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NEWSLETTER

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42ND ANNUAL FEDERATION CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER 5 – 8, 2017

Quality Hotel & Suites

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Convention Events Schedule

Sept 5 th	Tuesday	Registration 2:00 – 8.00 p.m. – Entertainment at night
Sept 6 th	Wednesday	Registration 8:30 – 9.00 a.m. Meetings all day - Entertainment at night
Sept 7 th	Thursday	Meetings all day – 6:30 p.m. Banquet
Sept 8 th	Friday	Morning Meeting only

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<http://www.seniorsresource.ca/publications.php>

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2017 Resolutions

Attached are the resolutions which will be presented at the 2017 Convention for your information.

Main Speakers at the Convention

Hon. Lisa Dempster, MHA
Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development

Chief Mi'sel Joe
Miawpukek First Nation

Kelly Heisz, Executive Director
Seniors NL

His Honour, The Honourable Frank F. Fagan, CM, ONL, MBA,
Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador

Hon. Dwight Ball
Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador
Minister of Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs
Minister of Labrador Affairs

New Minister for Seniors appointed

July 31, 2017

Premier Ball Announces changes to Cabinet

The Honourable Dwight Ball, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, today announced changes to his Cabinet with the appointment of Lisa Dempster, MHA for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair, who has been appointed to the role of Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development; Minister Responsible for the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation; and Minister Responsible for the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

Provincial Advisory Council

We would like to congratulate Linda Oldford, 1st Vice President, Newfoundland and Labrador 50 + Federation on her appointment as Chairperson of the Provincial Advisory Council on Aging and Seniors and Noreen Careen, Federation's Area Director for Labrador as a newly appointed member of the Council.

TWIN CITIES SENIORS 50+ CLUB

LABRADOR WEST

ANNUAL UPDATE 2016

Twin Cities Seniors 50+ Club has been a beehive of activities over the past year.

In April we held our annual general meeting and election of officers and we have some new members along with returning members to serve on our executive for the coming year. Our club has experienced huge growth over the past few months with an addition of 38 new members joining our club.

In December we held our regular Christmas Dinner for club members and our Valentine's Dance was a huge success along with our Spring BBQ in May. Our club also hosted several pot luck suppers along with entertainment during the year. All these social activities are a great opportunity for so much fun and fellowship. As our club has grown so much over the past year many of our social activities have to be celebrated in an alternate space. At this time we wish to thank White Wolf Snowmobile Club for being so generous with giving of their space to us along with the use of their kitchen facilities.

Our club has experienced exceptional growth over the past year we are outgrowing our space that we now occupy (a house that was generously contributed by the Town of Labrador City) along with the fact that accessibility and parking is a major concern. So our club in partnership with the Town of Labrador City will be occupying a new space early in the Fall and we are looking forward to this move which gives us the opportunity to offer a host of activities for the coming year.

Minister Gambin-Walsh, Minister for Children, Seniors & Social Development made a visit to our Seniors Club on her trip to Labrador West as well as our MHA to listen to concerns that our seniors are facing in Labrador West. We always appreciate when we get the ear of our government officials and thank them for taking the time out of their busy schedules to meet with us.

Our club meets monthly on the 1st Wednesday of every month from October to June at our house on Centennial Drive. Even though our club was formed in 1986 just this year our club applied and became an incorporated body.

Our club continues to enjoy our weekly card games on Wednesday afternoon and Friday nights. Club members continue to enjoy Friday afternoon bowling and yoga twice a week sponsored by the Town of Wabush and Town of Labrador City.

In February our club hosted a session for all 50+ residents facilitated by PLIAN (Public Legal Information Association of NL) the session titled "Planning Ahead" discussed topics around information pertaining to Wills, Power of Attorney and Advanced Health Care Directives. The session was very well attended and members were very pleased with the information they gained from the session

Our Club received a grant from Community Healthy Living Fund to conduct an Age Friendly Needs Assessment starting in September with residents in the Labrador West area. Hopefully this will give our club an idea of what is needed to make our town as Age Friendly as possible within our means.

