

**Manitoba Seniors and
Healthy Aging Secretariat**

**Annual Report
2004-2005**

Manitoba 

The Honourable John Harvard
Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba
Room 235 Legislative Building
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May It Please Your Honour:

I have the privilege of presenting the Annual Report of the Manitoba Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat for the year ended March 31, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Oswald
Minister

Honourable Theresa Oswald
Minister responsible for Seniors
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Dear Minister:

I am pleased to submit for your approval the 2004-2005 Annual Report for the Manitoba Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat.

In December 2004, it was announced that the work of the former Seniors Directorate would be continued within the newly-named Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat. The Secretariat continues to provide leadership to the *Advancing Age* strategy and remains a central point of contact within government for seniors, their families and seniors' organizations. The Secretariat will maintain a focus on policy and program delivery across departments to improve access to services.

A series of short-term action strategies and longer term planning and policy initiatives have been undertaken to help ensure that Manitoba is well positioned to respond to the current, emerging and future needs of Manitoba's aging population. In 2004/05, \$80.0 was provided for a second year to key seniors' organizations in order to facilitate their participation and support for the *Advancing Age* strategy. In addition, the Secretariat began the collection of data for a government-wide inventory of programs and services for seniors.

Community-based response/monitoring teams and education and awareness resources were facilitated through the Elder Abuse Strategy. In addition, information and referral services for individuals seeking assistance increased by 7% on the Seniors Abuse Line.

In November 2004, Bill 8 - *The Manitoba Council on Aging Act* was introduced to ensure that government continues to seek input from Manitoba seniors and that the Manitoba Council on Aging will remain an integral part of government planning and decision making in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Wilgosh
Deputy Minister of Health & Healthy Living

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Introduction

The Annual Report is organized according to the Secretariat's appropriation structure, which reflects the Secretariat's authorized votes approved by the Legislative Assembly.

The Report includes the following information concerning the Secretariat and the Manitoba Council on Aging: mandate, organization, main expenditures at the appropriation level and a five-year historical table indicating expenditures and staffing.

In December 2004, the Minister responsible for Seniors announced that the work of the former Seniors Directorate would be continued within the newly-named Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat (SHAS). The Secretariat will provide leadership to the *Advancing Age* strategy and will continue to be a central point of contact within government for seniors, their families and seniors' organizations. As well, the Secretariat will maintain a focus on policy and program delivery across departments to improve access to public services.

Mission and Role

The Manitoba Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat provides support to the Minister to ensure the needs and concerns of seniors are reflected through a co-ordinated and comprehensive framework of legislation, public policy and programs. The Minister and the Secretariat work with all departments to create an environment within the Province of Manitoba that promotes the health, independence and well-being of all Manitoba seniors.

The overall responsibilities of the Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat include:

- providing leadership to province-wide strategies that promote the interests of older Manitobans, including *Advancing Age: Promoting Older Manitobans* and the *Elder Abuse* strategy;
- acting in an advisory capacity to government departments;
- liaising between the provincial government, other levels of government, and organizations serving seniors;
- performing an education, information and referral function on a wide variety of topics and in differing formats; and
- providing research and administrative support to the Manitoba Council on Aging.

