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MOVING CANADA AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES FORWARD TOGETHER FASTER (#3377)

Whereas

- By creating paths dedicated to passenger transportation, high-speed and regional rail infrastructure will allow Remote and Fly-In Indigenous communities to connect with the rest of Canada, and allow Canadians to move quickly through the country's most populated corridors.
- Call to Justice 4.8 for MMIWG calls on the Government to fund safe public transit, to address the lack of commercial transit available, and to develop special accommodations for Fly-In, Northern and Remote communities

Be it resolved

- That the Government of Canada adopt previously proposed Bill C-577 as legislation and develop an expedited National Rail Strategy which would finish the Environmental Assessments in Ontario, and begin them across Canada, to begin the delivery of High-Speed Rail service in the next 3 years.
- The expedited National Rail Strategy include a National Inter-City and Regional Rail strategy with funding to build inter-city and regional rail that connect Remote and Fly-In Communities with major Cities across Canada by 2025.
- That a National Northern and Remote Infrastructure Strategy also be developed with Indigenous, Provincial and Territorial Governments to build roads, deep water ports, clean and renewable power generation and fibreoptic lines into rural and remote parts of Canada while also providing funding for additional Northern project proposals under the Canada Infrastructure Bank.
- That the Infrastructure strategy commit to further developing the Port of Churchill including modernization of the port, enhanced icebreaking and Coast Guard support in the shipping lanes, enhanced military presence, and re-supply of Sealift goods to the western portion of Nunavut through the Port of Churchill.

Indigenous Peoples' Commission

LPC Manitoba

LPC NWT

LONG TERM CARE (#3376)

Whereas, the number of deaths associated with COVID-19 and neglect at long term care facilities account for the vast majority of COVID-19 related deaths, ranking Canada as one of the world's leaders in long term care COVID-19 fatalities;

Whereas long term care homes serve the most vulnerable, primarily women; and are understaffed by underpaid, part-time support workers, often working in unsafe conditions, the majority of whom are also women;

Whereas the Canadian Armed Forces, called upon to provide adequate care during "Operation LASER", released a report describing horrific conditions, lack of pandemic preparedness, and serious shortcomings in facilities, with inconsistent treatment standards;

Whereas, while long term care is primarily a provincial responsibility, we must work together to ensure that care across Canada provides consistent, person-centered, high-quality care that vulnerable Canadians deserve to live with dignity, regardless of income or where they live;

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to work with Provincial/Territorial governments and stakeholders to establish and implement enforceable national standards for all long-term care facilities;

Be it further resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to work with Provincial/Territorial governments and stakeholders to ensure national standards include:

- Person-centred care standards, including accommodation, staffing levels, qualifications, and compensation;
- Standards in licensing and maintenance of LTC facilities;
- Transparency and public accountability through random inspections and annual public reporting.

Be it further resolved that new federal legislation be introduced to protect long term care as an insured service, adequately funded, such funding conditional on transparency, adherence to national standards and public accountability through random inspections and annual reporting.

LPC(British Columbia)

LPC(Nova Scotia)

Senior Liberals' Commission

Liberal Caucus

A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME FOR CANADA (#3374)

Whereas, the Government of Canada has committed to the reduction of poverty by 50% by 2030 through the Poverty Reduction Strategy.

Whereas We face a rapidly changing economy: artificial intelligence and automation will increase the precarity of work and create a new normal where most people change careers several times over their working lives.

Whereas Low and moderate income Canadians are the most vulnerable to workforce disruption by artificial intelligence automation, according to a report by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Whereas There is evidence to suggest that people on a Universal Basic Income (UBI) will be more likely to go back to school or start small businesses.

Whereas Universal basic income reduces bureaucracy: with no-strings-attached coverage, determining who is eligible is far simpler and the cost of administering benefits is greatly reduced.

Whereas 8.7% of Canadians live below the poverty line, 20% of Canadians live in the bottom 40% of incomes, and a UBI will ensure that communities at risk (including Indigenous peoples) are able to feel financially secure.

Whereas UBI increases bargaining power for workers because a guaranteed, unconditional income gives them leverage to say no to exploitative wages and poor working conditions.

Be it resolved that, through a process of intersectional consultation with stakeholders and political parties, the Government of Canada introduce a UBI for all Canadians.

