

The Special Senate Committee on Aging released its final report in April titled *Canada's Aging Population : Seizing the Opportunity*. The Committee recommends that the federal government:

- Move immediately to take steps to promote active aging and healthy aging and to combat ageism;
- Provide leadership and coordination through initiatives such as a National Integrated Care Initiative, a National Caregive Strategy, a National Pharmacare Program, and a federal transfer to address the needs of provinces with the highest proportion of the aging population;
- Ensure the financial security of Canadians by addressing the needs of older workers, pension reform and income security reform;
- Facilitate the desire of Canadians to age in place of choice with adequate housing, transportation, and integrated health and social services; and
- Act immediately to implement changes for those populations groups for which it has a specific direct service responsibility, and in relation to Canada's official language commitments.