Organization

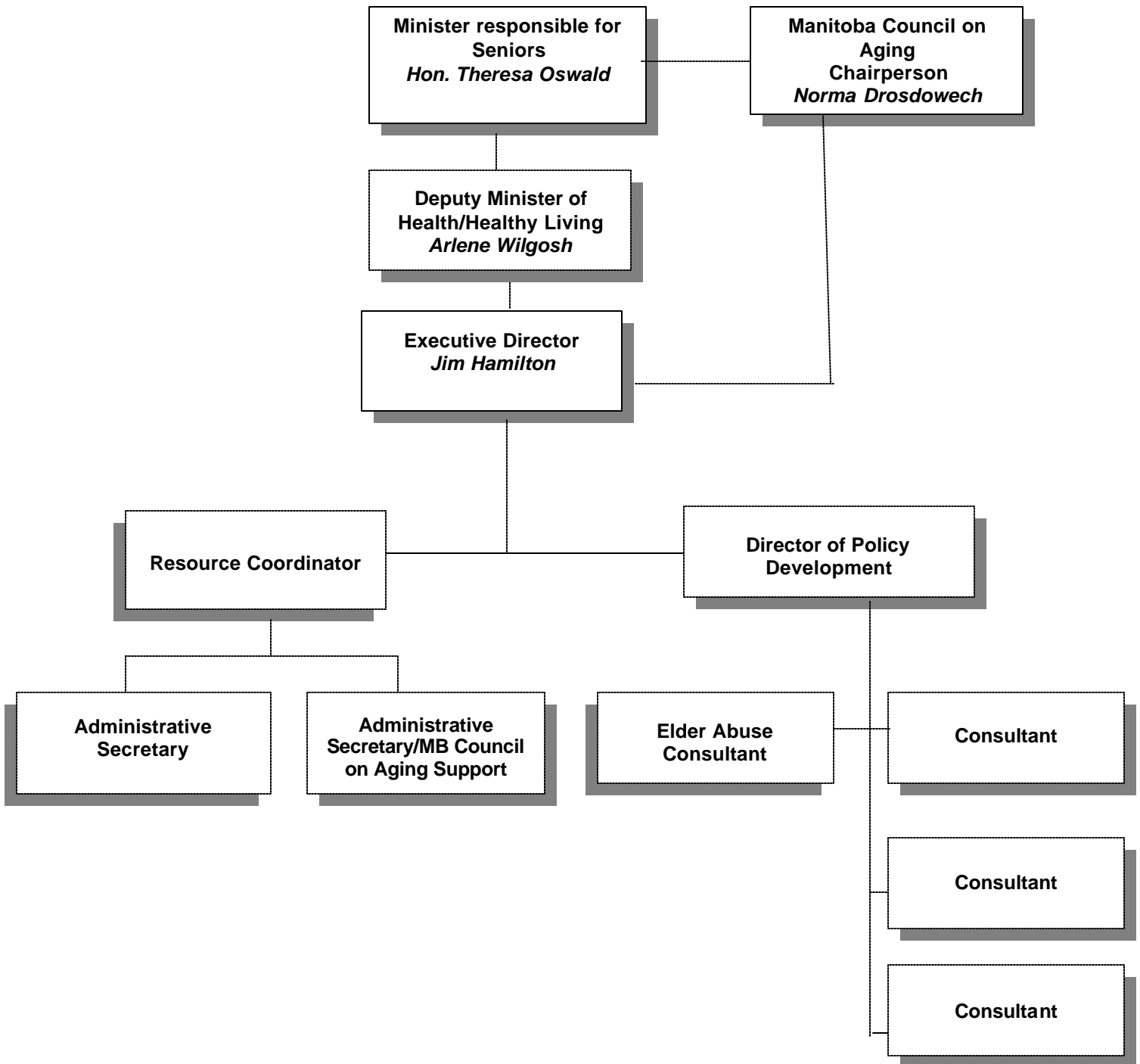
As of March 31, 2005, the Secretariat staff consisted of the following nine positions: an Executive Director; a Director of Policy Development; three Consultants; an Elder Abuse Consultant; a Resource Coordinator; an Administrative Secretary and an Administrative Secretary/Manitoba Council on Aging Support person. See the organization chart on page 3.

The Manitoba Council on Aging, an advisory body to the Minister responsible for Seniors, reports to the Minister. The Council receives research and administrative support services from the Secretariat. For further information, see ***Manitoba Council on Aging*** on page 14.

The Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat and the Manitoba Council on Aging are not governed by specific legislation. However, in November 2004, Bill 8 - *The Manitoba Council on Aging Act* was introduced. The proposed legislation is designed to continue the work of the Manitoba Council on Aging and to further support the efforts of Council in providing advice to the Minister.

Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat/ Council on Aging Organization Chart

(as at March 31, 2005)



Accomplishments 2004/2005

- In December 2004, it was announced that the Manitoba Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat would continue the work of the former Manitoba Seniors Directorate, with a renewed focus on program and policy delivery across departments and to improve access to public services.
- The Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat has moved forward with the province-wide strategy, "*Advancing Age: Promoting Older Manitobans*". Now in the second year of the strategy, the Secretariat has begun to seek input and active participation from provincial departments and other levels of government, seniors' organizations, the academic/research community, and the Manitoba Council on Aging (MCA). The strategy is a collaborative effort to address issues and stimulate initiatives within government and the seniors community.
- The Elder Abuse Strategy continued to provide leadership in the development of regional and community-based response/monitoring teams, education and awareness resources, information, and referral through the Seniors Abuse Line for individuals seeking assistance. New brochures and posters were developed to increase public awareness of elder abuse and these initiatives.
- The Secretariat collaborated with other Manitoba government departments and the not-for-profit sector on several initiatives focused on safety, security, consumer education, and awareness for seniors including:
 - a) *SafetyAid – Crime Prevention for Older Manitobans* was developed in partnership with Manitoba Justice, the Winnipeg Police Service and Age & Opportunity Inc. The program installs crime prevention devices in seniors' homes and it also promotes the Home Adaptations for Seniors Independence (HASI) Program as a forgivable loan that may be used to do further crime prevention updates in seniors' homes. In 2004, the program was expanded to include Portage la Prairie and Brandon. Plans are underway to expand the program into other areas of Winnipeg and rural communities as well as incorporate a fall prevention component.
 - b) a *Girl Guides Seniors Safety and Security* badge was developed in partnership with the RCMP and the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba. The badge focuses on elder abuse, frauds and scams, and alcohol/prescription drugs.
 - c) A *2004 Fraud Awareness* calendar was released in October 2003 and distributed to a number of seniors' groups and organizations. The *2005 Fraud Calendar* was released in November 2004.
 - d) *Seniors Are Cool!* video and resource guide promotes intergenerational understanding among middle years students.

- Working relationships were further developed with provincial departments, regional health authorities, other levels of governments, and the Senior Inter-Agency Network. The Secretariat also increased its presence in rural and Northern Manitoba through the satellite office initiative. Staff conducted over 21 meetings and presentations in rural and Northern Manitoba during the past year.
- The Secretariat serves on federal-provincial/territorial (F-P/T) working groups on seniors' issues. In 2004/2005, the Executive Director co-chaired the F-P/T Officials (Seniors) Committee and the Elder Abuse Consultant chaired the F-P/T Safety and Security Working Group.
- The Secretariat assisted with the Manitoba Council on Aging 2004 Recognition Awards celebration, which acknowledged individuals/organizations for their exemplary acts toward seniors. As well, the Secretariat supported the development of *Bill 8 – The Manitoba Council on Aging Act* which received first reading in November 2004. This legislation would ensure the MCA remains an integral part of government and that input from Manitoba seniors would continue.
- The Secretariat, in partnership with Manitoba Health, developed updated versions of several publications related to health issues to be released in April of 2005. In addition, the Secretariat produced several other publications in the past 18 months related to elder abuse.
- The Secretariat celebrated Seniors' and Elders' Month in October 2004 with an active living/wellness approach, including an organized walk throughout the historical St. Boniface area. Once again, the committee produced a Seniors' and Elders' Month calendar of events. Many seniors and seniors' groups have continued this wellness focus in their Seniors' and Elders' Month celebrations.

Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat

The Secretariat's two key functions are consultation and review, and community support and development.