Be it further resolved that, given the success of the CERB program, that a UBI will assist seniors and low-income Canadians maintain an adequate standard of living, regardless of working status.

**Young Liberals of Canada
Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario)**

WESTERN DIVERSIFICATION RESOLUTION (#3372)

Whereas the West is a unique region of Canada that has been disproportionately impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic because of an economy that is heavily reliant on the natural resource, tourism and agricultural sectors;

Whereas British Columbia and the Prairies have significantly different economies and have historically received less funding for regional development than other regions in Canada;

Whereas there is a strong desire on the part of Western Canadians to work together to find regional solutions to the economic, social and environmental challenges of the 21st century and the post COVID world;

Whereas Western Canadians wish their region to play a bigger role in building a future economy and society that is fairer, greener and more prosperous for all Canadians;

Whereas the Department of Western Economic Diversification (WD) has an intimate and sophisticated knowledge of the regional economy in the West through its field offices located in all four Western provinces that are readily accessible to local citizens and businesses;

Whereas WD has a proven track record of serving as a coordinator and facilitator of government programs for a broad range of federal government ministries in order to drive economic diversification at the regional and local level; and

Whereas WD is able to resolve local economic, environmental and social challenges because of its ability to work across governments as well as with business, Indigenous Peoples and communities;

Be it resolved that:

- WD as a key government agency, play a leadership role coordinating and delivering the economic recovery for the Western Region; and
- That WD receive an equitable amount of funding that is at least the average of the per capita amounts distributed to Canada's other Regional Development Agencies; and
- That the Government of Canada commit to the establishment of a stand alone regional development agency for British Columbia, and that both resulting agencies be given appropriate resources and budget in order to deliver a bold regional mandate.

Liberal Caucus

CANADA AS AN AGRICULTURAL AND AGRI-FOOD SUPERPOWER (#3371)

Whereas the world's population is estimated to exceed 10 billion by 2050 and the crops

Whereas needed to feed a growing population may be required to double;

Whereas Canada's agriculture and agri-food industries represent \$111.9 billion of economic activity, comprising approximately 6.7% of national GDP and employing 1 in 8 Canadians equal to 2.3 million jobs;

Whereas the Barton Report emphasized the opportunities available to Canada in positioning itself as an agriculture superpower, driving economic potential in rural communities;

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the importance of domestic food supply and supporting Canadian agriculture producers; and

Whereas Canada can extend its growing season by supporting greenhouse infrastructure, thereby increasing the amount of local food available during the winter months;

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to develop a suite of policies to ensure that Canada will be positioned as an agricultural superpower following the cessation of the COVID-19 pandemic, with attention to:

- Focusing on investments to support regional agri-food capacity including extension of growing seasons;
- Bolstering investment in research and innovation to ensure Canadian producers are globally competitive;
- Increasing agricultural exports as a percentage of GDP; and
- Working with industry to help make the transition to a low-carbon economy.

Be it further resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to consult with all the provinces, territories, First Nations and all other relevant stakeholders to position Canada as an agricultural superpower.

Liberal Caucus

A GREEN ECONOMIC RECOVERY (#3343)

Whereas carbon dioxide emitted from the use of fossil fuels contributes to global warming and is identified as a toxic substance in the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (1999);

Whereas the Canadian government's involvement in the oil industry contributes to carbon dioxide emissions;

Whereas the Canadian Minister of Environment tabled a motion on May 14, 2019, declaring a climate emergency;

Whereas these undertakings are inconsistent with the commitments made by Canada under the Paris Agreement on climate change and are counter to solutions appropriate to the declaration of a state of climate emergency;

Whereas the oil market's volatility during the COVID-19 pandemic shows that investments in this sector are not guaranteed to be profitable;

Whereas the recession the country is experiencing necessitates investment from the Canadian government to stimulate stock markets and long-term employment, and represents a rare and unique opportunity to redirect the national economy;

Be it resolved that the Canadian government present an economic recovery plan that is focused on the green economic transition required for the planet's survival and that promotes investment in environmental infrastructure projects and divestment from the oil industry.

Be it further resolved that construction projects for power plants that use renewable energy be included in such an economic recovery plan, as well as investments in research and innovation and in green transportation.

