

# News Release

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## Seniors' Advocate Releases Status Report on Recommendations 2023-2024

Newfoundland and Labrador's Office of the Seniors' Advocate (OSA) has released its annual Status Report on Recommendations 2023-2024.

The Seniors' Advocate Act provides the legislative authority for the Seniors' Advocate to make recommendations to government, government agencies, service providers and community groups to improve legislation, policies, programs, and services impacting seniors. The first recommendations were issued in 2019 and since that time, 57 per cent of the OSA recommendations have been implemented, 30 per cent have been partially implemented and 13 per cent have no measurable advancement.

The greatest advancement of the OSA recommendations are from the 2019 report Long May Your Big Jib Draw with 72 per cent implemented, 24 per cent partially implemented and 4 per cent not implemented. This represents an improvement in all categories over last year from 64 per cent, 28 per cent and 8 per cent respectively.

There has been less progress on the What Golden Years? report recommendations, which were issued to address the financial challenges seniors are facing. It is acknowledged that this report was released in November of 2023 and the covering period of the status report ended on March 31, 2024.

### Quote

"I am pleased that the majority of the recommendations made by the Office of the Seniors' Advocate continue to move towards implementation. It is imperative that government advance on the OSA recommendations outlined in the What Golden Years? report, which are all related to improving the finances of seniors in this province. Seniors in Newfoundland and Labrador have the lowest income of seniors in Canada, and they are struggling."

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