Right now we are planning stages for a celebration for Canada 150 Anniversary on July 5th sponsored in partnership with Tomolo Multicultural NL Festival Committee and Government of Canada.

We would also like to inform members that the Seniors Resource Center NL has now re-branded and changed its name to Seniors NL and all newsletters can be viewed online @seniorsresourcecenter.ca and the center can be reached by phone at **1-800-563-5599**.

Also remember it is the law to report any suspicions of elder abuse you may have.

If you need to report seniors' abuse call **1-855-376-4957**. Remember **“Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information on it.” (Samuel Johnson)**

So as you can see this is just a short snap shot of our beehive of activities over the past year and we look forward to busier times in the coming year. We wish all our 50+ residents a safe and enjoyable summer and lots of time with family and friends.

Our executive for 2017-2018 is President: Noreen Careen, 1st Vice: Glenys Hynes, 2nd Vice Joan Stamp, and Treasurer: Albert Careen.

Submitted by:

Noreen Careen, President

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Accidental Death & Dismemberment Benefit

For over 10 years the Newfoundland and Labrador 50 + Federation and American Income Life Insurance Company has had a jointly sponsored supplemental insurance in the amount of \$4,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Benefit, at no cost to our members. Last year the Board addressed some of our concerns with Mr. Randy Stockley, Public Relations Marketing Specialist, due to aggressive behavior of their insurance agents in the field. However, this aggressive behavior continued and on July 10, 2017, the Board had no alternative but to end our partnership with their organization.

Community Healthy Living Fund Grants

The Government of NL is now accepting applications for the Community Healthy Living Fund Grants. Applicants can receive up to \$ 15,000 for certain projects. Applications are being accepted now until January 31, 2018. If you would like more information on this funding please visit: http://www.cssd.gov.nl.ca/grants/chl_fund.html

Note: New this year, groups applying for funds over \$1000 will need to be incorporated. The cost for this is \$70 and takes about a week to get processed once application is submitted to government.

Executive Council
Children, Seniors and Social Development
July 24, 2017

Provincial Government Announces Age-Friendly Transportation Grants

The Honourable Dwight Ball, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Honourable Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development, today announced funding for six organizations totalling \$300,000 through the Age-Friendly Grants Program. The funding will help create more inclusive, accessible communities.

Premier Ball and Minister Gambin-Walsh made the announcement in Corner Brook where they profiled how one of the recipients – Ride for Ages – is supporting older adults and residents in the Bay St. George Area. The program, which is operated by the Bay St. George South Area Development Association, provides transportation for individuals to attend medical and social appointments and has seen much success.

Other organizations that are receiving \$50,000 each are:

- Canadian Red Cross Society
- St. John's Transportation Commission (Metrobus)
- Town of Clarenville
- Town of Springdale
- Town of Twillingate – New World Island

The Age-Friendly Transportation Project assists incorporated non-governmental organizations, municipal governments, Inuit community governments and/or reserves to explore options for age-friendly transportation models. It supports community-based transportation projects that demonstrate clear evidence of volunteer involvement and collaboration.

Quotes

“Healthy aging is so important and something that our government promotes and supports. As our population continues to age, we want to ensure that the proper resources are in place for our older adults and seniors. In order for this to happen, we must stay aware of the needs of seniors, as well as people of all ages and their families.”

Honourable Dwight Ball
Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador

“It is important for all of us to ensure we are preparing for future needs of the aging population. This includes promoting healthy aging. The Age-Friendly Transportation Program will assist seniors to remain active participants and contributing members of their communities.”

Honourable Sherry Gambin-Walsh
Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development

“Our Ride for Ages program provides safe, friendly, affordable and accessible transportation services. We are very proud of the program, and the grants we have received from the Provincial Government have helped us continue to provide independent living to seniors and community members of all ages.”

Monica McGrath
Board Member, Bay St. George Development Association

BACKGROUNDER

Age-Friendly Newfoundland and Labrador Program Grant Recipients

Canadian Red Cross Society

Community Transportation Service (St. John's)

This service provides transportation to older adults and persons with disabilities who are unable to use public transportation or do not have access to private transportation. The service has focused primarily on medical transportation, for example Eastern Regional Health Authority patients who access dialysis services and sometimes provides transportation social gatherings, shopping or other appointments. Service is offered with a combination of cars and mid-sized vans, as well as accessible vehicles and a seven-passenger van.