Consultation and Review

Consultation and review is important to government planning and program delivery for seniors. During 2004-2005, the Secretariat continued its work in this area through the following actions:

- The Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat has progressed with the province-wide strategy, "*Advancing Age: Promoting Older Manitobans*". Now in the second year of the strategy, the SHAS has begun to seek input and active participation from provincial departments and other levels of government; seniors' organizations and selected seniors known for specific expertise; the academic/research community; and the Manitoba Council on Aging. The strategy is a collaborative effort to address issues and stimulate initiatives within government and the seniors community. A series of short-term action strategies and longer-term planning and policy initiatives have been undertaken, along with compiling a government-wide inventory of programs and services targeted to seniors.
 - The strategy is addressing topics within three theme areas: *Health Care; Community Living; and Safety and Security*. Specific issues include: health care, housing, economic status, transportation, elder abuse, age discrimination, technology & lifelong learning, seniors wellness/healthy aging, safety & security, and caregiving.
 - In 2004/05, \$80.0 has been provided to five organizations to further enhance their capacity to assist the Secretariat with the strategy. Service Agreements have been developed with Age & Opportunity Inc. (A&O), Creative Retirement Manitoba (CRM), la Fédération des aînés franco-manitobains (FAFM), Manitoba Society of Seniors (MSOS) and for the first time, the Manitoba Association of Multi-Purpose Senior Centres (MAMSC).
- provision of briefings and analysis for the Minister responsible for Seniors on a range of issues including: safety and security; elder abuse; property taxes; government pensions and pension legislation; health care and related health issues; demographics and planning for an aging population.
- liaison with provincial departments in developing policy and evaluating programs where delivery impacts seniors, including the departments of Health; Family Services and Housing; Justice; and Finance. As part of the *Advancing Age: Promoting Older Manitobans* strategy, the Secretariat consulted with all government departments in the collection of data for a government-wide inventory of programs and services for seniors.

- continuation of its work with representatives from various government departments to continually update the Seniors Policies and Programs Database (SPPD), a web-based tool of the *National Framework on Aging* (<http://www.sppd.gc.ca>).
- continuing to provide leadership, using a multidisciplinary approach to address elder abuse. Key components of the Secretariat's strategy include the services of an elder abuse consultant, the Seniors Abuse Line, materials for education and awareness, and the development of community-based response/monitoring teams, with the following regional health authorities: Assiniboine; Brandon; Parkland; Burntwood; North Eastman; South Eastman; Central; Interlake; Nor-Man; and Winnipeg. Brochures and posters were developed to increase public awareness of elder abuse and the Secretariat's initiatives in this area.
- consultation with regional health authorities, all levels of government and community organizations to assist in identifying seniors' needs and concerns.
- remaining current and involved in issues impacting seniors through various methods including: participation on committees; work with other jurisdictions and support to the Manitoba Council on Aging.

Committees

Most committees involve direct interaction with seniors and key seniors' organizations, which contribute to the fulfillment of the Secretariat's mandate. Participation on these committees affords the Secretariat the opportunity to offer a senior's perspective on a number of issues. Direct interaction with seniors' organizations ensures that the Secretariat has opportunities to gain a broader understanding of seniors' issues.

- *Senior Inter-Agency Network*
- *Seniors Transportation Working Group*
- *City of Winnipeg Handi-Transit Policy Advisory Committee*
- *Seniors Crime and Safety Network*
- *Food and Nutrition Policy Strategy*
- *Manitoba Alzheimer Strategy Steering Committee*
- *National Advisory Community for Community Care for Seniors;*
- *Senior Consultation, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority*
- *Active Living Coalition of Older Adults (ALCOA)*
- *Brandon Regional Health Authority Innovative/Integrated Senior Housing*
- *Seniors Home Security Working Group*
- *New Horizons Regional Review Committee (RRC)*
- *Partners Seeking Solutions with Seniors*
- *Addictions Foundation of Manitoba – Seeking Solutions*
- *Active Living Alliance for Canadians with Disabilities*
- *Family Violence Court Steering Committee*
- *Seniors' and Elders' Day Committee*
- *Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on New Urban Development Agreement*
- *Manitoba Caregiver Network*
- *The Seniors Home Security Working Group*

