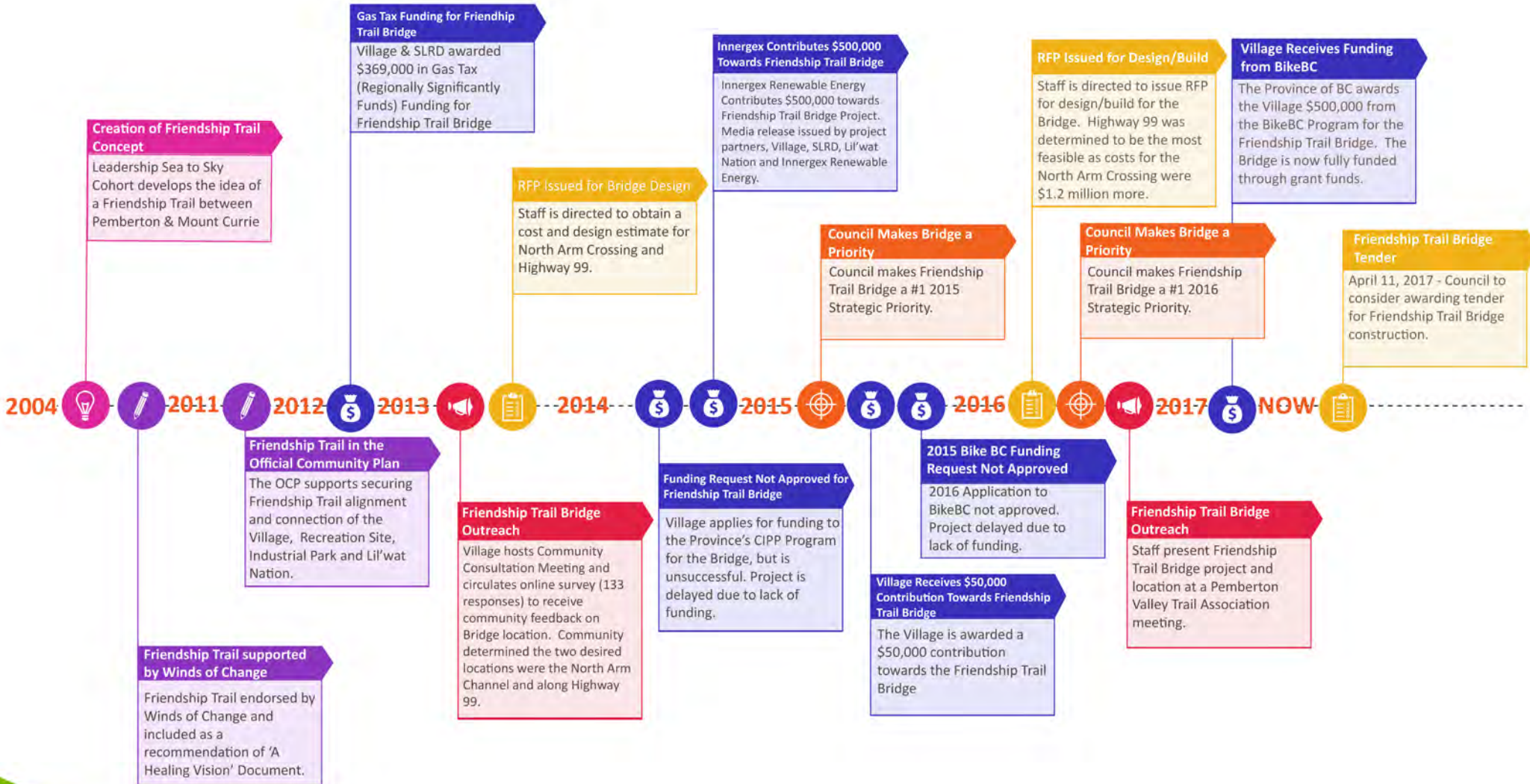
**Project Details:** The scope of the project includes the design and installation of a pedestrian, cycling and equestrian bridge on the south side of the Lillooet River, adjacent to Highway 99.

