

Newfoundland & Labrador

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50 + FEDERATION

NEWSLETTER

November 2018

SENIORS ARE TAKING TOO MANY MEDICATIONS

The Federation is presently working with the Memorial University of Newfoundland School of Pharmacy and the Canadian Deprescribing Network to reduce inappropriate prescribing of commonly misused medications by 20 % and improve patient outcomes. Our first step in this project is to get the information out to our members that seniors are taking too many medications in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. We are asking our members to ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist to review all your medications to see if any can be stopped or reduced. Two out of three Canadians over the age of 65 are on at least **5 different prescription medications** – some of which may cause more harm than good. One out of four Canadians over the age of 65 take at least **10 different prescription medications**.

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE ACT

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is in the process of reviewing the Automobile Insurance Act with a view to incorporating caps and deductibles on various amounts of automobile insurance claims. Based on the information we have, it appears that this will have a negative financial impact on seniors who might unfortunately be involved in an automobile accident.

To ensure that the Government is aware that Seniors are opposed to a Cap in province. An umbrella organization **Seniors Against Insurance Cap** was formed to oppose implementation of a Cap. At present more than 15 seniors organizations which includes the Newfoundland and Labrador 50 + Federation have come together to oppose the Cap.

Our Newsletters can also be viewed on the SeniorsNL web site:

<http://seniorsnl.ca/nl-50plus-federation/>

Minister of
Seniors



Ministre des
Aînés

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0J9



As the Minister of Seniors, I would like to welcome you all to the **43rd Annual NL 50 + Federation Convention**. This is an important event as it brings together experts who will discuss seniors' issues and find ways to better their quality of life. I deeply appreciate your work and engagement.

I know that the Newfoundland and Labrador 50+ Federation Inc. works hard to promote the well-being of seniors and is devoted entirely to the welfare and best interests of the aging population. I know you have worked to establish Seniors Centres, as well as provided programs which promote healthy and active lifestyles for seniors which include reaching out to seniors who are lonely, isolated, or at risk.

The Government of Canada appreciates your work and thanks you for the many contributions you have made and will continue to make. I wish to assure you that the Government of Canada has also taken concrete action to improve income security for seniors, by restoring the age of eligibility from 67 to 65 for the Old Age Security pension and Guaranteed Income Supplement, and increasing the supplement for our most vulnerable single seniors, who may be eligible for almost \$1000 more per year. The National Housing Strategy also increases the availability and affordability of accessible housing for all Canadians, including seniors.

Discussing research and policy so we can work together towards making the next decade a healthy one for our aging population is a top priority for all of us. We hope to continue to engage with experts on data driven research, grounded in the real life experiences of seniors, to enact positive change in their lives.

I wish you a successful convention and look forward to receiving information that you believe will assist our government in providing seniors with a safe and secure future.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Filomena Tassi".

The Honourable Filomena Tassi, P.C., M.P.

Canada

2018 ANNUAL CONVENTION

Our 43rd Annual Convention was held at the Marystown Hotel & Convention Centre, Marystown, on September 11 to 14, 2018 which was one of our most successful conventions. We were pleased to have the following in attendance at our convention's events:

The Honourable Judy Foote, Lieutenant Governor
Hon. Dwight Ball, Premier (Banquet Guest Speaker)
Lisa Dempster, Minister of Children, Seniors and social Development (Key Note Speaker)
Christopher Mitchelmore, Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation

Mark Browne, MHA, Placentia West – Bellevue
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation

Carol Anne Haley, MHA, Burin – Grand Bank
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health and Community Services

Linda Oldford, Chair, Provincial Advisory Council on Aging and Seniors
Dr. Suzanne Brake, Seniors' Advocate
Henry Kielley, Acting Director, Seniors and Aging Division
Dr. Justin Turner, Senior Advisor, Science Strategy Canadian Deprescribing Network
Kelly Heisz, Executive Director SeniorsNL

At the opening of the Convention, Minister Dempster, addressed one of our resolutions which has been re-submitted to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador for past ten years, regarding the financial assessment in Long-Term Care. She indicated that the Government would be announcing a New Streamlined Financial Assessment Process in the near future, stating persons entering Long-Term Care Facilities would be assessed on income only. On October 1, 2018 the Premier officially announced the New Streamlined Financial Assessment Process at the East Block Lobby of the Confederation Building.