Young Liberals of Canada

AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE TAX REBATES/INCENTIVES (#3312)

Whereas affordable housing is fundamental to the health, safety, and security of Canadians;

Whereas efforts to support and improve funding to affordable housing initiatives across Canada have begun, however some initial projects have stalled because of a lack of communication between federal, provincial and municipal jurisdictions;

Whereas lack of clarity on various fees i.e. hook ups, taxes, etc. has negatively impacted project budgets resulting in gaps of funding for project completion;

Whereas new affordable housing construction projects continue to face significant hurdles and delays with respect to funding allocation;

Whereas various stakeholders have identified a rebate would be the best solution, which could have better helped or will help complete their respective projects;

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada will urge the Government of Canada to create tax benefits for the building, creation, or retrofitting of affordable housing initiatives to help reduce delays including but not limited to:

- Federal tax rebate for construction materials for new projects or retrofitting/upgrading existing buildings,
- Streamlining the funding process between federal, provincial and municipal jurisdictions so that all fees are known up front and can be included in project budgets, preventing these issues in the future,
- Increasing awarded funding allocations for the costs associated with municipal services fees for initial service activations.

Liberal Party of Canada - Nova Scotia

ADVANCING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION AT POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS (#3258)

Whereas

- Data on gender-based violence (GBV) at post-secondary institutions (PSIs) is a critical resource for federal, provincial, and institutional decision-makers, as well as prospective and current students and their families;
- Prevention of GBV at PSIs in Canada must involve all levels of government, and the federal government is funding and spearheading a federal “Framework to Prevent and Address GBV at PSIs”;
- The availability and quality of data on GBV against students varies widely across the country and depends on voluntary disclosure by risk-averse institutions; and
- Intergovernmental efforts to prevent GBV at PSIs require standardized and cross-comparable data in order to meaningfully improve the safety of women and populations disproportionately affected by sexualized violence, including LGBTQ2+ people, persons with disabilities, Indigenous people, and people of colour.

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to:

- Ensure that the national Framework mandates the annual tabling, by each responsible Minister in their respective legislature, of a Report on the State of Gender-Based Violence Prevention at Post-Secondary Institutions.

Be it further resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to:

- Work with the provinces and territories to set national standards for reporting on GBV at PSIs to complement the evolving national Framework; and
- Provide targeted funding to provinces/territories, PSIs, and student associations to improve the accuracy and scope of provincial/territorial reporting of GBV at PSIs.

Young Liberals of Canada

HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN RURAL CANADA (#3245)

Whereas healthcare workers are in high demand throughout the world;

Whereas attracting Healthcare professionals to Rural and Northern parts of Canada is a continued struggle;

Be it resolved a Liberal government will create a Federal Program to increase the number of medical workers in remote Canadian Communities;

Be it further resolved that a Liberal government will work with the Indigenous, Provincial and Territorial governments of Canada to aid in getting Healthcare workers into remote parts of Canada on a locum basis.

Liberal Party of Canada - NWT

INDIGENOUS HOUSING SECURITY (#3212)

Whereas the Housing Crises in Indigenous Northern, Remote, and Fly-In Communities has highlighted the deep divide between Standard of Living for Indigenous Peoples' and the remainder of Canada.

Whereas the lack of infrastructure for Housing, Medical Services, Education, Renewable and Accessible Food Sources, and Telecommunications in comparison with the remainder of Canada continues to fuel the oppression and socio-economic discrimination towards Indigenous Communities.

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to immediately develop a Homelessness Strategy that moves to immediately build affordable and no-cost housing for Indigenous Peoples' and Canadians trapped in poverty.

Be it further resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to developing a Framework that allows FNMI communities to purchase Commercial Real Estate on non-reservation land to act as half-way housing for Indigenous medical patients commuting into major urban centres, without risking health and safety.

Be it further resolved the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to invest in Food Security and Sustainable Agricultural Development for Northern, Remote, and Fly-In Communities to reduce the disparity in access to healthy produce and the costs of living for those communities.

Be it further resolved the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to explore establishing permanent national programs that promote the redistribution of surplus foods and essential household goods.