## Projected Costs:

Estimated insurance costs:	\$1,600/year
Bridge Inspection every 2 years:	\$3,000
Annual pressure washing:	Staff time only (estimated at 2 days work); Village owns pressure washer



# Friendship Trail Bridge Timeline



# Friendship Trail Bridge Funding & Requirements

## 2012

**Gas Tax, Regionally Significant Projects** **\$369,000**

**Funder Requirements:** Must lead towards reduced greenhouse gas emissions, cleaner air or cleaner water; Be larger in scale or regional in impact. Project needed to be endorsed and supported by Council, SLRD and member municipalities.

## 2014

**Innergex Renewable Energy** **\$500,000**

**Funder Requirements:** Preference for a project that provides benefits for the Village, Area C and Lil'wat Nation.

**Other Contributions** **\$50,000**

## 2017

**Province of BC, BikeBC** **\$500,000**

**Funder Requirements:** Eligible projects include those that encourage transportation cycling by accelerating the development of new cycling infrastructure. The focus of the BikeBC program is on cycling for transportation purposes.

**TOTAL GRANT FUNDS: \$1,419,000**

# Friendship Trail Bridge 2013 Consultation Summary

On April 3, 2013, the Village of Pemberton hosted a community input session to present the pros and cons of 6 potential crossing sites and to determine which crossing(s) the community preferred. Approximately 40 members of the public were in attendance.

Crossing options were: Clover Road Extension Crossing, CN Rail Crossing, Pemberton Farm Rd W Crossing, Fraser Connector Crossing, Highway 99 Crossing and North Arm Crossing.

A survey was circulated at the meeting, and online for the public to list their preferences and provide comments on the alignment options. 133 responses were received.

Highway 99 Crossing (38.5%) and North Arm Crossing (36.9%) were the top choices for a bridge crossing, with Pemberton Farm Road West Crossing as the least preferred (4.1%). Comments were recorded and are listed below for the top two preferences.

## **Highway 99 Crossing PROS included:**

- direct route
- high visibility (safer)
- well-lit for evening travel
- inexpensive
- already used as commuter connection
- fewest elevation changes
- tourists using trail to D'Arcy come close to town and are more likely to stop

## **Highway 99 Crossing CONS included:**

- potential traffic accidents
- too far from downtown and trails
- vehicle conflicts with skittish horses
- why bother when the highway bridge is already there
- not as scenic for tourists

## **North Arm Crossing PROS included:**

- quiet
- shortest route
- potential new trail on east side that would avoid steep grades at rail crossing
- links bike & pedestrian use for Plateau, Mount Currie and Business Park more directly
- access to west side beach
- decent access to mountain bike trails
- completes the Valley Loop trail with acquisition of other right of ways