- *Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (CNPEA)*
- *ADM Committee on the Cory Moar Inquest Report (also 2 sub-committees: Awareness & Education re: Client/Patient Abuse and Education and Awareness of Elder Abuse Sub-Committee)*
- *Protect Yourself Calendar committee*
- *Brandon Community Health Partners*
- *SafetyAid Working Group*
- *Older Driver Education Committee*
- *Manitoba In Motion*
- *Winnipeg In Motion*
- *Intergenerational Literacy Links Advisory Group*
- *Physical Activity Coalition of Manitoba*

Federal-Provincial/Territorial (F-P/T) Collaboration

Federal-Provincial/Territorial Ministers responsible for Seniors meet biennially to discuss issues of mutual concern that cross jurisdictions and sectors. These meetings enable Ministers to share information on current initiatives and to explore and engage in collaborative measures to address the needs and challenges of an aging population. In 2004-2005, the Secretariat worked cooperatively with other jurisdictions on selected issues in preparation for the next meeting of Ministers.

- Work groups focused on issues including healthy aging and wellness, planning for Canada's aging population, elder abuse, and caregiving. The Ministers asked their officials to investigate further collaborative work in the areas of the cumulative impacts of policies and programs; the social isolation of older persons; housing and seniors living in Northern and remote communities.
- Staff attended regular meetings of Federal-Provincial/Territorial Seniors' Officials and the Secretariat's Executive Director continued in the role of Co-chair.
- Staff acted as lead for the Federal-Provincial/Territorial Working Group on Safety and Security – Elder Abuse, and participated on a working group on exploring social isolation.

Manitoba Council on Aging

The Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat provided research and administrative support to the Manitoba Council on Aging. The Secretariat supported Council at its meetings, researched material for position papers and agenda items, and assisted in the preparation of minutes, correspondence and briefings. Additionally, Secretariat staff revised Council's *Manitoba Seniors' Guide*, continued to distribute its educational *Fact Sheets*, and assisted Council members with their *Recognition Awards* program.

Senior Inter-Agency Network Committee

The Secretariat continued to coordinate and chair scheduled meetings of representatives from a variety of seniors' organizations and government agencies to discuss timely issues of common concern.

Community Support and Development

The Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat continued to provide a central source of information and referral for seniors and their families, seniors' organizations and government during 2004-2005. The following functions and services accomplished this:

Seniors Information Line

The toll-free, bilingual Seniors Information Line received approximately 3,200 calls from across the province. Staff offers callers a specialized knowledge of resources and programs for seniors, as well as prompt and individual assistance, where required.

Seniors Abuse Line

The toll-free, bilingual Seniors Abuse Line received approximately 275 calls in 2004-2005. This is up from 254 calls during 2003-2004 and 154 in 2002-2003. The line allows seniors, family members, service providers and the community-at-large to access information on existing resources, receive assistance in accessing those resources, while respecting the older person's right to self-determination.

Web site

The Secretariat continues to maintain its own web site providing accurate and accessible information to seniors and their families, organizations and professionals in the field of aging. The Secretariat received 300,299 hits between March 31/04 to March 31/05. Web site: www.gov.mb.ca/shas

Presentations and Workshops

The Secretariat continued to provide presentations for government, academic, service groups and community-based organizations on various topics and issues such as ageism, caregiving, active living, elder abuse and programs and services for seniors.

Consultations and Conferences

Staff participated in conferences and consultations from a local to a national level throughout 2004/2005. The Executive Director attended and co-chaired meetings of the Federal-Provincial/Territorial (F-P/T) Committee of Officials (Seniors).

In addition, staff attended the following Conferences:

Law Commission of Canada public forum on the Discussion Paper: *Does Age Matter? Law and Relationships Between Generations*; Mindful Care II – A Psychogeriatric Conference; National Aboriginal Gambling Awareness Conference; National Caregiving Strategy Forum; Abuse, Inquest, Concern, Awareness and Actions...Have things improved since the Death of Cory Moar?; RESOLVE Manitoba Consultation (re family violence research); Canadian Seniors Partnership: Breaking Down the Silos! Integrating Service Delivery to Seniors; Canadian Association on Gerontology Conference "A Long Look at Later Life: Diverse Perspectives", the Manitoba Association of Gerontology Annual Conference.

