

Office of the Seniors Advocate Monthly Update - August 2026

Activities of the Office of the Seniors Advocate

2025/26 OSA Annual Report

The 2025/26 OSA Annual Report highlights the work we have done over the past year to improve programs and services for seniors in B.C. It shares key achievements, the issues we raised with government and the priorities that will guide our work in the year ahead.

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August Message from the BC Seniors Advocate

Read the latest message from the Seniors Advocate about the work of the office to listen and advocate for B.C. seniors.

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Current Issues and Resources

Wildfire Safety for Seniors

Wildfire season can bring smoke, extreme heat, power outages and evacuation alerts that may pose added risks for older adults. Visit our wildfire safety resource for practical tips on preparing for emergencies, protecting your health and staying informed during wildfire events.

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Financial Abuse Prevention Hub

A series of resources from the Canadian Bankers Association to help you learn how to identify the signs of financial abuse and take steps to protect yourself and the people you care about.

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The Road Ahead: Understanding Driver Assessments

Are you approaching age 80 or 85 and wondering what to expect when it comes to driver assessments? Join the Seniors Health and Wellness Institute for an informative virtual workshop designed to help older adults understand the driver assessment process in B.C. Learn about RoadSafetyBC medical assessments and ICBC enhanced road assessments, what they involve and how they may impact your driving.

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Provincial News

Recent Announcements from the B.C. Government Impacting Seniors

- July 28, 2026 [Improving access to care through new renal facility](#)
- July 27, 2026 [New CT scanner project underway at Kootenay Lake Hospital](#)
- July 24, 2026 [Continuing services in Port Alberni despite fire](#)
- July 24, 2026 [Urging people to pre-register with Emergency Support Services](#)
- July 21, 2026 [Strengthening emergency operations centres in B.C.](#)
- July 20, 2026 [Be water smart this summer](#)
- July 16, 2026 [Opening new rental homes in Coquitlam](#)
- July 9, 2026 [Minister's statement about July 2026 rental report](#)
- July 7, 2026 [Improved emergency care services at Royal Inland Hospital](#)
- July 6, 2026 [Building a stronger food network in the Kootenays](#)
- July 6, 2026 [Delivering free smart thermostats so people save energy, money](#)

National News

Recent Announcements from the Federal Government Impacting Seniors

- July 3, 2026 [Following June's one-time payment, Canadians to start receiving first enriched quarterly Canada Groceries and Essentials Benefit payment](#)

Recent Research

Experiences of Older Women in Canada: Findings from the NIA's 2025 Ageing in Canada Survey

(National Institute on Ageing)

Supported by Women and Gender Equality Canada, Experiences of Older Women in Canada: Findings from the NIA's 2025 Ageing in Canada Survey is the first report in a three-part research series examining how gender shapes the experience of ageing in Canada. Drawing on responses from more than 6,000 Canadians aged 50 and older, the report identifies where current systems are supporting older women effectively and more importantly, where they are failing those facing overlapping inequalities.

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Older adults and extreme weather events: recommendations from the Research Centers Collaborative Network workshop

(The Journals of Gerontology: Series A)

Extreme weather events are increasingly recognized as critical determinants of health and well-being in later life. To identify priorities for advancing research at the intersection of these events and ageing, the Research Centers Collaborative Network convened a 1.5-day interdisciplinary workshop. This article synthesizes discussions across three domains: the effects of weather-related hazards on aging and health outcomes; the vulnerabilities and resilience of older adults; and interventions to mitigate risk.

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“94 Voices”: Insights on Addressing Social Isolation and Loneliness with Older Adults

(Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health)

Social isolation and loneliness are among the most significant public health challenges facing older adults in Canada, with documented links to dementia, depression, cardiovascular disease, and early mortality. The Clinical Guidelines on Social Isolation and Loneliness in Older Adults now exist to support clinical practice, but evidence only changes lives when it meets the realities of the people delivering care.

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Outreach by the OSA

If you would like to invite BC Seniors Advocate Dan Levitt to speak to your organization or attend an event, please email info@seniorsadvocatebc.ca.

The Office of the Seniors Advocate operates a toll-free information and referral phone line staffed by seniors' services specialists who can help put seniors and family caregivers in touch with services and navigate issues and concerns. Call 1-877-952-3181 (toll free) or 250-952-3181 (Victoria).

** Please note that the Office of the Seniors Advocate has relocated and our contact information has been updated on our website. We continue to serve seniors throughout B.C. by phone, email and online.*

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