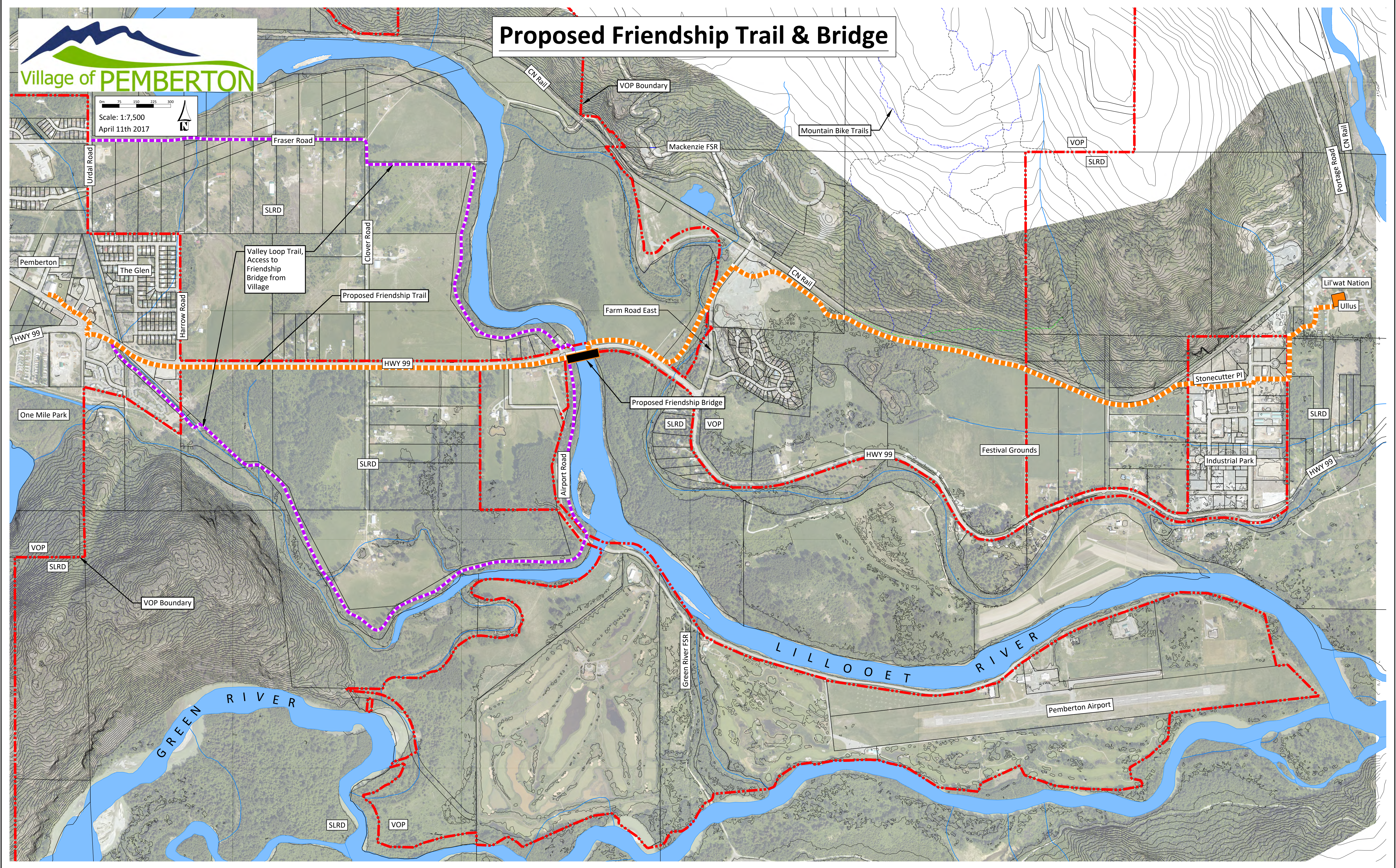
## **North Arm Crossing CONS included:**

- private property crossing
- bridge crossing expensive
- no safety lighting
- large span (standalone bridge structure, less cost effective)
- CN Rail issues



Scale: 1:7,500  
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# Proposed Friendship Trail & Bridge



Valley Loop Trail, Access to Friendship Bridge from Village

Proposed Friendship Bridge

LILLOOET RIVER

GREEN RIVER

Pemberton Airport

Industrial Park

Festival Grounds

Farm Road East

Proposed Friendship Trail

Fraser Road

Clover Road

Harrow Road

HWY 99

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Green River FSR

Mackenzie FSR

Mountain Bike Trails

VOP Boundary

VOP

SLRD

SLRD

SLRD

VOP

SLRD

Airport Road

VOP

SLRD

VOP Boundary

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Stonecutter Pl

Lil'wat Nation

Ullus

Portage Road

CN Rail

CN Rail

Urdal Road

Pemberton

The Glen

One Mile Park