



Title: FUNDY REGION BENEFITS AND SERVICES ACCESS CLINICS

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors:

RESOLUTION

Receive and file this report.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority of
Members Present
Other:

BACKGROUND/PAST RESOLUTIONS

The Community Development Needs Assessment and Action Plan identified the following action:

- Work with partners to increase the inclusion and supports for seniors across the region

In turn, the FRSC 2026 work plan identifies the following:

- Explore the opportunity of a shared 'living' volunteer database and support systems for seniors to strengthen communities' efforts of aging-in-place.

A local partner is working on a volunteer database; we are focusing this year's work on "support systems for seniors". Finally, the provincial plan to reduce poverty, OPT4 identified the following action:

- Explore innovative ways to better connect with people who face barriers when accessing government information, programs, and benefits.

FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Funding through the Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation, ESIC, has been obtained to deliver the clinics.



REPORT

The Fundy Region Benefits and Services Access Clinic is an all-day drop-in clinic where community members will be invited to an event to explore the services and benefits available, and to hear from different service providers who will be present during the day.

FRSC is partnering with the provincial Department of Social Development, local governments, the rural district and community members to co-create opportunities in rural & remote areas for seniors and other vulnerable populations to access a range of federal, provincial and regional services. These clinics offer residents the opportunity of directly accessing services right in their community under one roof, as well as, learning about the numerous support services available.

Typical services:

- Birth Certificate application
- Old Age Security application & information
- Medicare card
- Disability & Medical Credit
- Canada Caregiver Credit
- Tax support
- Public health: Immunization & medical information
- NB 211
- And more.....

The regional group of CAOs/RDM received an updated on this initiative at their recent April meeting, and we mentioned that we would like to begin the discussion with appropriate staff to begin planning these clinics over the coming months.

The plan is to host four clinics in 2026, including:

- Spring: Fundy St. Martins & Hampton
- Fall: Grand Bay-Westfield & Fundy Rural District

ATTACHMENTS

N/A