St. John's Transportation Commission (Metrobus)

Community Bus Service

In June 2014 Metrobus began operating a fixed route, Community Bus Service aimed primarily at seniors. The purpose of the Community Bus Service is to provide transportation that is convenient, easy to use and helps people remain active in the community. Unlike other Metrobus routes, the Community Bus provides door-to-door pick-up and drop-off service at a number of apartment complexes and residences to major destinations, including shopping malls and recreation facilities. Service is provided by a 27-foot, fully-accessible bus that was purchased with a portion of the funding received from the province.

Town of Clarenville

Clarenville Region Extended Seniors' Transportation (CREST) Bus Service

The CREST service began in July 2014. A 16-passenger accessible van was purchased and provides transportation for people 60 years and older and those persons with disabilities age 25 and older. The service operates on a scheduled route five days per week. Riders are charged \$2 each way. The service operates fixed routes and responds to requests for one-off and special event transportation.

Town of Springdale

Care2Ride Program

Care2Ride is a multi-community, volunteer-based service that provides transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities. The service began operating in July 2014. Rides are offered using a 15-passenger, wheelchair accessible vehicle operated by volunteer drivers, sometimes using their personal vehicles.

Town of Twillingate - New World Island

Community Wheels Project

In partnership with the local Lions Club and the Central Regional Health Authority a bus is provided to respond to the needs of individual seniors and other individuals in the community to attend medical and social appointments.

Bay St. George South Area Development Association

Ride for Ages

The Bay St. George South Development Association has operated the Ride for Ages program since April 2014. A 26-passenger bus was purchased and provides transportation for individuals to attend medical and social appointments. Nine communities are currently served including Bay St. George, Heatherton, Highlands, Stephenville, Corner Brook, McKay's, Port aux Basques, Jeffrey's and Robinsons.

Children, Seniors and Social Development

June 30, 2017

Minister Gambin-Walsh Announces 2017 Seniors of Distinction Award Recipients

Today, the Honourable Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development, announced the 2017 Seniors of Distinction Award recipients. The Seniors of Distinction Awards program was designed to identify and celebrate the contributions, achievements and diversity of older persons throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

This year's recipients are Margaret Burden of Port Hope Simpson, Augustine (Gus) Etchegary of Portugal Cove-St. Philips, Dermot (Derm) Flynn of Appleton, Leonard (Len) Simms of St. John's and Willis Whyatt of St. Carol's. A formal awards ceremony to honour these deserving individuals will take place on October 3.

Further information on each of this year's awards recipients is available in the backgrounder below.

First awarded in 2009, the Seniors of Distinction Awards are intended to increase recognition of seniors in our province, and increase visibility of seniors in our society.

Quote

“Recognizing seniors for their contributions and achievements within the community is just a small way to show our appreciation. Seniors play such an important role in shaping the lives of others, through their knowledge, experience and generosity. Congratulations to this year’s Seniors of Distinction award recipients. We look forward to celebrating with you and your families in the fall.”

Honourable Sherry Gambin-Walsh
Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development

Recipients of the 2017 Seniors of Distinction Award

Margaret Burden – Port Hope Simpson

Born in 1938 in Twillingate, Margaret Burden moved to Port Hope Simpson to teach in the early 1950s. She married a fisherman and raised eight children. During the winter Ms. Burden would teach and during the summer she would fish with her husband. She was an educator, leader, volunteer, counsellor, Sunday school teacher, municipal politician and business woman with tons of energy and vision. Ms. Burden owns and operates two businesses and served as the town's mayor for 20 years this September. She has been a recreation coordinator for the community and the Labrador Winter Games for many years. She still never misses a dog team race. Young athletes she coached as teenagers are now in their fifties and still run, ski and snowshoe. Ms. Burden was instrumental in getting the Moulder of Dreams Pottery Shop off the ground. She also started a community garden from the waste of the hydro plant. Ms. Burden has helped develop athletes, potters and gardeners by encouraging individuals to be their very best.

