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are the heart of a strong and resilient community.*

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It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to inform you of some unfortunate news regarding the Seniors Housing Information & Navigation Ease (SHINE) program at NFLA.

I am writing to inform our followers that last week, our office learned that the provincial Ministry of Health has decided not to renew funding to the SHINE project, developed and delivered in partnership with the Senior Services Society of B.C. Without this funding, NFLA cannot operate the Nanaimo SHINE program. As of August 31st, 2021, the SHINE program will close. I will continue to work with current clients to assist them as much as possible until that date.

While we are doing everything possible to advocate for the continuation of SHINE in Nanaimo as there are no other programs in the region that support seniors experiencing obstacles within the realm of housing, we feel it is of the utmost importance to inform all of our clients and community partners as soon as possible.

I want to emphasize that we have been communicating with and lobbying our local MLA, Sheila Malcolmson's constituency office, on this matter in the hopes that something can be done to prevent the loss of this much needed program.

Sheila Malcolmson's constituency office is welcoming and recording any and all communications from individuals that reach out to her office. If you, or anyone you know, would like to send a letter or email to advocate for the importance of this program or to speak on your own positive experiences with myself and SHINE, please forward all communication to:

By mail: Hon. Sheila Malcolmson, MLA
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Thank you for your consideration. We appreciate any and all support. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have, however, please note that there may be a bit of a delay in my ability to respond quickly.

Kirsten Brooker - Seniors Housing Navigator/SHINE Program Coordinator.