

Terms of Reference

Elder Abuse Prevention Strategy Committee

A Committee of the Nova Scotia Seniors' Secretariat

January 2006

- Reporting to:** Executive Director, Nova Scotia Seniors' Secretariat
- Lead/Partners:** The Seniors' Secretariat leads the implementation of the strategy in partnership with other government and community stakeholders.
- Duration:** 2003/04 – 2008/09
- Chair:** Coordinator, Nova Scotia Seniors' Secretariat
- Membership:** Caregivers Nova Scotia
Community Health Board Representative
Dalhousie University School of Social Work
First Nations Community Representative
Group of IX Seniors' Organizations
Guardian ad Litem
Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia
Metropolitan Immigrant Settlement Association
NS Department of Community Services
NS Department of Health, Adult Protection Services
NS Department of Health, Continuing Care
NS Department of Justice
NS Office of the Ombudsman
NS Public Prosecution Office
RCMP, Seniors' Safety Program
RCMP, Community Policing
Service Canada
Women's Institute of the African United Baptist Association of NS
Others may be added as deemed appropriate.

Secretariat Support:

Coordinator
Elder Abuse Consultants
Communications Advisor
Executive Director (ex-officio)

Meeting Frequency: Monthly, on the fourth Tuesday, from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Purpose: To advise the Secretariat on the implementation, monitoring, reporting, and evaluation of the *Nova Scotia Elder Abuse Strategy: Towards Awareness and Prevention*.

Functions: Specific functions to be carried out by the committee include:

1. Serve as a forum for sharing information on issues related to seniors and abuse;
2. Act as a central focal point where priorities are identified;
3. Advise on priorities to be undertaken and developing work plans and timelines;
4. Provide opportunities for collaboration among networks of partners;
5. Establish ad hoc working groups to undertake specific initiatives and work identified by the committee as necessary;
6. Contribute to evaluating the effectiveness of the strategies proposed in addressing elder abuse; and
7. Regularly evaluate the functioning of the committee and ad hoc working groups in order to maximize effectiveness.