

## **ESCC HISTORY**

The establishment of the Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council (ESCC) was the major recommendation from the Task Force on Community Services for Seniors' report *Blueprint for Action* published in January 2004. During a previous ten-month consultation process, senior-serving organizations, seniors, and funders recognized the need for a mechanism to support shared planning, coordination, and collaboration among service providers for seniors.

For most of 2004, members of a newly constituted Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council Transition Team worked to establish the framework for the Council.

ESCC was registered as a not-for-profit society in 2005 and received approval to be a charity in 2006. ESCC builds on the work of the Edmonton Seniors Community Network formed in 2000 to encourage information sharing and discussion on issues of common concern. The Council benefits organizations that primarily serve seniors, as well as groups and organizations that serve seniors as part of a larger mandate. There are currently two full time staff: an executive director and a communications coordinator.

The first Board, comprised of representatives of 11 regular members and 4 associate members, was elected in November 2004. (Regular members are held by not-for-profit senior-serving organizations incorporated under the Societies Act and associate members are individuals or organizations that have an interest in the delivery of services to seniors). Ex-officio Board members include representatives from the City of Edmonton, the United Way of the Alberta Capital Region, and Capital Health Authority. The board meets monthly (except in July and December). We strive to ensure that some of our board members are seniors.

There are two standing committees established: Executive and Finance Committee; and Nominating Committee. Other committees are created on an ad-hoc basis and include the Evaluation Learning Team, the Seniors Transportation Steering Committee, the Diversity Committee and the Creative Age Festival Committee.