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Four new sites joining the Better at Home team!

In July, four new sites receive funding and join our Better at Home team: Richmond, Cranbrook, Cowichan Valley (includes Duncan) and the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, bringing the total to 25 communities funded by Better at Home.

While community consultations are in full force in an additional 30 communities, Better at Home programs in Kamloops, Langley, New Westminster, Surrey South/White Rock, Quesnel and the West End have begun service delivery. Former Community Action for Seniors Independence (CASI) sites in Maple Ridge, Dawson Creek, Renfrew-Collingwood, Osoyoos and Surrey Newton have been diligently transitioning services to match the Better at Home model.

All Better at Home program sites work closely with existing programs in the community, other non-profits, and the private sector.

Breaking Down Barriers in First Nations Communities

We are all looking forward to Better at Home's inaugural First Nations site in Squamish Nation-Tsleil-Waututh Nation.

The Better at Home program is available to all First Nations Elders (seniors) living in Tsleil-Waututh Nation (North Vancouver), and Squamish Nation sites including Squamish Valley (Brackendale, Cheekeye, Stawamus, Yeakwaupsum) and North and West Vancouver (Capilano, Eshhá7an, Seymour).



"Elders hold the knowledge of our ancient and recent past, written and unwritten, and most are happy to share their knowledge of the time before colonization as shared by their Elders, as well as the difficult times experienced in living memory such as being taken away from their families, language and culture," said Community Developer Michelle Morning Star Doherty.

"It was inspiring to work through the community development process with Elders and Stakeholders, especially as the Better at Home approach supports a holistic process that reflects First Nation values. For the local community to be able to help Elders remain in their own homes through Better at Home services is wonderful for both Elders and the service delivery teams that will be working with them."

Tsleil-Waututh Nation and Squamish Nation will aim to leverage other grant streams through Better at Home that will help to build the path between First Nations Elders and much needed home support services that recognize that Elders are indeed 'Better at Home.'



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