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### **History**

The founding members of the Canadian Seniors Partnership (CSP) first came together as a Steering Committee that guided the development and launch in January 2001 of the inter-jurisdictional Seniors Canada On-line (SCOL) Web site. This Web site organized links to federal, provincial and territorial government information of interest to seniors, Veterans, their families and caregivers in one location. Once the SCOL site was launched, the Steering Committee recognized the potential for bringing about more service and program integration at the delivery and policy levels. The founding members signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in November 2001 that formed the Canadian Seniors Partnership as a means of confirming their commitment to the Partnership vision and goals.

#### **Structure**

The **Governing Council** is currently comprised of the following members:

Co-chairs- Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services, Veterans Affairs Canada and,

Geoffrey Quirt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Seniors Secretariat, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, Government of Ontario.

Canada Revenue Agency

Public Works Government Services Canada (formerly Communication Canada)

Health Canada, Division of Aging and Seniors

Social Development Canada (formerly Human Resources Development Canada)

Treasury Board Secretariat, Chief Information Officer Branch

Government of Prince Edward Island, Ministry of Health and Social Services

Province of Alberta, Alberta Seniors

Royal Canadian Legion, Dominion Command

Canadian Seniors Partnership Advisory Panel Representative

The CSP goal is to add all the provinces and territories to the Governing Council. Those who have not yet signed a Memorandum of Understanding are considered participants and are welcome to attend quarterly meetings, planning events and to involve themselves in collaborative projects.

### Participants:

Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Health Planning

Province of Manitoba, Manitoba Seniors Secretariat

Province of New Brunswick, Family & Community Services

Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, Department of Health & Community Services

Province of Nova Scotia, Senior Citizen's Secretariat

Province of Québec, Secrétariat aux aînés

Province of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Health

Government of Yukon, Department of Health and Social Services

Government of the Northwest Territories

City of Brockville

## **Operating Procedures**

- The Governing Council meets on a quarterly basis or at the call of the co-chairs.
- Decisions by the Council are made by consensus.
- Each member is responsible for obtaining financial support and expertise from within their organizations, should they choose to contribute to a specific initiative/project.
- Participants who have not yet signed the MOU are welcome to participate in order to learn more about the CSP activities.
- Members are senior managers ADM or equivalent and attendance by alternates should be on an exceptional basis only.
- Members are welcome to bring supporting officials.
- The Seniors Cluster office provides coordination and secretariat support to the co-chairs and assists organizations to register their projects in the CSP Networking Registry.

# The Canadian Seniors Partnership Advisory Panel:

The CSP receives advice and guidance from a panel comprised of representatives from over 20 nationally and regionally based organizations that represent seniors, Veterans, caregivers and

service providers from across Canada. A member of the Panel is selected on a yearly basis to serve as a link between the Panel and the CSP.

The CSP Advisory Panel's responsibilities are:

• Provides advice, feedback and the perspective of seniors on the use of the Internet as a government service channel, and on all government service delivery mechanisms.

- Comments on specific aspects of the development of the Seniors Canada On-line Web site in order to ensure the Web site is as client-centred as possible.
- Serves as a forum that allows opportunities to liaise more closely and effectively with seniors.

## Members of the Advisory Council:

Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus (CARP)

Canadian Association of Retired Teachers

Canadian Centre for Activity and Aging

Canadian Pensioners Concerned (National & Ontario Divisions)

Congress of Union Retirees

Council on Aging

Yukon Council on Aging

Cummings Jewish Centre for Seniors (CJCS)

**Elder Connections** 

Fédération de l'Âge d'or du Québec (FADOQ)

Federal Superannuates National Association (FSNA)

Manitoba Council on Aging

National Advisory Council on Aging

The National Pensioners and Senior Citizens Federation Incorporated

**NWT Seniors Society** 

Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens Organization (OCSCO)

P.E.I. Senior Citizens' Federation Inc.

The Royal Canadian Legion

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta

Seniors Education Centre University of Regina

Soeurs de la charité, Ottawa (SCO) Health Services

The United Senior Citizens of Ontario Inc.

Victorian Order of Nurses Canada (VON) The War Amputations of Canada