Staff also attended meetings and consultations of the Manitoba Association of Multi-Purpose Senior Centres, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authorities Community Consultation, the Alzheimer Society Conference, the Centre on Aging Symposium, the Partners Seeking Solutions Forum, the Aging and Society Forum, Association of Community Living Workshop “Coming of Age”, various seniors' organizations, support service agencies and regional health authorities throughout Manitoba. The meetings and consultations resulted in sharing of information on services and discussion regarding the role of the Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat.

Publications and Materials

- The Secretariat updated several booklets and developed new educational materials as follows:
 - *The Manitoba Seniors' Guide*, 13th edition, published by the Manitoba Council on Aging was revised by the Secretariat and reprinted in March 2005.
 - *Questions to Ask Your Doctor and Pharmacist*, revised and reprinted in March 2005.
 - *A Legal Information Guide for Seniors*, revised and reprinted in March 2005.
 - *A Guide for the Caregiver*, revised and reprinted in March 2005.
 - *Emergency Information for Seniors*, revised and reprinted in March 2005.
 - *Expect Respect* (an elder abuse pamphlet and poster for seniors).
 - *Working Together to Address Elder Abuse* (an elder abuse pamphlet for professionals).
 - *Safety for Seniors: What You Should Know* (fact sheet on elder abuse).
- The Secretariat continued to distribute the following educational materials:
 - “*Protect Yourself*” a door decal and educational pamphlet on crime prevention and safety tips targeted to rural Manitoba seniors;
 - *Using Technology? Positively!* a series of fact sheets to provide readers with a better understanding of using everyday technologies;
 - *A Best Practices Guide for the Prevention of Falls Among Seniors Living in the Community (2001)* and *An Inventory of Canadian Programs for the Prevention of Falls Among Seniors Living in the Community (2001)*;
 - *The Older and Wiser Driver (1999)* published in partnership with Manitoba Transportation & Government Services, Manitoba Public Insurance, Canadian Automobile Association Manitoba and Creative Retirement Manitoba; and
 - other printed materials on topics such as active living and wellness, and health care directives.

Secretariat staff continued to make its library of educational videos available on loan to seniors, service providers, professional groups and students. The tape collection addresses a range of issues including housing design, myths about aging, falls and how to prevent them, telephone fraud and how to recognize and prevent financial abuse.

Housing Registry

In 2004-2005, callers continued to access the Secretariat's *Provincial (Rural) Housing Registry for Seniors* through the Seniors Information Line. The registry contains information on all types of seniors housing available in rural Manitoba. Information on Winnipeg housing is available from Age and Opportunity, Inc.

Elder Abuse

The Secretariat identified the need for a concerted, multidisciplinary approach to addressing elder abuse.

Key components of the strategy include:

- an elder abuse consultant
- the Seniors Abuse Line
- education and awareness
- consultation with communities/regions
- an elder abuse resource coordinator

The elder abuse consultant provides education and awareness sessions and customized training on elder abuse to professional organizations, students and seniors' groups. The consultant is also involved in the development of community-based response/monitoring teams to ensure that services and supports for older adults are available and accessible in their own communities. During 2004-2005, there were 28 presentations to over 700 participants.

The Secretariat continues to provide an annual grant in the amount of \$60.5 to Age and Opportunity, Inc., which provides elder abuse counselling to older victims of abuse, their family members and support persons in Winnipeg.

Seniors' Events

Information and support was provided to seniors' groups to organize Seniors' & Elders' Day celebrations throughout the province during the month of October. In Winnipeg, the Seniors' & Elders' Day Committee organized a celebration at St. Boniface College.

