

HISTORY OF THE STEPPING STONE SENIOR CENTRE INC.

- ❖ 1996 – *Fredericton Task Force on Seniors* recommended development of a second Senior Centre (number two of eighty-nine recommendations contained within the Task Force Report).
- ❖ Fall 2000 – Municipal Senior Advisory Committee made a request to City Council for a Senior Centre located within the downtown area.
- ❖ April 2, 2001 – Stepping Stone Senior Centre Inc. official opening at 15 Saunders Street in a building shared with the City’s Recreation Division. A wide and varied slate of programs were initiated by a Working Committee.
- ❖ Fall 2001 – A Board of Directors is elected.
- ❖ June 2003 – The Stepping Stone Senior Centre Inc. and a City of Fredericton Recreation Officer carried-out work on a strategic planning process.
- ❖ November 2003 – The Stepping Stone Senior Centre Inc. Strategic Plan was created and presented to Fredericton City Council.
- ❖ January 2004 – The City of Fredericton advised the Stepping Stone Senior Centre Inc. that the Recreation Division would vacate 15 Saunders and the entire building would be made available for use by the Stepping Stone Senior Centre Inc. The City of Fredericton agreed to fund \$40,000 in renovation costs as well as continue to maintain the building.
- ❖ June, July & August 2004 – The Centre underwent renovations.
- ❖ September 2004 – A re-opening ceremony was held to celebrate the new Stepping Stone Senior Centre Inc. facility.
- ❖ February 2006 – The Board of the Stepping Stone Senior Centre Inc. appointed a committee (Strategic Planning Working Group) to develop a five-year plan to address issues associated with the increasing number of seniors residing within the community, and participating in available programs. This has resulted in an increased demand on the Centre’s space, funding and volunteers.
- ❖ April to July 2006 – The Strategic Planning Working Group worked with a City of Fredericton Recreation Officer to prepare a Five-year Plan to deliver to the Stepping Stone Senior Centre Inc. Board of Directors and the City of Fredericton.
- ❖ August 2006 – The Strategic Planning Working Group presented the proposed Five-year Plan to the Stepping Stone Senior Centre Inc. Board of Directors.