Seniors expressed concern to the impact of the increased cost of electricity, as it may double by 2021. At the Banquet, the Premier advised, the over 400 Delegates that "It is not going to happen".

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected at the Annual Convention, for a period of two Years:

President	Robert J. Rogers (Re-Elected)
1 st Vice President	Linda Oldford (Re-Elected)
2 nd Vice President	Amy Farrell (Re-Elected)

Directors

Area 1 - Avalon North - Elaine Hutchings (Re-Elected)
Area 6 - Grand Falls/Windsor-Connaigre Peninsula - Ruby Patey (Re-Elected)
Area 8 - Pasadena – Port aux Basques - George MacDonald (Elected)
Area 9 - Labrador - Noreen Careen (Re-Elected)

We are attaching a list of Board Members for 2018 – 2019 for your information.

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14	Noreen Careen	618 Churchill St. Labrador City, NL A2V 1T5 careen@crrstv.net	Director Area 9 <i>Labrador</i>	709) 944-6245 Cell: 280-1241

Convention Ticket Lottery Winners

1st Prize \$2,500.00 Number 9551 – Junior Dumaresque, Labrador City, NL

Club selling 1st Prize Ticket - \$ 1,000.00 - Twin Cities Seniors 50 + Club Inc. Labrador City

Person selling 1st Prize Ticket - \$100.00 - Junior Dumaresque, Labrador City, NL

2nd Prize \$ 1,000.00 Number 9648 – Randy Pinn, Wabush, NL

3rd Prize \$500.00 Number 12832 – Melinda Brooks

Hand Made Quilt Lottery Winners

1st Prize - Hand Made Quilt – Number 0186 – Vera Mitchell, Leading Tickles, NL

2nd Prize - Table – Number 1005 – Julia Whelan, Eastport, NL

3rd Prize – Crib Board – Number 0724 – Amy Farrell, Marystown, NL

Memorial University of Newfoundland, Blackall House Reunion 2019

Event Dates: Friday, August 9 to Sunday, August. 11, 2019

TARGET: All Blackall House alumni from 1967 - 1985

LOCATION: MUN Campus, St. John's NL, (various locations)

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACT: Email blackallreunion@gmail.com

It's been 50 years since Blackall House on MUN's St. John's campus opened. That was 1967 and up till 1985 it was an all-male residence. A committee is in place planning a resident's reunion for those early years 67-85.

August 9 - 11, 2019 will be a fantastic weekend of activities that will get you and your former housemates reminiscing about past stories while creating a host of new memories.

To ensure it is a success, we need YOU ... the former residents of Blackall House from 1967 to 1985! If you lived in Blackall from during those years and you want to stay in the loop of what is being planned and when registration goes live, please go to this link, <https://www.mun.ca/alumni/reunions/blackallreunion.php> , click on "REGISTER FOR UPDATES" at the bottom of the page and submit all contact information requested. We are missing a lot of names and contact information and we want to reach as many people as possible

We look forward to seeing you in August 2019!!

CONVENTION 2018

We wish to acknowledge and thank our Sponsors for their Financial Contributions who were not acknowledged in our Convention Program

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CONVENTION 2019

The Newfoundland and Labrador 50 + Federation will be holding the Annual 44th Annual Convention at the Quality Hotel & Suites in Gander on September 10 to 13, 2019.

FEDERATION TICKETS

This year tickets will be mailed to Clubs as soon as they register for the new year. The prize structure will remain the same as last year: **1st Prize \$ 2,500.00 - 2nd Prize \$ 1,000.00 - 3rd Prize \$ 500.00** - Plus \$1,000.00 to the club selling the 1st Prize ticket and \$100.00 to the person selling the 1st Prize Ticket. Remember your club will receive 40% of the proceeds from all tickets sold, by their club.

**THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
50 + FEDERATION INC.
EDWARD T.A. (DON) HOLLOWAY
1922-2018**



It is with broken hearts that the family of the late Edward, Don Holloway of Marystown announces his passing. Mr. Holloway passed away at his residence in Marystown on September 19th, 2018 at the age of 96. Leaving to mourn with a lifetime of wonderful memories are his sons, Edward of Toronto and Addison (Donna) of Shubenacadie; NS; daughters, Dale Fisher of Sainte-Genevieve, QE and Patricia Stanbridge of St. Hubert, QE; 3 grandchildren, Jane, Sally and Eleanor; and his home care workers Robyn Power and Janet Mann; plus a community of friends. Mr. Holloway was predeceased by his wife Jean McDonald, his parents Edward and Catherine Holloway and his sister Catherine.

The Community of Marystown is saddened by the passing of Mr. Holloway. He was a pillar of the town and will be sadly missed. Mr. Holloway, WWII Veteran served with the Canadian Army, Royal Canadian Ordnance Corp.

In following through with his wishes, cremation has taken place.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Marystown on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

In Don's memory donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.



Churence Rogers

HOUSE OF COMMONS
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES
CANADA

Member of Parliament, Bonavista-Burin-Trinity

October 2, 2018

Robert J. Rogers
President
Newfoundland and Labrador 50+ Federation
Box 407
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Dear Mr. Rogers,

Thank you for writing to MP Rogers about auto insurance and the resolutions that were passed at the 43rd Annual General Meeting of the Newfoundland and Labrador 50+ Federation. This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence.

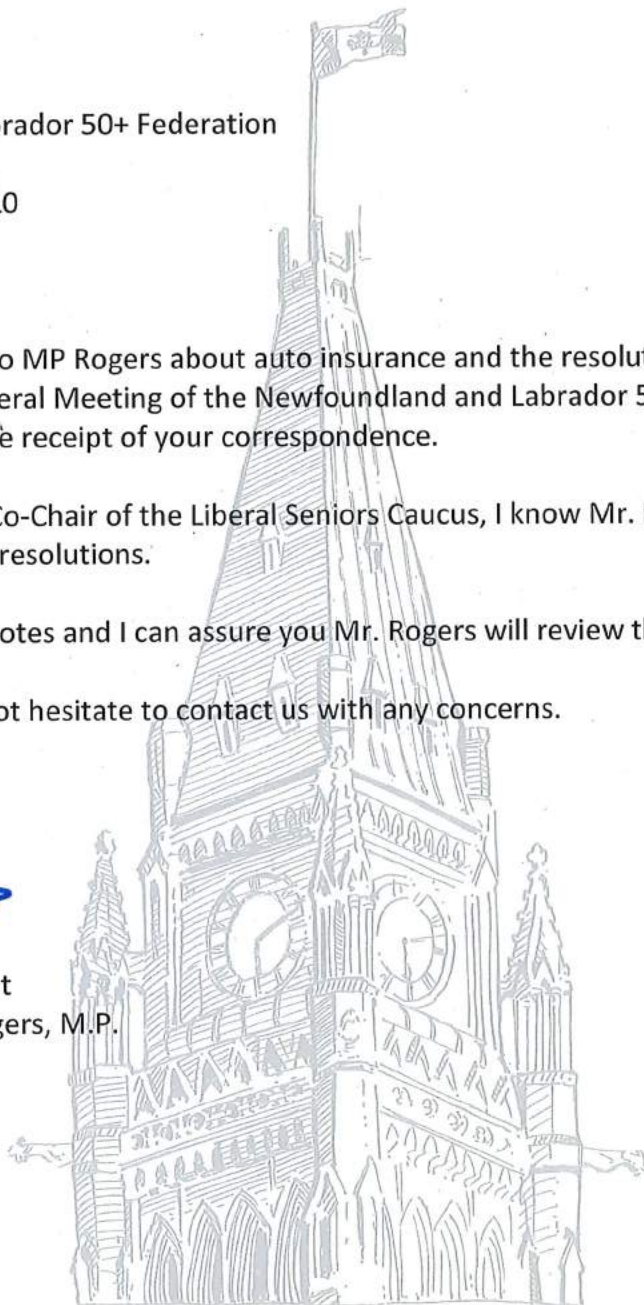
As the newly elected Co-Chair of the Liberal Seniors Caucus, I know Mr. Rogers will take great interest in reading the resolutions.