Augustine (Gus) Etchegary – Portugal Cove-St. Philip

Born in 1924, St. Lawrence s -native Augustine (Gus) Etchegary has witnessed and shared in a wealth of experiences including the havoc of the 1929 tsunami and the efforts to rescue crew members from the USS Truxtun, which ran aground near St. Lawrence. Joining Fishery Products Ltd. in 1947, Mr. Etchegary had a distinguished 41-year career, retiring in 1988 as executive vice-president. A long-time fisheries advocate, Mr. Etchegary is a former Canadian commissioner to the International Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries and the North Atlantic Fishery Organization. He participated in a number of fishery negotiations and was also responsible for the formation of the Save Our Fisheries Association in 1971. After retiring, Mr. Etchegary volunteered for a number of community activities including adviser to the Coalition of Churches which highlighted the problems facing rural NL communities following the 1992 cod moratorium. Mr. Etchegary's was also the first Newfoundlander to be inducted into the Canadian Soccer Association Hall of Fame in 2007. In 2008 he was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree by Memorial University and, in 2013, published his first novel Empty Nets, which recounts his historic attachment and passion for the fishing industry, his love and respect for a way of life unique to NL communities, and his conviction for nature's capacity to renew itself if given a chance.

Dermot (Derm) Flynn – Appleton

Dermot (Derm) Flynn was born in Placentia Bay in 1947. Mr. Flynn has had a very distinguished career on the Island and in Labrador. He spent 32 years in municipal government – eight years as mayor and deputy mayor of Wabush and 24 years as mayor and deputy mayor of Appleton, a position he currently holds. Mr. Flynn moved to Appleton in 1991 and has been keen to find new ideas to benefit his town. The Appleton Winter Festival celebrated its 25th year in February 2017 and he has been a committee volunteer since its inception. Under Mr. Flynn's leadership Appleton has improved the ecosystem of the Gander River with the successful construction and implementation of an Abydoz Wetland Treatment Facility in 2006-07 which has won numerous awards for its treatment levels, innovative design and its green method of treatment. Mr. Flynn has been very involved with the Provincial Tidy Towns program garnering Appleton wins in 2006, 2009, 2011 and 2016. He is a life member of the Association of Kinsmen Clubs of Canada, was inducted into Softball Newfoundland and Labrador Hall of Fame and, in 2012, was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal. Because of the efforts of the people of Appleton, Mr. Flynn is being portrayed in the Broadway musical "Come From Away".

Leonard (Len) Simms – St. John's

Leonard (Len) Simms was born in 1943 in Howley and raised in Corner Brook, but became a long-time resident of Grand Falls-Windsor before moving to St. John's. His list of accolades and accomplishments includes President of the Kinsmen Club of Grand Falls-Windsor, Deputy Governor of Kinsmen NL, Governor of Kinsmen, Atlantic Provinces and Mr. Simms was the first Newfoundland Kinsmen to be to be elected National President of the Kinsmen Clubs of Canada in 1978-79. Mr. Simms has been involved with a number of charitable organizations including the Lions Max Simms Memorial Camp since 1981, Chair of Children's Wish Foundation Advisory Board and member of Stella's Circle Governance Board. Mr. Simms is a well-known political figure, having served as MHA for Grand Falls-Windsor, Speaker of the House, Member of Cabinet, Leader of the PC Party of Newfoundland and Labrador and Leader of the Opposition. Most recently, Mr. Simms served as CEO of Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation and, as an affordable housing advocate, received the National Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation Award at the 2013 Canadian Housing Congress for outstanding contribution to advancing affordable housing solutions.

Willis Whyatt – St. Carol's

Willis Whyatt was born in 1941 in St. Carol's, where he has resided his entire life. When Mr. Whyatt was 11 years old his father was unable to work for a winter so, as the oldest child, Mr. Whyatt left school to take on his father's duties. That same year he began his career in the fishery. As an adult, he and other community members spearheaded the building of a new school and church which was funded through the St. Carol's Concert, a decades long tradition on the Northern Peninsula. To this day, Mr. Whyatt sits on the board of the local parish council and is a member of the church band. Traditional music has been his lifelong passion, which he attributes to his grandfather. As a member of the group, Folk of the Sea, he played for Queen Elizabeth in Bonavista. In his 50s, Mr. Whyatt joined another musical group called The Pumper Boys and although the band retired in 2012, Mr. Whyatt continues to play. In his early 70s, when most people are slowing down, Mr. Whyatt released his first album. His songs are played regularly on radio stations throughout the province.

