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## **Seniors Council and New Horizons Funding Announcement**

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**OTTAWA** – Today, Minister LeBreton with the support of Minister Solberg and Parliamentary Secretary Fletcher announced the creation of a National Seniors Council. Jean-Guy Soulière, a retired public servant and Chair of the Congress of National Seniors Organizations (CNSO), will Chair this council. At the same event, Minister Solberg also announced \$14 million in federal funding for the New Horizons for Seniors Program. This funding goes towards projects that are designed, implemented and led by seniors to encourage them to be active in their communities.

Maurice Vellacott, MP for Saskatoon-Wanuskewin, says, “During the campaign, we promised a National Seniors Council – today we are delivering. Promise made – promise kept.”

The mandate of the Council will be to advise, study and report on current and future issues affecting seniors.

Vellacott states, “Canada’s New Government recognizes the contributions that seniors have made to this country, and today we are giving them a much deserved say in issues that matter to them.”

In lauding today’s announcement, Vellacott said, “No Liberal Government ever named a Minister directly responsible for seniors. Our Conservative Government named Marjory LeBreton to that role. The creation of a National Seniors Council to represent the interests of seniors from coast to coast proves that Canada’s New Government is delivering real results for Canadian seniors.”

Vellacott concluded, “Canada’s Conservative Government recognizes the important and continuing role seniors play in strengthening our communities and building our country. This is why we are investing in seniors and encouraging them to stay active, share their knowledge and help others within their communities.”

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