Secretariat staff participated in a number of seniors events including the annual general meetings of the Fédération des des aînés franco-manitobains, Age & Opportunity, Creative Retirement, Manitoba Society of Seniors, Manitoba Association of Multi-Purpose Senior Centres and Centre on Aging.

The Secretariat provided a grant of \$5.0 to Manitoba Society of Seniors (MSOS) as a contribution toward cost of the *MSOS 55 Plus Games* in June 2004.

Sustainable Development

During fiscal year 2004-05, staff at the Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat continued to use recycled paper for the photocopier and fax machines, as well as the printer. The toner cartridges for this equipment were also returned for recycling. All used office paper was sent to the Records Centre for shredding. Newspapers and telephone books were also collected and recycled. Whenever possible, double-sided photocopying was encouraged. In order to reduce utility use, lights were turned off in offices when not in use.

24-1 Seniors Directorate (Manitoba Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat)

Expenditures by Sub-Appropriation	Actual 2004/05 \$(000's)	Estimate 2004/05 FTE	Estimate 2004/05 \$(000's)	Variance Over(Under) \$(000's)	Expl. No.
Salaries and Employee Benefits	504.9	9.00	501.9	3.0	
Other Expenditures	220.4		231.2	(10.8)	
Total Sub-Appropriation	725.3	9.00	733.1	(7.8)	

24-2 Costs Related to Capital Assets

Expenditures by Sub-Appropriation	Actual 2004/05 \$(000's)	Estimate 2004/05 FTE	Estimate 2004/05 \$(000's)	Variance Over(Under) \$(000's)	Expl. No.
Desktop Services	4.5		4.5	0.0	
Amortization Expense	3.5		3.5	0.0	
Total Sub-Appropriation	8.0		8.0	0.0	

Manitoba Council on Aging

The Manitoba Council on Aging is an advisory body to the Minister responsible for Seniors. The Council ensures that a senior's perspective is reflected in government programs and policies that relate to seniors.

The overall responsibilities of the Council include:

- identifying areas of opportunity for Government in adapting programs, policies and services to accommodate the age structures of Manitoba's population;
- increasing public awareness and understanding of the aging process and its implications for all age groups in Manitoba;
- reviewing and providing recommendations on projects, programs, proposals, and legislation to better reflect seniors' changing needs, issues and concerns as referred by the Minister; and
- providing opportunities for dialogue through appropriate meetings with relevant organizations, groups and individuals to fulfil its mandate.

The Advisory Council originally reported through the provincial gerontologist to the Minister of Health. In May of 1994, Council began reporting directly to the Minister responsible for Seniors. The change was made to consolidate activities related to seniors and to reflect the broader range of issues, beyond the health care sector, relevant to seniors in Manitoba.

In November 2004, Bill 8 - *The Manitoba Council on Aging Act* was introduced in the Legislature. This legislation would ensure that government continues to seek input from Manitoba seniors and that the Manitoba Council on Aging will remain an integral part of government planning and decision making in the future.

The Council is composed of up to fifteen members, including the chairperson and vice-chairperson, appointed by the Minister responsible for Seniors for a two-year term. Members are drawn from a cross-section of geographic, ethnic and community-service backgrounds in Manitoba.

The Council meets up to four times a year. The Council has met with the Minister to consider issues of importance to seniors and the Chair of Council meets regularly with the Minister.

Committees are formed in response to emerging issues or concerns that affect seniors.

Council receives research and administrative support from the Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat.

The Council held four meetings during 2004-2005, including one meeting in rural Manitoba, and undertook the following activities:

Policy & Issue Review

Issues

The Council addressed the following issues during 2004-2005: International Pharmacy Services; the relationship of Property Taxes to education; core funding for non-profit seniors' groups; lifelong learning; seniors housing needs; health issues; ageism; *Advancing Age* strategy; addictions; access to rural health services; transportation; senior squalor syndrome; specific concerns of senior women.

Council established the following sub-committees during 2004-2005:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> International Pharmacy Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Property Tax |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Recognition Awards |

The Council has researched these issues and presented recommendations to the Minister by letter, memo and through discussion papers.