I have reviewed your notes and I can assure you Mr. Rogers will review them.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns.

Kind Regards,

Jason Brown
Parliamentary Assistant
Office of Churence Rogers, M.P.



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Seniors oppose compensation cap in Newfoundland and Labrador

Glen Whiffen (glen.whiffen@thetelegram.com)

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Seniors' groups in the province have created an umbrella organization to oppose the implementation of a cap on compensation for minor injuries suffered in car accidents. –

Umbrella organization formed to oppose implementation of industry's proposed change

Seniors groups in the province say that over the past several months — while the Public Utilities Board (PUB) is carrying out its review of automobile insurance in the province — they have been discussing the implications of possible changes to automobile insurance on its members.

The result is the formation of an umbrella group called Seniors Against Insurance Cap.

“While seniors are concerned about the cost of auto insurance, we have become increasingly concerned about the impact proposed insurance caps would have on seniors in our province,” Robert Rogers, chair of the group, said in a news release.

“Many seniors no longer drive, yet they could become the victim of a car accident, either as a pedestrian or passenger. A cap on insurance claims would have detrimental impacts on these innocent victims, leaving them vulnerable financially and with no ability to challenge the outcome of a settlement. As well, many seniors that still drive a car are not in favour of an imposed cap on accident claims that would limit the ability to receive fair compensation.”

The PUB was requested by the provincial government to review and report on a number of issues with respect to automobile insurance in the province, including the reasons behind increasing claims costs for private passenger vehicles and taxi operators, and options to reduce these costs.

The board was specifically asked to examine the impact on rates and implications for claimants of introducing a monetary cap on claims for non-economic loss for minor/mild injuries or continuing with the current deductible of \$2,500 or increasing the deductible.

The Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) has suggested, as part of a package of proposed reforms, that the province can help stabilize the auto insurance industry by replacing the existing \$2,500 deductible with a \$5,000 compensation cap on minor injuries. Compensation caps, the IBC says, have been proven in other jurisdictions to contain bodily injury claim costs and keep premiums stable.

“Our proposed package of reforms is designed to meet three objectives,” Amanda Dean, IBC’s Atlantic Canada vice-president, told public hearings held this summer.

"Those objectives are to stabilize premiums by reducing and stabilizing bodily injury claims costs, improve health outcomes for people injured in collisions by providing access to treatment based on current medical evidence and by having appropriate accident benefit levels, and making it easier for people to repair and replace their damaged vehicles."

Lawyers representing accident victims groups at the hearings said accident victims will lose their right to sue for fair compensation should a compensation cap be imposed in the province.

A number of witnesses, including experts, have presented their opinions at the public hearings on both sides of the issue.

In a recent news release, the IBC says the bottom line is that the province needs a sustainable and affordable automobile insurance product that helps injured people get better quicker and puts cost controls in place for everyone who pays for an auto insurance policy.

The IBC says the average premium in Newfoundland and Labrador is now over \$1,100 per year. The average in New Brunswick is \$819, Nova Scotia \$842, and P.E.I. \$796 where forms of minor injury compensation caps are in place.

"Much has been made that a minor injury cap will take away drivers' rights," the IBC release states. "This is just not true. The cap has been misunderstood and does not take away the rights of a person to sue if they are legitimately injured and require additional care."

The seniors groups, however, are urging the provincial government not to impose a compensation cap on minor injuries. More than 15 seniors organizations have come together to form the Seniors Against Insurance Cap organization.

"We represent thousands of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who simply do not agree with capped insurance payouts to victims of accidents," the group's release states.

"We strongly urge (the government) to consider how caps on insurance will negatively impact seniors in this province and limit their ability to receive fair compensation if faced with being the victim of a car accident."

The groups making up Seniors Against Insurance Cap include:

- Newfoundland and Labrador Public Sector Pensioners Association;
- St. John's Fire Fighters Retirees Association;
- NAPE Retirees Local 7002;
- Retired Teachers Association of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- Retired correctional officers (represented by NAPE);
- National Association of Federal Retirees (NL);
- Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP), St. John's Avalon Chapter 1;
- Marine Atlantic Pensioners Association;
- Silver Lights Retirees (NL Power & NALCOR);
- CBC pensioners;
- Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Veterans Association;
- Lillian's Law;
- Newfoundland and Labrador 50+ Federation Inc.;
- Save Our People Action Committee (SOPAC); and
- Spinal Cord Injury Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Children, Seniors and Social Development
Health and Community Services**
October 1, 2018

**Provincial Government Introduces New Financial Assessment
Process for Long-Term Care and Community Support Services**

The Provincial Government is introducing a new and improved financial assessment process for the long-term care and community support services system.

