

Priority #2

Monitor the recommendations of SHIFT:

Nova Scotia's Action Plan for An Aging Population

- Access to housing appropriate to seniors' needs including affordable and supportive housing as well as assisted living services.
 - Provide input to Housing Nova Scotia to accelerate funding and policies that impact seniors housing in their own homes, apartments or public housing (this would include affordability, renovations and accessibility to needed community services).
 - Access to programs which enable older adults to live active and healthier lives and to remain and renew engagement in their communities to support community living and reduce social isolation for older adults.
 - Access to affordable and accessible transportation, in particular rural Nova Scotia, for seniors to reach essential services.
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Priority #3

Financial and Pension Security in Retirement

- Oppose federal Bill C-27 in order to protect retirees with a defined benefit pension plan and related benefits from conversion to a shared risk pension plan without their knowledge and agreement.
 - Provide input to the government Poverty Reduction Strategy
 - Ensure that low income seniors continue to receive provincial assistance to supplement gaps between the federal income support programs and low income thresholds.
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Priority #4

Facilitate the Participation of Seniors in Nova Scotia's Economic Recovery

- Recognize older adults as entrepreneurs and demonstrate an age-friendly, inclusive and intergenerational workplace that values older workers.
 - Gather input to determine how older adults can contribute to the goals of the Report of the Nova Scotia Commission on Building A New Economy.
 - Advise on social enterprise/volunteerism support.
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Priority #5

Support for Caregivers

- Seek support for family and friends as caregivers.
- Support work place leave protection.
- Advocate for respite care for caregivers.