Children, Seniors and Social Development

July 14, 2017

Minister Gambin-Walsh Announces Appointments to Provincial Advisory Council on Aging and Seniors

Today, the Honourable Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development, announced the appointment of five new members, and the re-appointment of two others, to the Provincial Advisory Council on Aging and Seniors. The council advocates on behalf of seniors province-wide including issues facing older adults and identifies opportunities to promote independent, active, healthy aging.

The new appointments to the council are Noreen Careen of Labrador City, Doreen Chaulk of Deer Lake, William Eaton of St. John's, Helen Handrigan of St. John's and Judy Pardy, Cartwright. Re-appointments to the council are Linda Oldford of Gander and Wayde Rowsell of St. Lawrence. They join the remainder of the council's current members, Leo Bonnell of Clarendville, Shirley Boone of Mount Pearl, Maggie Chambers of Flower's Cove, Winston Childs of Pasadena, Maisie Clark of Campbellton, Damien Collier of Goulds, Cecilia Hickey of Grand Falls-Windsor, Joan Hutchings of Mobile and Shirley Letto of L'Anse au Clair. Biographical information is included in the backgrounder below.

The Provincial Advisory Council on Aging and Seniors advises government in preparing for an aging population by ensuring that a seniors' perspective is reflected in policy development and in planning for future service delivery. The mandate of this council is to advise and inform government on issues, concerns and needs of seniors. The council provides a mechanism for seniors to have a strong voice in the development of comprehensive programming to support the independence and well-being of an aging population.

Quotes

"With our government's enhanced focus on our older adults, the Provincial Advisory Council on Aging and Seniors provides a valuable resource, helping ensure seniors remain healthy, active, engaged citizens, and that they are always provided with the respect and dignity they deserve. I would like to thank outgoing council members Patricia Burton and Josephine Waddleton for their dedication and advice. I would also like to thank outgoing chair, Leo Bonnell, for his commitment, having served on the council in the capacity as chairperson for 10 years. The valuable input of council members is so important to advancing seniors issues."/>

Honourable Sherry Gambin-Walsh

Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development

"Representing a diverse cross-section of seniors, and other individuals who are familiar with seniors' issues, the council has been a strong voice throughout the province. For more than 10 years, the council has provided valuable input and sound advice. As our population continues to age, I look forward to contributing; working with council and the minister in bringing seniors issues to the forefront." **Linda Oldford Incoming Chair**, Provincial Advisory Council on Aging and Seniors

**Provincial Advisory Council on Aging and Seniors
New Appointments**

Noreen Careen, Labrador City

Having an undergraduate degree in women's studies, Noreen Careen was Executive Director of the Labrador West Status of Women's Council for more than 20 years. She served in a variety of roles with the Hope Haven's Women's Shelter for over 20 years and was involved with many other initiatives, from family resource centres to the Labrador West Housing and Homelessness Coalition and the Newfoundland and Labrador Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse through Seniors NL.

Doreen Chaulk, Deer Lake

Doreen Chaulk has a lengthy history in health care in Newfoundland and Labrador. Graduating as a nurse she also received a Master's in Science in 2001. She served in many capacities including faculty member at Western Memorial School of Nursing; Director of Addictions with the Department of Health and Community Services; and as Assistant Chief Executive Officer with Western Regional Health Authority.

William Eaton, St. John's

William Eaton received his Masters of Medicine in 1974. From 1980 to 2016 he was an associate professor with Memorial University and Eastern Regional Health Authority. He was a medical doctor in palliative care and full-time faculty in family medicine. He is also a member of the educational forum organizing committee with the College of Family Physicians of Canada; served as chair of the Alzheimer Society; and was recognized by his peers for his compassion and outstanding care to patients and families. He also has a wonderful sense of humor and often does musical comedy routines.

