

## Green Plan for Respecting Seniors

Seniors helped build the province we know today and continue to be an important part of our Island community. Government must provide for them as they age and into retirement.

A **Green Government** will:

- Reduce drug costs for seniors by investing \$18 million into provincial pharmacare programs and eliminating unnecessary fees.
- Immediately make repairs to government-owned seniors housing and ensure that maintenance is always up to date.
- Improve and expand public housing for seniors:
  - Increase funding for public housing repairs and renovations
  - Improve security and access to in-person maintenance support in public housing
  - Improve access to food programs and technology
  - Review eligibility thresholds for seniors public housing.
  - Retrofit public housing to net-zero
- Increase supports to reduce the cost of hearing aids.
- Invest in more long-term care beds in the public system.
- Review fees in long-term care and community care homes to make sure they are fair to seniors and their families.
- Make the Seniors' Food Program pilot permanent and expand it to include all of Prince Edward Island.
- Establish an independent seniors' advocate to ensure the interests of Island seniors are protected.
- Increase resources for the Seniors Navigator.
- Review the income thresholds and cutoffs of government programs to make sure seniors in need are not being excluded.
- Conduct a review of funeral services to increase consumer protections for Island seniors and their families.
- Create a fund to help families recoup money lost if a funeral home mismanaged funds in trust for pre-paid funerals.
- Increase funding for the Seniors Independence Initiative.
- Explore and support the development of alternative living arrangements for Island seniors, such as supported living household models, that will better meet the varied needs of seniors.