Community Functions

Committees

Council members participated on the Manitoba Alzheimer Strategy Committee; Senior Inter-Agency Network; Seniors' and Elders' Day Planning Committee; Manitoba Diabetes Committee; Partners Seeking Solutions; the Seniors Advocacy Committee; Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Consultation Committee; Federal Task Force on Active Living and Dignity for Seniors; Federal consultation on Planning for An Aging Population; Manitoba Committee of Seniors.

Publications

- Council revised and reprinted *The Manitoba Seniors' Guide*, 13th edition in March 2005.
- Council continued to provide its *Fact Sheets for Manitoba Seniors* online at www.gov.mb.ca/shas and to mail copies upon request.

Projects

The *Manitoba Council on Aging Recognition Awards* were presented by the Minister responsible for Seniors and the Chair of the Council to seven recipients and Honourable mention to ten. They included organizations, professional staff and individual seniors who have enhanced the quality of life for Manitoba seniors and who reflect a positive attitude towards Manitoba seniors.

Events

Many members participated in the Seniors' and Elders' Day celebration at St. Boniface College along with special events held throughout the province during Seniors' and Elders' Month in October. Council also attended the Creative Retirement luncheon and the Good Neighbours Fundraising dinner.

Conferences

In 2004-2005 Council attended the Canadian Institute of Health Research Conference, Canadian Seniors Partnership: *Breaking Down the Silos – Integration of Services for Seniors*; Canadian Association of Gerontology Conference; Law Commission's consultation on Law and Relationships between Generations; Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Consultation on Health; Partners Seeking Solutions for Seniors Conference; as well as on-line/telephone discussions with F-P/T officials on planning for an aging population.

Financial Report Summary Information

**Seniors Directorate
(Manitoba Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat)
Reconciliation Statement
April 1, 2004 - March 31, 2005**

DETAILS	2004/05 ESTIMATES
2004/05 Main Estimates: Allocation of Funds From: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enabling Appropriations	\$741.1
2004/05 Estimate:	\$741.1

**Seniors Directorate
(Manitoba Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat)
Expenditure Summary**

for fiscal year ended March 31, 2005

with comparative figures for the previous fiscal year.

Estimate 2004/05 \$(000's)	Appropriation	Actual 2004/05 \$(000's)	Actual 2003/04 \$(000's)	Increase (Decrease) \$(000's)	Expl. No.
24-1 Seniors Directorate					
501.9	(a) Salaries and Employee Benefits	504.9	468.2	36.7	
231.2	(b) Other Expenditures	220.4	247.6	(27.2)	
733.1	Total Appropriation 24-1	725.3	715.8	9.5	
24-2 Costs Related to Capital Assets					
4.5	(a) Desktop	4.5	4.5	0.0	
3.5	(b) Amortization Expense	3.5	3.5	0.0	
8.0	Total Appropriation 24-2	8.0	8.0	0.0	
741.1	TOTAL APPROPRIATION 24	733.3	723.8	9.5	

Historical Information

Seniors Directorate
(Manitoba Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat)
Five Year Expenditure and Staffing Summary by Appropriation (\$000)
for years ending March 31, 2001 to March 31, 2005 ^(1, 2)
\$(000's)

Appropriation	2000/01		2001/02		2002/03		2003/04		2004/05	
	FTE	\$	FTE	\$	FTE	\$	FTE	\$	FTE	\$
24-1 Seniors Directorate	9.00	770.0	9.00	694.7	9.00	723.2	9.00	715.8	9.00	725.3
24-2 Costs Related to Capital Assets		17.7		17.9		15.8		8.0		8.0
Total Expenditures	9.00	787.7	9.00	712.6	9.00	739.0	9.00	723.8	9.00	733.3

Explanatory Notes:

- (1) Actuals for 2004/05 are based on year-end expenditure analysis report dated May 4, 2005.
(2) Prior year's comparative figures have been restated, where necessary to conform with the presentation adopted for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005.