Indigenous Peoples'

RETAINING MATURE WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE (#3186)

Whereas

- The share of women not in the labour force more than doubles between ages of 45-54 and 55-64, from 17% to 38%, and the share working part-time increases from 18% to 26%.
- Mature women leave the workforce early for a variety of reasons including lack of support for menopausal women and the challenges of balancing family caregiving with work life.
- Mature working women face significant intersectional discrimination (ageism, sexism, and, for women of colour, racism) that make it difficult to retain jobs or find new employment.
- The current cohort of mature women are the first generation who have attended university at higher rates than men and who worked consistently throughout their careers; they contribute unprecedented levels of human capital to the economy.
- Early retirement contributes to low representation of women in positions of corporate and public sector leadership, where the average age of senior executive is 53-54 years old.
- Canadian women leaving the workforce early contributes to more women living in poverty as seniors. By 2015, 16% of women aged 65 and over were living in poverty, and 52% of women aged 65 and over would have been living in poverty were it not for government transfers.

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to:

- Task the Ministers of Wage and Gender Equality, and Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion to investigate the low labour force participation among mature women and propose policy solutions to address this issue.

National Women's Liberal Commission

NATIONAL INTEGRATED POLICY ON HOMELESSNESS (#3176)

Whereas homelessness is an issue which affects all Canadian communities both urban and rural;

Whereas homelessness can be linked to poverty, mental illness, drug addictions, and other serious problems affecting a significant portion of the Canadian population and adversely affects First Nations and other marginalized communities in greater proportions;

Whereas there is a need to recognize the differences between individual and family needs for shelter in the short, medium, and long term;

Whereas there is an acute need to provide medical, social, and other support to people living on the streets who may have no fixed address or transient living arrangements;

Whereas the responsibility for dealing with different aspects of homelessness rests with all levels of government, federal, provincial, municipal, First Nations, Metis, Inuit, Indigenous People;

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada will urge the Government of Canada to develop a national strategy on homelessness, including the following actions

- Identify the level of government, agency or organization best able to provide the necessary support to various homeless populations
- Institute a program for sharing medical and other relevant information among health and social services which recognizes the transient nature of much of the homeless population
- Develop an integrated strategy involving all levels of government, involved agencies and organizations to provide the homeless with the necessary shelter, health, financial and other services
- Develop an effective exit strategy to get people out of the homelessness cycle.

Liberal Party of Canada - Nova Scotia

IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL PHARMACARE FOR ALL (#3123)

Whereas Canada is the only country in the world that has a universal healthcare system without universal coverage for prescription drugs outside of hospitals;

Whereas The Canada Health Act is intended to “facilitate reasonable access to health and services without financial or other barriers”; Medication is essential to ensure fairness to every individual in Canada towards an equal right to health;

Whereas Health Canada indicates that 20 per cent (roughly 7 million people) of Canadians have inadequate drug coverage or no coverage at all and must pay out of pocket; Approximately 1 million Canadians were forced to cut their household spending on food and heat to pay for medication; One in five households reported a family member who, in the past year, had not taken a prescribed medicine due to its cost.

Whereas Health Canada Advisory Council projects National Pharmacare will decrease government and individual drug expenditures; 2027 total drug expenditures without National Pharmacare will amount to a total of \$51.5 B, \$23.0 B of which is on other public plans, \$19.8 B on Private Plans, and \$8.8 B pay from out of pocket; 2027 total drug expenditures with National Pharmacare will amount to a total of \$46.8 B, \$2.6 B of which on other public plans, \$3.2 B on private plans, and \$2.4 B pay from out of pocket

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to develop a National policy that ensures the equitable and long-term sustainability of access to prescription medication while reducing drug costs.

Liberal Party of Canada - Ontario

IMMIGRATION AND EFFECTS ON REAL ESTATE MARKET (#3112)

Whereas the Real Estate Market in NL is approximately 1% of Canadian Real Estate Market

Whereas that immigration is the answer to helping grow our Province's population and many immigrants that purchase properties don't use mortgage financing.

Whereas appears that the national stress test standards were introduced to help cool or stabilize our Canadian Real Estate Market and ensure purchasers did not overextend themselves financially (if the mortgage interest rate went up).

Be it resolved Newfoundland & Labrador should be receiving their fair share of immigrants based on our population & that should be around 4,000 people per year and include a long term plan for retention. More immigrants will help offset our decline in population and organically correct our Real Estate Market.

Liberal Party of Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador

POST-PANDEMIC ECONOMY (#3109)

Whereas Covid-19 has delivered a shock to Canada's economy.