Starting November 1, 2018, liquid asset testing will be eliminated. When applying for long-term care and community supports, people will no longer have to provide proof of their liquid assets. A liquid asset means cash in the bank or investments that can be easily converted into cash, for example, a savings account or RRSP. Before this change, only people with liquid assets below a certain level would be eligible for financial assistance and significant documentation would have to be provided.

As of February 1, 2019, the needs test for specific programs will be eliminated and income testing will be expanded to all services offered by the regional health authorities. Eligibility will be determined through one single test, the Income Test. Income testing is widely used in other Canadian jurisdictions. It is an easily understood tool that will calculate a person's contribution based on their income. To qualify for financial support, the health authority will only look at your net income from the Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment. New clients will be assessed with the Income Test. Existing clients will also be assessed with the Income Test when their annual reassessment date rolls around.

Some clients already in the long-term care and community support service system may have a higher contribution when they go through the Income Test. To help minimize the impact on those clients, they will be grandfathered into the new program and will not see an increase in their personal contribution. In addition, a financial hardship policy will be developed for both new and existing clients. This will allow the health authorities to have some flexibility to adjust or waive the client contribution when clients show that significant financial hardship would occur due to the contribution calculated with the income test. The Provincial Government wants to ensure that clients in need of long-term care and community services are supported to the fullest extent.

Quotes

"We have heard time and time again from clients and community advocates that this process should change. In response to these calls for change, we are delivering on our commitment in The Way Forward to make the application and eligibility process more person-centred, client-friendly and transparent. We are proud of the strong relationships we have built. We remain committed to working together towards a common goal of supporting our province's seniors and their families."

Honourable Dwight Ball
Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador

"Eliminating liquid asset testing as of November 1 and expanding income testing as of February 1 is good news. It is good news for seniors and their families, persons with disabilities, and all other clients of these programs. We have listened to your concerns and we are making changes. At the end of the day, we all want a service that works the best for the people who use it the most."

Honourable John Haggie
Minister of Health and Community Services

"Today's announcement clearly demonstrates that our government has listened and we are delivering on our commitment to ensure changes are being made to the financial process for long-term care and community support services. For individuals availing of these types of services, this new process will provide them with more control over their own personal finances."

Honourable Lisa Dempster
Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development

Health and Community Services

October 22, 2018

Public Advisory: Regional Contact Information for New Financial Assessment Process

On October 1, 2018, the Provincial Government announced plans to introduce a new and improved financial assessment process for people who use the long-term care and community support services system.

Starting November 1, 2018, liquid asset testing will be eliminated. When applying for long-term care and community supports, people will no longer have to provide proof of their liquid assets such as bank statements or guaranteed income certificates (GICs).

Also, as of February 1, 2019, the current needs test for specific programs will be eliminated and income testing will be expanded to all long-term care and community support services offered by the regional health authorities. Eligibility will be determined through one single test, the Income Test. This will require that applicants have their latest annual personal income tax assessment notice available.

Some people already in the system may have a higher contribution when they go through the Income Test. To help minimize the impact, those people will be grandfathered. They will not see an increase in their personal contribution for their current services.

A financial hardship policy will also be developed for both new and existing clients. This will allow the regional health authorities to have some flexibility to adjust or waive the client contribution when clients show that significant financial hardship would occur due to the contribution calculated with the Income Test. Clients requesting financial hardship consideration will have to provide additional documentation regarding their monthly expenses to support their request.

For people that have questions about the new and improved financial assessment process, they can contact their regional health authority. Contact information is listed below.

