

Report Fall 2024

September 2024 Meeting with Nolan Quinn, MPP for Stormont, Dundas, South Glengarry

MPP Quinn had minimal awareness of the NAFR and was pleased that we had reached out to him, and he invited us to maintain an open line of communication. He was very attentive and cordial, and made appropriate links between NAFR's national priorities and related Government of Ontario programs, e.g. Trillium Drug Program, Guaranteed Annual Income Program, and Veterans Aid Commission. He is looking to organize Senior's Fairs over the next year in his electoral riding, in collaboration with the Federal MP Eric Duncan, and left the door open for us to participate as an opportunity to possibly recruit new members and connect with existing members.

October 2024 Meeting with Stephane Sarrazin, MPP for Prescott, Russell and North Glengarry

MPP Sarrazin was very welcoming and positive throughout the meeting. He also had minimal awareness of the NAFR. He presented himself as a grass-roots politician focused on linking constituents and riding associations /groups to Provincial funding/ grant opportunities, e.g. Trillium Foundation Grant and Active Seniors Program. He spoke of the potential benefit for us with respect to the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan, and recognized the potential to readily connect with his constituents through NAFR. At the end of the meeting, he gave us his personal phone number and invited us to call at any time as warranted.

November 2024 Meeting with Steve Clark, MPP for Leeds, Grenville, Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes

MPP Clark was very appreciative that we had reached out to him and stated that the meeting had exceeded his expectations. As the Ontario Government House Leader and Parliamentary Assistant to Prime Minister Doug Ford, he is well connected with the Government's legislative agenda, and he provided us with some important advice on how to increase our impact with other key policy decision makers. He spoke of the need to promote the grants available to veterans from the Veterans Aid Commission and the new legislation, i.e. the Honoring Veterans Act, intended to expand the recognition and dignity of all veterans. His government is funding Seniors Active Living Centers across the province and is currently investing in the increase of the number of long-term care and retirement homes.