Whereas the focus has been on healthcare, financial and economic interventions to provide support to Canadians and businesses.

Whereas Canada has had to mitigate health risks due to lack of access to personal protective equipment and medical supplies, and knowledgeable data.

Whereas it is unclear how long the pandemic will last and how it will impact global trade essentials, supply chains, businesses, consumer behaviour and investor confidence.

Whereas Covid-19 has created an opportunity for Canada to develop an approach to advance objectives of more nationally self-reliant and transitioning to a cleaner and competitive economy .

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to:

- Re-evaluate its security and restructure its supply chains and 'knowhow' regarding medical and essential supplies, equipment, food, and drugs to achieve national self-reliance.
- Develop a path, with regulatory, fiscal, and financial measures to steer Canada's economy toward more equal outcomes for Canadians.
- Diversify Canada's natural resources, technological knowledge, and manufacturing expertise toward a greener economy.
- Ensure that public and private investments facilitate research and innovative solutions.
- Ensure that federal programs offer opportunities, partnerships for educational, research, innovation, and technological progress.

Liberal Party of Canada - Quebec

SECURING FOOD SYSTEMS (#3106)

Whereas local food systems provide security for a region;

Whereas provincial and global borders can be closed due to extreme weather or for public safety;

Whereas farmers should earn a fair livelihood;

Whereas Canada should maintain appropriately-scaled processing capacity across the country to serve producers and consumers via local and regional markets;

Be it resolved , that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to develop a food security policy and audit processing capacity at the local and regional level.

Liberal Party of Canada - Prince Edward Island

IMPROVING INTERNET INFRASTRUCTURE (#3103)

Whereas only 41% of rural communities have access to broadband at 50/10 Mbps, compared to the Canadian average of 86%;

Whereas 30% of employed Canadian internet users report that their employers expect them to stay connected via the internet outside regular work hours;

Whereas communication and e-commerce for rural businesses are unfairly impacted by lack of internet access;

Whereas the number of Canadians working from home has increased dramatically in recent months;

Whereas students are increasingly expected to access online resources to complete work outside regular school hours;

that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to:

- Invest in improved high-speed internet access in rural and remote areas of Canada;
- Develop a tax benefit for Canadians who are required to spend exorbitant amounts to access high-speed internet;
- Work with private internet providers to develop “equal service for equal price” initiatives.

Liberal Party of Canada - Prince Edward Island

PROTECTING WHISTLEBLOWERS FROM RETALIATION (#3100)

Whereas :

- whistleblowers provide powerful defences and safeguards against political and financial wrongdoing, without which there is no limit to the harm that can be done through incompetence or corruption, in pursuit of money and power;
- without robust whistleblower protection, both the public and private sectors are denied a primary source of information about wrongdoing such as negligence, fraud, misinformation and other forms of misconduct;
- current federal legislation, being largely symbolic, is ineffective and focused primarily on government employees, ignoring the private sector almost entirely;
- most workers in Canada have no legal protection if they reveal wrongdoing and are at high risk of retaliation and reprisals;
- among the whistleblowers who have dared to expose health, environmental, financial, surveillance and corruption scandals in Canada are several women who have paid a heavy price for their courage and integrity;
- according to the Government Accountability Project, Canada is the only country of the 60 it has examined that fails to meet every one of the 20 criteria this non-profit organization uses to judge protections.

Whereas the European Union is becoming the standard bearer for whistleblower protection, having adopted a directive which all member countries must implement by December 17, 2021.

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to follow the example of the European Union Whistleblower Protection Directive by enacting legislation to protect whistleblowers that includes:

- guaranteed due process;
- legal assistance;
- protection against criminal or civil liability for breaking non-disclosure agreements and securing evidence;
- reversing the onus of proof with respect to reprisals, by requiring employers to prove that action against a whistleblower was not retaliatory.

Women's Liberal Commission

CANADA'S GREEN NEW DEAL (#3081)

Whereas:

- A changing climate threatens human life, healthy communities, and critical infrastructure.
- Exceeding 2 degrees warming will significantly increase the risk of disease, food and water insecurity, fires, coastal property damage, loss of biodiversity and severe weather including heatwaves, droughts and flooding.
- The economic impact on Canada may be as much as \$43 billion per year by 2050.
- Human activity is the dominant cause of climate change.
- The global temperature increase must be kept under 1.5 degrees to avoid the most severe impacts of climate change, requiring net-zero emissions by 2050.