- Eastern Health – Joanne Halfyard, 709-229-1561
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- Labrador Grenfell Health – Debbie Pelley, 709-897-2150
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BURIN SENIOR CITIZEN'S 50 + CLUB INCORPORATED

The Burin Senior Citizen's 50 + Club is alive and active! The club meets on the first Thursday of every month with the exception of summertime, when a much earned break is taken. The meetings begin with the senior's and the Lord's Prayer followed by business. After the business is discussed the meeting is closed with another senior's Prayer. Then it is on to fun with a game of hand slapping, table banging Auction (or 120's as some call it) or if cards isn't your cup of tea there is always a game or two of bingo on the go. Speaking of a cup of tea, some people go into the kitchen to cook up something tasty for supper. Ribs and rice, hot turkey sandwiches, or fish are just some of the tasty meals served, not to forget the mouth-watering desserts.

In June the members are always treated to a delicious Cold Plate and cake to celebrate everyone's birthday. In August a fine feed of Jiggs' Dinner is served to the members. Members are treated to the annual Christmas Party (dinner and dance).

To maintain the building, the club hosts a number of fundraisers throughout the year: Dinner (of course) and dances are held on special occasions, i.e. Valentine's Day, St. Patty's Day, Halloween and New Year's Eve; eat in or take out dinners; soup luncheons; flea market/bake sale; weekly card games just to name a few. The hall is rented out to the public. The Club is also involved in caterings to assist with the upkeep of the building.

The building got a well-deserved coat (or two) of paint this year making it look even better.

The club offers an exercise program twice a week on Monday and Wednesday.

Some members attended the Newfoundland and Labrador 50 + Federation Annual Convention in Gander. Also a donation was given to the Federation for its booklet.

The club is very community minded and gives back by way of donations: a school scholarship, Burin Volunteer Fire Department, Burin Peninsular Health Care Corporation Tree of Memory, and the Kinsmen Radiothon.

The club became incorporated and is now called Burin 50 + Seniors Citizens Club Incorporated.

Under the guidance of President Carol Wiscombe, the Burin 50 + Senior Citizens Club is quite active and keeps receiving new members. It is a great place to go where there is an abundance of fun and fellowship.

Jean Dibbon
Secretary

Service NL

November 1, 2018

New Webpage Helps Consumers Make Informed Decisions

The Honourable Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Minister of Service NL, today announced the department's new Consumer Advisories and Alerts webpage that provides a consolidation of information for consumers interested in bad business practices, public advisories, consumer alerts and consumer product recalls.

The updated webpage is easy to navigate, giving consumers' quick access to information to help them make informed choices and protect their health. The webpage will be reviewed and updated regularly to provide additional information and to ensure consumers have access to the most current notifications. The page can be accessed at www.servicenl.gov.nl.ca/advisories/index.html.

This initiative delivers on commitments in The Way Forward to enhance consumer protection. The Way Forward outlines all actions the Provincial Government is taking to achieve a strong, diversified province with a high standard of living, and can be viewed at thewayforward.gov.nl.ca.

Quote

"Informed decision making is key to protecting the interests of consumers in Newfoundland and Labrador. Our goal is to simplify the process by providing a broad range of information in one, easy to find, location. This initiative was a commitment in my mandate letter from the Premier and I am pleased to say that it has been fulfilled."

Honourable Sherry Gambin-Walsh
Minister of Service NL

Volunteer to do taxes for people in your community

Registration for the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program is now open!

Have your clients been asking for help with their tax return, and does your organization want to help people in your community access the benefits and credits they are entitled to? Increase your organization's impact in your community and significantly improve your client's quality of life by hosting free tax clinics through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program!

Make a difference in your community: [Register your organization](#).
The volunteers at your organization will be provided with guidance, training, tax software, and promotional products.

Questions? Call 1-800-959-8281 to learn more about how to get involved



HOST A FREE TAX CLINIC AT YOUR ORGANIZATION



Does your organization want to help people in your community access the benefits and credits they are entitled to?

As intimidating as this task may seem, everybody has to file a tax return. Each year, some of your most vulnerable clients may struggle to complete their tax return, which can jeopardize their access to the credits and benefits they could receive.

Register to host free tax clinics through the [Community Volunteer Income Tax Program \(CVITP\)](#).

WHY HOST A TAX CLINIC?