Helen Handrigan, St. John's

Helen Handrigan received a Masters in Social Work degree in 1978 and is now a retired social worker, having 35 years of practice in acute care, family court and tenant relations. Her last position was Senior Housing Officer with the City of St. John's. Since 2013 she has served on the Board of Directors with Seniors NL.

Judy Pardy, Cartwright

Judy Pardy has a lengthy history in socioeconomic development with communities in Labrador. She was previously Executive Director with the Southeastern Aurora Development Corporation and has served in many capacities including archaeology and recreation roles. She is currently involved with the Sandwich Bay 50+ Club and as a peer volunteer with SeniorsNL.

Re-appointments

Linda Oldford, Gander

Linda Oldford spent 35 years with the Federal Government-Service Canada. During that time she was a union activist and held many positions, including three terms as the Public Service Alliance of Canada's Director for Women. Ms. Oldford is 1st Vice-President of the Newfoundland and Labrador 50+ Federation; Chair of the 50+ Club in Burnside; the Recreation and Wellness Committee; and Crime Prevention Committee. She is also the 50+ representative on the Central Wellness Board and member of the Burnside Community Association and the Anglican Church Women. Ms. Oldford has a keen interest and involvement in Indigenous culture and is a member of the St. John's Native Friendship Centre. Ms. Oldford assumes the role of Chairperson of the Provincial Advisory Council on Aging and Seniors.

Wayde Rowsell, St. Lawrence

Wayde Rowsell began his volunteer service as a Board Member of the Newfoundland Association of Public Employees, while employed as a Laboratory Technologist with the U.S. Memorial Hospital. In 1985 Mr. Rowsell was elected to the St. Lawrence Town Council and re-elected an additional six times, serving five terms as mayor. He is a founding member of the St. Lawrence Heritage Society and served on the boards of the Heritage Run Tourism Association and Greater Lamaline Area Development Association. Mr. Rowsell's many activities include health care, economic development, workplace health and safety, heritage and sports.

Current Members

Leo Bonnell, Clarenville

Leo Bonnell is a retired bank manager and community leader who resides in Clarenville. He has been active in local community affairs throughout the province and has held leadership positions with the church board, chamber of commerce, bankers association, Lions Club International, Rotary International and other organizations. He was chair of the Provincial Advisory Council on Aging and Seniors for the past 10 years, vice-chair of the Random Age-Friendly Communities Board and is an advisory member for the Public Health Agency of Canada's Pan-Canadian Age-Friendly Communities Reference Group.

Shirley Boone, Mount Pearl

Shirley Boone's lengthy history of volunteerism and charitable work includes Ronald McDonald House, Candlelighters, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Kidney Foundation and more than 25 years with the Children's Wish Foundation. Ms. Boone served as a director with the Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group and has been chairperson since 2010. In 2009, Ms. Boone was named Volunteer of the Year by at the Newfoundland and Labrador Administrators of Volunteer Resources and Mount Pearl's Citizen of the Year in 2012.

Maggie Chambers, Flower's Cove

Maggie Chambers, a community leader and educator, lives in Flower's Cove. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree with specialization in primary education, from Memorial University of Newfoundland and worked as a primary and elementary teacher for 30 years, during which time she also led many extra-curricular activities for students. She was Co-chair of NORTIP, a Community Business Development Corporation; President of the Flower's Cove Lioness Club; councilor with the Town of Flowers Cove; Eucharistic Minister for St. Barnabas Anglican Church; treasurer of the Straits Development Association; and a member of the Straits - St. Barbe Chamber of Commerce.

Winston Childs, Pasadena

Winston Childs was born in Lark Harbour and currently resides in Pasadena. Mr. Childs served with the Canadian Armed Forces and, after retirement, moved back to Lark Harbour. He was very involved in a number of community activities including co-authoring One Hundred Years or More, describing the first hundred years of St. James Church. He has been active in the Royal Canadian Legion, Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping and the National Association of Federal Retirees. Mr. Child's voluntary activities have primarily focused on issues impacting seniors.