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to implement a Green New Deal to:

- achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 through a fair and just transition;
- secure for all Canadians: clean air and water, climate and community resiliency, healthy food, access to nature and a sustainable environment;
- create jobs and ensure prosperity and economic security for all Canadians;
- sustainably invest in Canadian infrastructure and industry; and
- promote justice and equity by stopping current, preventing future, and repairing historic oppression of indigenous peoples, communities of color, deindustrialized communities, depopulated rural communities, the poor, low-income workers, women, the elderly, the unhoused, people with disabilities and youth.

Be it further resolved that the Green New Deal be implemented by a 10-year national mobilization, developed through an urgent, transparent and inclusive consultation process, involving frontline and vulnerable communities, labour unions, worker cooperatives, civil society organizations, academia and businesses, commenced immediately and completed in no more than one year.

Liberal Party of Canada - British Columbia

END SYSTEMIC RACISM IN CANADA'S POLICING, JUSTICE & CORRECTIONAL SYSTEMS (#3078)

Whereas Indigenous people are over-represented in Canada's prison population at over 30% today, from 17% in 2000, despite representing 5% of the Canadian population; Indigenous women are over-represented at 42% of the female prison population; and Indigenous youth are over-represented at 48% of custody admissions and 39% of community admissions.

Whereas Black people are over-represented in Canada's prison population at 8.6% despite representing 3% of the Canadian population.

Whereas there is a lack of data on other People of Colour (e.g. South Asian, Middle Eastern, Latino, etc.,) in the policing, justice and correctional systems.

Whereas systemic biases, including racism, the use of profiling, and carding/street check practices by police has contributed to the overrepresentation of Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour (BIPOC) people within the justice and correctional systems.

Whereas numerous studies and reports calling for systemic change exist, including, but not limited to, 1996's Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples report; the Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action; the MMIWG report; and the UN working group of experts report on people of African descent in Canada.

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urges that the Government:

- lead the collection and stewardship of data disaggregated by race, colour, gender, ethnicity, national origin, LGBTQ2+ and other identities to determine if and where systemic biases, including racism, exist so as to address them accordingly.
- ban carding and racial profiling by the RCMP and work with all jurisdictions to end this practice nationally, coupling continued funding with compliance.
- implement the related longstanding systemic change recommendations

Liberal Party of Canada - British Columbia

STRONGER PROVISIONS TO PROTECT EMPLOYEE PENSIONS IN COMPANY BANKRUPTCIES (#3051)

Whereas people who give years of contribution to their company pension, on which they are reliant for their retirement, should be assured that their promised pensions are safe;

Whereas the current law allows executives to walk away with huge bonuses, creditors to recoup their investments, while pensioners only get what's left;

Whereas pensions are deferred wages committed by employees to their pensions, and to which companies have an obligation, and therefore should be protected by our government over executives' and shareholder profits;

Whereas over the past 10 years many Canadian companies have gone bankrupt and have left their pensioners with significantly reduced pensions;

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to create a Company Pension Insurance Plan funded by employers insuring 100% of their pension liability;

Be it further resolved that insolvency legislation be amended (specifically the CCAA and BIA) to extend super-priority to any unfunded pension liability, placing pensioners ahead of creditors to be paid if a company goes bankrupt;

Be it further resolved that the Government of Canada enforce a requirement for companies to continually maintain their pension liabilities fully funded. In situations where the liability becomes underfunded due to sudden or severe downward economic conditions, a one or two year grace period to allow for the re-establishment of a fully funded pension could be allowed if deemed reasonable by the Government.

Seniors Liberal Commission

AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING FOR VULNERABLE SENIORS (#3045)

Whereas hundreds of thousands of Canadian seniors are without a place to call home;

Whereas vulnerable Canadian Seniors are often forced to choose among housing, food or medicine;

Whereas the basic human right to an adequate home is not available to many seniors because of cost;

Whereas vulnerable low-income seniors require financial support to ensure adequate housing;

Whereas most seniors prefer to continue to live independently in order to age in place;

Whereas socially integrated communities develop better social welfare outcomes which, in turn can reduce the strain on the Canadian health and welfare systems;

Whereas community non-profits have the experience and human resources to find, manage and increase affordable rental housing stock to meet the needs of vulnerable seniors;

Whereas financial support and funding from the federal government is critical to ensuring affordable rental housing for vulnerable seniors;

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to include in the National Housing Strategy specific provisions for vulnerable seniors, including designated funding for non-profit community organizations to facilitate an increase in affordable rental stock to accommodate the housing needs of vulnerable Canadian seniors, and support for local municipalities to do so.

