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## News from the New Brunswick Senior Citizens' Federation

The NBSCF held its 2023 Annual General Meeting in the Legends Room of the Moncton Coliseum on Tuesday May 9th. Over 120 delegates, non-delegates, volunteers and guests from across the province attended the event, and the full Board of Directors was in attendance.

Our President, Percy Huntington, chaired the meeting and presented his annual report. He has been very active in the past year visiting the different zones of the province.

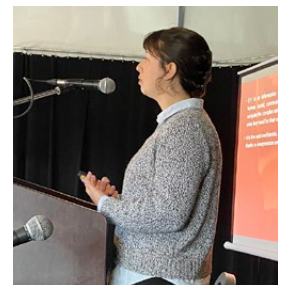
We had 4 guest speakers:

- **Bryan Butler**, Deputy Mayor of the City of Moncton, welcomed everyone and mentioned that the World Health Organization has declared Moncton a senior-friendly city and it is also recognized as one of the best places in Canada to retire.
- **Monique Gallant**, citizen services specialist from Service Canada, explained about everything her department can do for seniors. She also offers presentations in seniors' clubs if you are ever interested. She can be reached at 506-655-9352. She speaks French and English.

- **Daniela Fernandez** from United Way told us about the 211 NB telephone service: a free, bilingual and confidential resource intended to help New Brunswickers navigate the network of community and social services, non-clinical health and government services. For more information, you can contact her at 506-858-8600, extension 3670. She speaks French, English and Spanish.

- **Alyssa Margeson**, from the Canadian Red Cross, also presented the services offered to seniors by her organization: Connection New Brunswick, the Friendly Calls program, and the medical equipment rental program. Her phone number is 506-478-4392. She only speaks English.

The chairs of the standing committees also presented their annual reports: **Gildard Lavoie** (Management Committee), **Doris Pauley** (Marketing and Revenue Generation Committee), **James Hanley** (Government Relations Committee) and **Gerard Breau** (Programs and Services Committee).



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Our government relations committee has already met with Federal Minister Ginette Petitpas-Taylor and Member of Parliament John Williamson, and should secure a meeting with Premier Higgs within the next two months.

Members approved the four 2023 resolutions regarding:

1. The need for long-term care to be taken over by the Department of Health rather than the Department of Social Development;
2. Having plans in place so that hospital patients and nursing home residents can receive visitors at all times;
3. Obtaining Dexcon or Freestyle diabetic readers for the elderly that are covered by the government; and
4. The creation of rest areas (benches, chairs, etc.) in grocery stores.

**Louise Belliveau**, of Louise Belliveau CPA Corp. Prof., presented the financial statements of the Federation for 2022.

**Alphonse Dionne** presented the Ad hoc committee results for the Strategic Plan and Policies because the chair, **Robéa Cormier**, was absent from the AGM. Delegates voted on the updates and changes to the Federation’s Strategic Plan and Policies, including long-term goals (5 years- 2023 to 2028) and short-term goals (2 years- 2023-2025).

Mrs. Bernice LeBlanc from Saint-Antoine won the 50/50 for the amount of \$360, and the Chinese auction brought in \$785.

We are so happy that we were able to host our 55th Annual General Meeting 2023 in person again this year and we want to thank everyone who makes this event and the Federation possible:

- All our guests (speakers and presenters) for offering your skills and support to our organization.
- To the members of the Board of Directors for your expertise. You are always thinking of new and different ways to approach a problem.
- To Lise at the office who is always

available and who works hard to provide us with the necessary information that allows us to advance the objectives of our organization.

- To all the volunteers who helped with the registration, the 50/50 and the auction.
- To the staff of the Legends Room of the Moncton Coliseum for their exceptional service.
- To Sonic Image and JCB Interpretation for the simultaneous translation.
- But above all, to all of you, dear members, without whom this Federation would not exist. Our words will never be enough to congratulate your achievements, the quality of your work and the talent you show to always exceed our expectations. We sincerely thank you.

Together, you have made it possible to advance the objectives of the Federation and we hope that this will continue for many years to come.

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