



Tla'amin Nation Breaks Ground on 11-million-dollar Housing Complex for Elders and Members with Unique Needs

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Tla'amin Nation has broken ground on a 24-unit housing block to provide dignified and affordable housing for elders and community members with unique needs.

This morning in a ceremony led by Elder John Louie and witnessed by Elders, leadership, staff and community members the future site of $\lambda\alpha\chi\lambda\alpha\chi\alpha\gamma$ $\gamma\alpha\gamma\epsilon$ (Elder's Place) was blessed. Tobacco was laid and the Nation asked for forgiveness for disturbing the ground and prayed for safety of the workers who would take construct the new housing complex. Elder Elsie Paul offered the prayer and Culture Manager Drew Blaney shared the song.

The 11-million-dollar $\lambda\alpha\chi\lambda\alpha\chi\alpha\gamma$ $\gamma\alpha\gamma\epsilon$ (Elder's Place) is designed for independent living and will have eight two-bedroom and sixteen one-bedroom units when it comes online in early 2023.

"Our citizens have asked us to prioritize safe and affordable housing, especially for those who need and deserve it the most," said Hegus John Hackett. "I would like to extend my gratitude to all who have made this possible, especially our Elders committee, CMHC and all our leadership past and present."

$\lambda\alpha\chi\lambda\alpha\chi\alpha\gamma$ $\gamma\alpha\gamma\epsilon$ will be funded with an \$8.8 million-dollar grant from the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Rapid Housing Initiative and \$2.2 million dollars from the Tla'amin government.

Other major partners in the project include Tla'amin health, Luma Development, Urban Arts Architecture and Converge Construction.

At least four of the new units will be fully wheelchair accessible with lowered counter tops and in suite lifts.

"Aging comfortably in the community has been a long-time vision of our Elders," said Housing and Public Works Housepost Dillon Johnson. "These 24 independent living units are only the beginning, planning for the creation of assisted living accommodations is already under way."

If you have any questions about this project, please email publicworks@tn-bc.ca

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Rendering of ʕaxʕaxay ʔaye - 24-Unit Elders & Disabled Housing by Urban Arts Architecture



Tla'amin Accessible Housing Rendering Aug. 27, 2021

Viewed from North-West



Cyndi Pallen, John Louie and Elsie Paul at the ground blessing ceremony.

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Elders Doreen Point and Elsie Paul share a laugh at the ground blessing ceremony.



Tla'amin Nation Public works manager Richard Gage and Project manager Carmen Galligos share the plans for λαχλαχαγ ςaye (Elder's Place).



Converge construction staff at the jobsite