Seniors Liberal Commission

THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL FUTURE (#3037)

Whereas human history is full of positive and negative technological innovation for the future of mankind and present times;

Whereas scientists are human beings with their own strengths and weaknesses;

Whereas innovations that represent real, positive progress are a priority for the future of society;

Whereas positive innovations, social progress, and economic progress respond to challenges based on accurate and complete reference information;

Whereas the future of Canadian society is linked to its full, voluntary participation in positive change;

Whereas the first principle of science is that nothing is lost and nothing is created;

Be it resolved that the government formed by the Liberal Party of Canada:

- Urgently establish a national scientific assessment standing committee to systematically and comprehensively identify the impacts of consumer products and human habits in terms of pollutants, with a focus on greenhouse gases (GHGs) and true energy efficiency;
- ensure that this constructive and positive process of transparent benchmarking progresses over time, enabling us to provide exhaustive and high-quality information that will foster positive innovations and help identify the best solutions;
- make this information public so that society as a whole can contribute to progress and change.

Liberal Party of Canada - Quebec

MORE MONEY IN THE POCKETS OF SENIORS (#3031)

Whereas more than half of seniors are living in precarious situations and rely on their pension for the essentials of life;

Whereas seniors after meeting essential needs, seniors are unable to save enough to pay for necessities such as « eyeglasses, dental work and or hearing aids »;

Whereas according to the Réseau FADOQ (Federation of Seniors in Quebec): “a recipient of both Old Age Security (OAS) and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) receives a little more than \$18,000 annually which is barely sufficient to cover basic needs”;

Whereas in order to lift out of subsistence poverty the more than 40% of seniors who need OAS the GIS and knowing what they have endured and the difficulties they have overcome; and

Whereas the Liberal Party of Canada campaigned in October 2019 on the promise to increase the OAS by 10% as of age 75 and over.

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to renew and strengthen this promise by increasing OAS by 10% as of age 70 and over.

Liberal Party of Canada - Quebec

CORRECTING INEQUALITY OF WEALTH THROUGH TAXATION (#3023)

Whereas the proportion of wealth reported by StatsCan of Canadian families per quintile is as follows: 80 to 100% owns 67% of the wealth, 60 to 80% owns 21%, 40 to 60% owns 9%, 20 to 40% owns 2% and 0 to 20% owns 0%

Whereas from 1982 to 2015 wealth of the top 1% of families grew by 878% compared to the bottom 50% which fell by 29%.

Whereas taxes were never paid on any increase in stock values.

Whereas whenever stocks are sold only 50% of the increase is taxed as Capital Gains.

Whereas there are no Inheritance taxes in Canada even for billionaires.

Whereas Corporate Taxes decreased since 1960: 40% by year 2000, and 16% since.

Whereas during the 1960's 50% of all government revenues came from large corporations compared most revenues now come from small businesses and wages

Whereas the lower 67% of families only own 11% of the wealth.

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to revise taxation by adding inheritance taxes on all assets over two million dollars, and by reducing the exemption on Capital gains tax progressively to zero percent by reducing it to 40% initially and then progressively reducing it by 2% per year.

Be it further resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to establish a strategy to coordinate with other G 20 countries to enable taxing wealth

Liberal Party of Canada - Ontario

GUARANTEED INCOME FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY DISABILITY (#3005)

Whereas The Government of Canada has worked to address poverty across Canada by giving more money to families through the Canada child Benefit and increasing the Guaranteed Income Supplement.

Whereas nearly 1 in 10 Canadians are still living in poverty including more than 622, 000 children.

Whereas the number of Canadians experiencing poverty and facing hardships has increased significantly due to COVID-19.

Whereas persons with disabilities make-up a significant number of of Canadians experiencing poverty.

Whereas many families who have a person or persons with disabilities do not have the income to meet the needs of their children.