Maisie Clark, Campbellton

Maisie Clark was born in Port Blandford and resides in Campbellton. Ms. Clark taught school in this province and in northern Manitoba. Because her husband served with the Canadian Air Force, she lived in a number of communities throughout Canada, the United States and Europe, where she was active through volunteer initiatives and local governments. Ms. Clark has been very involved with Girl Guides of Canada, Lewisporte and Area Chamber of Commerce and Lewisporte Area Economic Development Committee. Ms. Clark served as the mayor of CFB, Gypsumville, Manitoba and has been Mayor of Campbellton since 2001. In 2013 Ms. Clark was named one of Newfoundland and Labrador's Seniors of Distinction.

Damien Collier, Goulds

Damien Collier, who currently resides in Goulds, has been involved in the education field for 29 years, first as a teacher and then as a coordinator and program specialist at the school board level. His educational accomplishments include two Bachelor of Arts degrees, a Bachelor of Science and a Master's Degree in Education. He has also been involved in a small business for a number of years. In addition, Mr. Collier has been an executive member of the Friends of Goulds Library for more than 25 years.

Cecilia Hickey, Grand Falls-Windsor

Cecilia Hickey is a former oncology nurse and an active volunteer who lives in Grand Falls-Windsor. She has 25 years of experience in the health care system in the central region of the province. As a volunteer, she has provided leadership to many organizations and committees working in a variety of areas, including lifelong learning, cervical cancer screening, palliative care and nutrition. Ms. Hickey currently serves on the board of the Exploits Valley 50+ Club and on the committee to make Grand Falls-Windsor an increasingly age-friendly community.

Joan Hutchings, Mobile

Joan Hutchings currently lives in Mobile and is a member of the O'Connor 50+ Club and secretary-treasurer of the Bay Bulls-Bauline Crime Prevention Unit. As a member of the Crime Prevention Unit, she deals with seniors issues on a regular basis. Ms. Hutchings feels that because such a large portion of Newfoundland and Labrador's population is 65 or older, the province needs to pay particularly close attention to issues such as health, home care, social issues and transportation, especially in rural areas.

Shirley Letto, L'Anse au Clair

Shirley Letto was born and raised on Capstan Island in Labrador and currently resides in L'Anse au Clair. During the 1960s, Ms. Letto became a teacher and taught in Mary's Harbour and L'Anse au Loup. She then became self-employed in the tourism industry and currently owns and operates a hotel in L'Anse au Clair with her husband and two sons. Ms. Letto volunteers in many activities in and around her community, some of which involve promoting the area as a tourist destination. From 2005 to 2008, Ms. Letto held a Board of Governors appointment with the College of the North Atlantic, representing Labrador. Ms. Letto is currently involved with the local seniors club.

Newfoundland and Labrador 50 + Federation Inc.
42nd Annual Convention Resolutions

Resolution: # 1

Financial Assessments in Long-Term Care

- Whereas: People applying to long-term-care facilities in Newfoundland and Labrador feel obliged to transfer liquid assets to family and friends rather than use assets for the cost of long term care;
- And
- Whereas: Transfer of liquid assets places these adults at risk of financial abuse;
- And
- Whereas: The provinces of Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, the Yukon, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia have revised their financial policy so that individuals living in long term care facilities are assessed based on “income only”;
- And
- Whereas: Government has committed since 2012 under goal 5.1.3 of “Close to Home: A Strategy for Long-Term Care and Community Support Services” to review the financial assessment processes, which would include a review of the current liquid asset policies;

Therefore Be It Resolved: The Newfoundland and Labrador 50 + Federation requests our Provincial Government to immediately complete a review of the financial assessment processes and consider “income only” as the financial criteria for paying to live in a long-term-care facility.

Submitted by the Resolution Committee:

Resolution: # 2

Demand Heating Cost

- Whereas: Formerly non-profit organizations were not charged demand heating cost;
- And
- Whereas: Non-profit organization have difficulty surviving on the monies they might raise to pay their utilities;
- And
- Whereas: Non-profit organizations are limited in their abilities to raise funds;
- And
- Whereas: Fortis has created only two (2) categories of billing – residential and business;

Therefore be it resolved: That the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador have the Minister of Justice, the Honourable Andrew Parsons, MHA for Burgeo – La Poile to contact the Public Utilities Board to request Utility Companies to return to three (3) categories of billing – residential, business, and non-profit, where the non-profits are not charged on demand but only on consumption of energy used.

