

**The Special Senate Committee on Aging released its final report *Canada's Aging Population : Seizing the Opportunity* in April. It makes the following recommendations to the federal government:**

- **Move immediately to take steps to promote active aging and healthy aging and to combat ageism;**
- **Provide leadership and co-ordination through initiative such as a National Integrated Care Initiative, a National Caregiver Strategy, a National Pharmacare Program, and a federal transfer to address the needs of provinces with the highest proportion of the aging population;**
- **Ensure the financial security of Canadians by addressing the needs of older workers, pension reform and income security reform;**
- **Facilitate the desire of Canadians to age in place of choice with adequate housing, transportation, and integrated health and social services;**
- **Act immediately to implement changes for those populations groups for which it has a specific direct service responsibility, and in relation to Canada's official language commitments.**