MEET YOUR CLIENTS' NEEDS

IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

BENEFIT FROM SUPPORT FROM THE CRA

HAVE AN IMPACT

THE CVITP IN NUMBERS

OVER
3,000
Community Organizations

OVER
17,500
Volunteers

OVER
785,000
Returns Assessed

OVER
700,000
People Helped in 2017-2018

HOW DO FREE TAX CLINICS WORK?

Organizations like yours host free tax clinics across Canada where volunteers complete tax returns for eligible people who have a modest income and a simple tax situation.

You can offer service by appointment, on a first-come first-served basis during designated hours, by drop-off, or a combination of the above. You can invest as much or as little time and resources as you have available.

Free tax clinics are the result of a collaboration between community organizations and the Canada Revenue Agency:

Your organization:

- hosts free tax clinics
- manages resources and volunteers
- ensures client information remains secure and confidential
- makes sure that volunteers are approved to use EFILE or get a police records check

The Canada Revenue Agency:

- donates used laptops to eligible organizations
- offers guidance and support to organizations
- operates year-round dedicated help line
- provides free tax preparation software
- arranges training for volunteers
- provides promotional material

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TO REGISTER YOUR ORGANIZATION TODAY

Service NL

Driver/Vehicle Mail Notifications

NOTICE: Beginning April 30th, 2018, Vehicle registration and Driver's Licence renewal reminder notifications will no longer be sent by mail.

Why aren't you mailing renewal reminders anymore?

Renewal notices generate approximately 10 000 lbs of waste annually. Discontinuing sending these reminders by mail will save resources, energy, and money.

How will I know when to renew my vehicle?

Vehicle renewal reminders can now be received by email. To make sure your email address is updated with Motor Registration Division.

Do you need extra help remembering when to renew your registration? The next time you renew your vehicle you can sign up to change your renewal date to your month of birth. For example, if you were born in the month of November, your vehicle registration would expire on November 30. This request can be made in person at any Motor Registration Division office. For further information about this option, please call 1-877-636-6867.

What if I don't use/have email?

Your vehicle registration must be renewed annually. The registration expires the last day of the month shown on your registration document and on your vehicle stickers. We advise that you mark this date in your calendar yearly.

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How will I know when to renew my driver's licence?

You must renew your driver's licence every 5 years on or before your birthday. Your expiry date can be found on your driver's licence card.

You may also sign up to receive renewal reminders by email. To make sure your email address is updated with Motor Registration Division.

How do I renew my vehicle's registration?

Registration can be renewed online, by mail or fax, or in person. For further information about this option, please call 1-877-636-6867.

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Health and Community Services

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Progress Continuing on Initiatives Designed to Advance Seniors Care

Through its Home First approach, the Provincial Government is continuing to work on a number of initiatives in light of the province's changing demographics that are designed to advance seniors care in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Some of these initiatives include:

- Ongoing implementation of the provincial Home Support Program review;
- Creation of Home First Integrated Networks in all regional health authorities;
- Needs assessments to inform the development of residential hospice care services and the demand for personal care home beds;
- Work on a new provincial Home Dementia Program;
- Ongoing work in both the personal care home and long-term care sectors; and,
- A new and improved financial assessment process announced earlier this month.

Investments have also been made in new and improved nursing home infrastructure to meet the needs of the aging population including:

- The opening of 28 long-term care beds in Carbonear;
- New long-term care homes to be built in Gander and Grand Falls-Windsor;
- An expanded protective care unit to be built in Botwood; and,
- A new long-term care home in Corner Brook to be opened in 2020.

The Provincial Government is committed to working with its partners and members of the community towards a common goal of supporting seniors and their families. Changes are being made to respond to the voices and concerns of those advocating for change and to ensure the best programs and services are available for the people who need them.

This work delivers on commitments in The Way Forward to deliver better services and better outcomes for residents. The Way Forward outlines all actions the Provincial Government is taking to achieve a strong, diversified province with a high standard of living, and can be viewed at thewayforward.gov.nl.ca.

Quote

“I want to take the opportunity to highlight the significant work happening in my department to support seniors living in Newfoundland and Labrador. The primary focus is to ensure our older population remains healthy, active, and engaged - living in their own homes, in their own communities, healthy for as long as possible.”

Honourable John Haggie

Minister of Health and Community Services



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