May 19

Good morning cross-country trekkers!

This week we took our time a little… relatively speaking! Thirty four of us walked more than 233 hours, which means we have just about made it to Vancouver! We are resting on the northern shore of Indian Arm, or Say Nuth Khaw Yum, a fjord extending north from the Burrard Inlet of North Vancouver.

To get here we passed through the traditional territory of the Beaver, Cree, Ojibway, Stoney, Metis, Secwépemc, St’át’imc, Interior Salish and the Coastal Salish. I learned a lot this week as I tried to track whose traditional territory we passed through on this winding, mountainous journey. I am convinced I have missed naming some people, and regret that. The more time I spend tracing the deep history and connections to this land, the more I realize I don’t have a clue. BC has overlapping cultures and territories, a rich diversity of nations tracing their relationship with the land to a time before memory.

This week we are hoping to set up a meeting with someone who does work in Vancouver. Everything we do is such short notice it’s a miracle we are able to get confirmations! So please keep watching email and Facebook for updates - we could be meeting as soon as Friday, May 21, but it could also be next week.