



## Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC

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### **Budget 2026: Struggling seniors call for a seniors strategy**

*Langley BC:* "Seniors will continue to struggle" said Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC (COSCO BC) President, Leslie Gaudette in response to BC budget 2026 tabled earlier this week.

"We are truly dismayed that the 2026 budget does little to assist seniors in their day to day lives. And there is even less for the community organizations and seniors centres which provide programs and information that enable older adults to live healthy lives and reduce demand on our over-stretched health care system."

"More than 500,000 older adults live on \$3,000 or less per month, including 250,000 living on monthly incomes under \$2,000. These older adults need affordable housing, transportation and home support, and available long-term care."

"We are trying to understand the fiscal challenges the BC Government faces, with tariffs and other trade issues south of the border, but seniors have urgent needs that must be addressed. COSCO BC is committed to working with government to develop a plan to address the challenges seniors are facing."

That is why COSCO BC is calling for the province to develop a comprehensive seniors strategy, a strategy that addresses housing, health, income security and transportation needs to enable older adults to live independent, meaningful lives.

#### **About COSCO BC:**

Established in 1950, the Council of Senior Citizens' Organization (COSCO) is an umbrella organization made up of many seniors' organizations and individual associate members. Registered under the Societies Act since 1981, COSCO now represents over 85,000 seniors in British Columbia. We promote the well-being of seniors, advocating for policies that allow seniors to remain active, independent, and fully engaged in the life of our province.

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