

Provincial Advisory Council on Aging and Seniors

Activity Plan

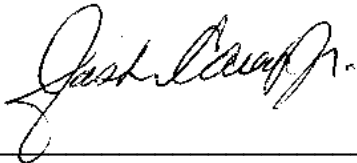
April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2029

Chairperson's Message

In accordance with the **Transparency and Accountability Act**, I am pleased to present the Activity Plan for the period April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2029 for the Provincial Advisory Council on Aging and Seniors (the Council). The Council is classified as a Category 3 entity, which means it plans and reports at the activity level.

This Activity Plan provides a simple overview of the Council and identifies a practical objective to guide its advisory work over the three-year planning period. The Council's work is grounded in its mandate to advise and inform the Minister of Seniors on the issues, concerns, and requirements of seniors and older adults and those who support them.

As Chairperson, my signature acknowledges the Council's accountability for preparing this Activity Plan and reporting on progress toward the objective contained herein.



Josh Carey, Chairperson

Provincial Advisory Council on Aging and Seniors

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Overview

The Provincial Advisory Council on Aging and Seniors is an advisory body that reports to the Minister of Seniors. The Council provides a collective voice for seniors and older adults by bringing forward perspectives, issues, and advice to support government decision-making.

The Council consists of up to 13 members appointed by the Minister. Members are selected to reflect a diverse cross-section of people who are familiar with issues affecting people as they age, with consideration given to geography, cultural diversity, age, gender, background, experience, and skills.

Council members serve as volunteers. Meetings are generally scheduled three times per year, or at the call of the Chairperson. The Department of Seniors provides secretariat and administrative support to the Council.

Under the **Transparency and Accountability Act**, the Council is a Category 3 public body and is required to submit three-year activity plans and annual reports. As a Category 3 entity, the Council's planning and reporting focus on its activities.

Mandate

The mandate of the Council is to advise and inform the Minister of Seniors on the issues, concerns, and requirements of seniors and older adults, as well as those who support them. This includes helping the Provincial Government consider the perspective of seniors and older adults when developing current and future legislation, policies, programs, and services.

The Council's mandate is to serve as a collective voice for seniors and older adults, providing advice to the Provincial Government as it works to support people to age in the right place, at the right time, with the right supports.

Vision

The Council's vision is of a province where individuals are supported to age well in the right place, across the lifespan, in age- and dementia-friendly communities.

Primary Clients and Stakeholders

The Council's primary clients are seniors and older adults throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as those who support them, including families, care partners, communities, and organizations working on issues related to aging and seniors.

In fulfilling its advisory role, the Council may consider perspectives from members' communities, regions, networks, and areas of experience. The Council may also receive information from the Department of Seniors, other government departments and agencies, health-system partners, community organizations, municipalities, Indigenous organizations, and other groups whose work affects seniors and older adults.

Lines of Business

The Council provides advisory support to the Minister of Seniors. Final decisions on provincial legislation, policies, programs, and services rest with the responsible Minister and Government.

In fulfilling its advisory role, the Council may:

- share perspectives from seniors, older adults, and those who support them;
- identify emerging issues, concerns, and opportunities;
- review selected policy, program, legislative, or service-delivery matters from a seniors' perspective;
- provide practical advice to help government consider the impacts of decisions on seniors and older adults; and

- support awareness of positive aging, inclusion, ageism, and age- and dementia-friendly communities.

Objective

The April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2029 planning period is taking place at a time when Newfoundland and Labrador's population is aging, and the needs of seniors and older adults are becoming more diverse and complex. This Activity Plan focuses on activities within the Council's advisory mandate that can be realistically advanced and reported on annually.

As a Category 3 entity, the Council will report at the activity level. The Council's objective will remain the same throughout the planning period to reflect the ongoing nature of its mandate and meeting cycle.

Objective: By March 31 of each year, the Provincial Advisory Council on Aging and Seniors will have supported the Minister of Seniors by providing advice, input, and member perspectives on issues, concerns, opportunities, and emerging priorities affecting seniors and older adults in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Annex A: Provincial Advisory Council on Aging and Seniors Membership

Membership, including the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, is appointed by the Minister of Seniors. Council members are appointed to provide a diverse cross-section of perspectives and experience related to aging and seniors in Newfoundland and Labrador, with consideration given to geography, cultural diversity, age, gender, background, experience, and skills.

Membership is listed as of March 31, 2026. Membership may change during the planning period due to member resignations and term expiries, and new member appointments.

Name	Role	Appointment Date	Expiry Date
Pamela Anstey	Member	2025-08-07	2027-08-07
Katherine Brinston-LeRoy	Member	2025-08-07	2027-08-07
Mark Brown	Member	2023-04-05	2026-04-05
Joshua Carey	Chair	2025-08-07	2027-08-07
Melissa Coish	Member	2025-08-07	2027-08-07
Mildred Darlene Colbourne	Member	2025-08-07	2027-08-07
Veronica Dale Colbourne	Member	2023-04-05	2026-04-05
Shelly Collins	Member	2025-08-07	2027-08-07
Dr. William Eaton	Member	2023-04-05	2026-04-05
Doreen Blanche Neville	Vice-Chair	2025-08-07	2027-08-07
Lori Osborne	Member	2025-08-07	2027-08-07
Doris Sacrey	Member	2023-04-05	2026-04-05
Laura White	Member	2025-08-07	2027-08-07

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