

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

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