

Independent Seniors' Advocate

**Alberta Mackenzie Provincial CWL Council
Provincial Initiative
September 2015**

“Urge the Alberta Provincial Government to amend the Alberta Health Act to ensure that the Seniors' Advocate is an Officer of the Legislature and therefore Independent”

***“This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it”***

**Diocesan and Parish Council Presidents
Deadline for completion of initiative is November 1**

Action Plan

- As new MLAs have been occupied with renting office space and more importantly learning the intricacies of their job, as well as learning legislative protocols, please drop off of petitions in the last two weeks of September or any time in October.
- Original copies given to the MLAs
- Please make copies of your petitions and send them to Judy L. [Address from your parish council president, or request via <cwlabmk@cwl.ab.ca>]
- Due to the reality that the new MLAs will not be familiar with the Seniors' Advocate being housed in the Health Care Advocates Office we are asking each council to take with them a backgrounder sheet on why the petition was developed
- The backgrounder sheet has been posted to the provincial website for easy access <www.cwl.ab.ca> (proceed to CWL Action page)
- An example of a cover letter that could be included with the petitions has been posted to the website
- Following the petition drop off to the MLAs in the Fall, the provincial president will set up a time to meet with the Premier and Minister of Seniors and deliver the copied petitions to them

It must remain clear that this is an **informal petition** to be distributed to the **MLAs** so they know their constituents' position on this very important issue. It was never intended to be tabled in the legislature, therefore it did not meet the stringent requirements of a formal petition.