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Office of the Seniors' Advocate

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Seniors' Advocate Begins Provincial Public Engagement Process

Newfoundland and Labrador's Seniors' Advocate, Susan Walsh, is advancing a public engagement process, reaching out to seniors, seniors' families and service providers throughout the province.

On day one of my appointment in June, I committed to hearing more from seniors, families and service providers – the people who truly know what systemic issues need to be improved in this province, and how to do so.

Susan Walsh, NL Seniors Advocate

The Seniors' Advocate wants to listen and better understand the priority systemic issues seniors and families are facing. Feedback will be used to help guide the Office of the Seniors' Advocate's actions and strategic direction in 2023.

My mandate is to recommend ways to improve issues, services and programs impacting NL seniors. Three years have passed since this Office undertook any significant engagement process. In that time we have all witnessed considerable change: economically, socially and health-related. It is time to hear from seniors; to learn and discuss how we can ensure positive impacts on the lives of seniors.

Susan Walsh, NL Seniors Advocate

The Seniors' Advocate will be conducting in-person public engagement sessions throughout the province and virtually. The first in-person sessions are below and a full listing can be found at <https://www.seniorsadvocatenl.ca/pdfs/EngagementSessionsPoster.pdf>. A discussion guide has been developed to aid in focusing the sessions: <https://www.seniorsadvocatenl.ca/pdfs/DiscussionGuide.pdf>.

- **Clarenville** September 28, 2-3:30 p.m., Bill Davis Chalet, 44 Tilley's Rd (hosted by the Clarenville and Area 50+ Club);
- **Gander** October 4, 10-11:30 a.m., Lion's Club, 29 Memorial Dr.;
- **Grand Falls-Windsor** October 5, 11a.m.-12:30p.m., 25 Edwards Pl. (hosted by the Exploits Valley 50+ Club);
- **St. John's** October 6, 7-8:30 p.m., 10 Bennett Ave. (hosted by the St. John's Retired Citizen's Association).

Individuals can also have their say by responding to a survey at <http://www.nlseniorsadvocatesurvey.ca/> or by visiting [seniorsadvocatenl.ca](https://www.seniorsadvocatenl.ca) and connecting to the survey link. Paper copies of the discussion guide and survey are available by contacting the Office of the Seniors' Advocate. Completed surveys must be returned by **December 1, 2022** to:

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