Submitted by: New Vision 50 + Club of C-W-T and Indian Bay Inc.

Resolution Committee:

Resolution: # 3

Personal and Palliative Care

Whereas: The Newfoundland and Labrador Government has encouraged critical-care seniors to be cared for at home.

And

Whereas: Critical care is not always administered by individuals who are properly trained to do so.

And

Whereas: A team approach is not always in place.

Therefore be it resolved: The Newfoundland and Labrador 50 + Federation request our Provincial Government to enact, through the Regional Health Authorities, policy that requires minimum training requirements for personal-care workers and a team approach (including personal-care workers, social workers and medical-care workers) for individual end-of-life care.

Submitted by: New World Island 50 + Club, Summerford, NL

Resolution Committee:

Resolution: # 4

Broadband Internet

Whereas: All communities in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador are not connected to the Broadband Internet;

And

Whereas: Broadband is necessary:

- To combat isolation for the elderly and disabled.
- To enable residents to fully access government resources.
- To enable students to take full advantage of the education system.
- To enable businesses to compete in today's tight economy.
- To allow residents to fully live in the 21st century;

And

Whereas: Broadband internet is no longer a luxury, but a necessity;

Therefore be it resolved: The Newfoundland and Labrador 50 + Federation request our Provincial Government provide Broadband Internet to all of areas of the Province.

Submitted by: Burnside 50 + Club Inc. Burnside, NL

Resolution Committee:

Resolution: # 5

Registry for Powers of Attorney and Enduring Powers of Attorney

Whereas: The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation 50 + Federation has encouraged all seniors to execute an Enduring Power of Attorney;

And

Whereas: An Enduring Power of Attorney is a written document that gives the appointee authority to act for a person in relation to their financial affairs and continues to be valid even if the said person becomes legally incapacitated;

And

Whereas: The Newfoundland and Labrador 50 + Federation has become aware that some persons have become appointees, under a Power of Attorney or Enduring Power of Attorney, for a number of different seniors, and therefore have been entrusted to look after their financial affairs;

And

Whereas: A Registry of Powers of Attorney and Enduring Powers of Attorney will help to insure that the assets entrusted to the appointee will be used in the best interests of the senior involved;

Therefore be it resolved: The Newfoundland and Labrador 50 + Federation request our Provincial Government to establish a Registry of Powers of Attorney and Enduring Powers of Attorney.

Submitted by the Resolution Committee

Resolution: # 6

Long-Term-Care Beds

Whereas: The aging population of the Newfoundland and Labrador is increasing.

And

Whereas: This province has experienced a pattern of out-migration of younger adults and, more recently, in-migration of older persons.

And

Whereas: At present many of our older persons are being placed in long-term-care beds in locations far from their home.

And

Whereas: Long-term-care beds are not keeping up with demand in high-growth area of the province.

Therefore be it resolved: The Newfoundland and Labrador 50 + Federation request our Provincial Government to consider increasing long-term-care beds as one of the Government's first priorities, especially in areas that are lacking these resources.

Submitted by the Resolution Committee:

Resolution: # 7

Primary Care Paramedic

- Whereas: All Ambulances in the Province do not have Primary Care Paramedic on each Ambulance;
- And
Whereas: Many of our communities have two ambulances with two Emergency Medical Responders but only one Primary Care Paramedic for the two ambulances;
- And
Whereas: Certain procedures that ambulatory patients need cannot be carried out by Emergency Medical Responders, and the time taken to have a Primary Care Paramedic to arrive could be the cause of undue suffering or loss of a life;

Therefore be it resolved: The Newfoundland and Labrador 50 + Federation request the Provincial Government to ensure that there be one Primary Care Paramedic for each ambulance.

Submitted by: Trepassey 50 + Friendship Club Inc.

Resolution Committee:

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