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## A meeting with federal Minister Ginette Petitpas Taylor

We had a lovely meeting with Minister Ginette Petitpas Taylor on Friday April 14th at her Constituency Office in Moncton. There was our provincial president, Percy Huntington; our first vice-president, chair of the Government Relations Committee and Bay of Fundy zone president, James Hanley; our second vice-president, chair of the Marketing and Revenue Generation Committee and Maple Leaf Zone president, Doris Pauley; our South-east Zone president, Maurice Thériault and me, office manager, Lise Guignard.

Minister Petitpas Taylor was really interested in learning about the New Brunswick Senior Citizens' Federation, our mandate, mission, values, projects and unresolved resolutions.

She took the time to listen to our concerns about seniors' health, rising costs and their effects on low-



On the picture, from left to right, Maurice Thériault, Lise Guignard, Minister Ginette Petitpas-Taylor, Doris Pauley, James Hanley and Percy Huntington.

income seniors, funding needs for the NBSCF and its clubs, and the difficulties of online applications for the older population.

We had a long discussion about our Resolution asking that the federal government give at least the cost-of-living increase to pensions each year for all seniors 65 and over whether they have the supplement or not. She promised to pass on our concerns

to the federal Minister for Seniors, Kamal Khera, when she returns to Ottawa this Spring.

She took the time to introduce the new dental plan. The 2023 budget provides \$13 billion over five

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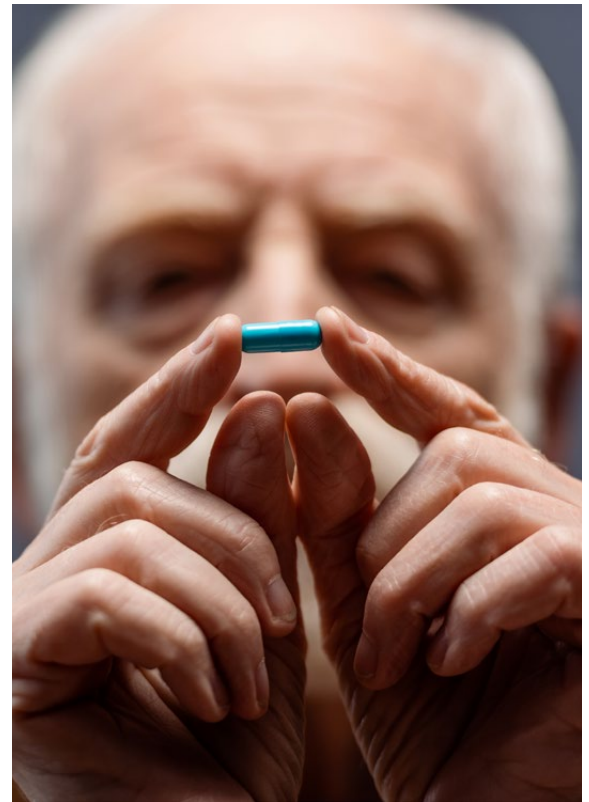
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## A meeting with federal Minister (continued)

years for its New Canadian Dental Care Plan, starting in 2023-2024, to provide dental coverage for all uninsured Canadians under 18 and over 65 with an annual family

income of less than \$90,000 or for single Canadians earning less than \$70,000. By 2025, it should include Canadians of all ages.

At the end of our meeting, the Minister asked her staff in Moncton to look into funding for non-profit organizations and they will let us know what is available.

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