



## **Premiers' Task Force to support Chair's Initiative on Aging**

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Today, under the leadership of Premier Robert Ghiz, Chair of the Council of the Federation for 2014-2015, Canada's Premiers will launch a dialogue with Canadians and engage key stakeholders on aging, and create a Task Force to look at the impacts an aging population will have on Canada's social and economic future. This work will raise awareness on the changing social and economic needs associated with an aging population and highlight work that provinces and territories are undertaking to address these issues.

The Task Force work will build on existing work, notably that of the Health Care Innovation Working Group, and provide an opportunity for provinces and territories to share best practices, engage experts and provide evidence based information to Premiers on the social and economic impacts of aging.

### **Quote:**

"Aging is an important issue that impacts every region of our great country. With the support of Canada's Premiers, I look forward to leading this Chair's Initiative on Aging, raising awareness and having this discussion with Canadians."

- Honourable Robert Ghiz, Premier of Prince Edward Island and Chair of the Council of Federation

### **Background Information:**

- The number of Canadians aged 65 and over is expected to double in the next 25 years.
- In 2013, Canadian aged 65 and over accounted for a record high of 15.3 per cent of the population.
- By 2033, Canadians over 65 will represent 23.2 per cent of the population.
- As a Chair's Initiative, the Premiers' Task Force on Aging is a topic of broad national importance supported unanimously by Canada's Premiers.

### **Associated link:**

<http://www.canadaspremiers.ca>

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