Whereas in 2014, persons with a disability accounted for almost 20% of the population aged 25 to 64. Of these, 23% were low income, compared with 9% of those without a disability.

Be it resolved that the liberal Party of Canada urge the government of Canada to provide a basic income to support the work and initiatives found in the “Poverty Reduction Strategy” and provide an income to families with disabilities sufficient for basic necessities of life.

Be it further resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the government of Canada to implement a negative income tax to implement basic income.

Be it further resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to intervene in this Provincial jurisdiction, as it did for Universal Health Insurance;

Be it further resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the government of Canada to match each dollar that the provinces and territories provide as assured income for the severely handicapped up to \$2500 per month.

Liberal Party of Canada - Alberta

FORGIVENESS OF STUDENT LOANS THROUGH VOLUNTEER WORK (#2997)

Whereas post-secondary education is a prerequisite for participation in Canada's workforce;

Whereas post-secondary students in Canada are facing mounting debt loads and graduates are having difficulty finding meaningful work in their fields of expertise;

Whereas a high level of student debt affects mental health, and impairs the ability of recent graduates to participate in the economy and achieve financial stability; the federal government has written off \$174 million of unpaid student loans in 2017 alone; there are many vulnerable people in Canadian society and numerous organizations such as charities, community groups and NGOs that provide for and serve them;

Whereas such organizations could benefit from the skilled help of post-secondary graduates who could provide services such as legal aid, tutoring of special-needs children, accounting services for NGOs, health/dental services for homeless and other atrisk populations;

Whereas such volunteer work would provide graduates with meaningful work experience, networking opportunities and the ability to serve their communities;

Be it resolved THAT the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to implement a program for the forgiveness of student loans in exchange for volunteer work in a post-secondary graduate's field of specialty. Such program would provide that credit for volunteer work be applied to student loan debt upon such terms as may be appropriate, following proper study and input.

Liberal Party of Canada - Alberta

ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC BARRIERS: DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (#2991)

Whereas systemic barriers within Canada diminish equal equitable opportunities for many Canadians. These barriers are evident in many aspects of our society – training and education, access to health care and housing are but a view few. In addition there are also of aspects of racism that preclude equitable opportunities for all. All Canadians lose if opportunities are not equitable.

Whereas in the government based document – Gender Based Analysis (GBA+) the scope and impact of an equitable Canada is clearly delineated.

Whereas there is no national oversight board to assure that all individuals are treated equitably ensuring that equal opportunities are available to all.

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to establish a national oversight board including representatives in in each province and territory to ensure that all individuals have equitable access to all aspects of Canadian society. Demographic representation should reflect and represent various intersected identities within Canadian socie-ty. This oversight board should work closely with licensing and regulatory boards to ensure that there are NO barriers to housing, health care, education and training.

Be it further resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Cana-da to ensure all Canadians are supported and not subjected to systemic barriers based on Indige-nous status, ethnicity, gender, race, religion, immigration status, employment status, and all other aspects of identity as identified in the GBA+ documents.

Be it further resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Cana-da to ensure Canadian Values of equality are adhered to for all individuals.

Liberal Party of Canada - Alberta

INTERPROVINCIAL POWER GRID (#2969)

Whereas Manitoba Hydro has extensive facilities and capacity to supply the electrical needs of Northwestern Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta;

Whereas current and anticipated needs are being addressed through low efficiency and carbon emitting facilities;

Whereas the government has stated the desire to lessen Northern dependency on low efficiency, carbon emitting fuels;

Whereas Manitoba Hydro provides a cost effective, environmentally sound and climate change-cognizant option to supplying these needs;

Whereas much of Canada's excess production today is being sold to the United States at less than market prices and this would be a difficult agreement to amend if Canada experiences a shortage of power.

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada encourage the Government of Canada to:

- facilitate and support negotiations and funding towards the establishment of a Northern inter-provincial electrical grid;
- establish a Sustainable Development Agency to ensure sustainable electric power to all regions of Canada.

Liberal Party of Canada - Manitoba

PROMOTING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY GENERATION (#2968)

Whereas a 30% Investment Tax Credit for solar and other renewable technologies, and a 2.3 per kilowatt hour Production Tax Credit for wind power in concert with state incentives have spurred a 300% increase in wind power and 123% increase in solar power industries over the past decade in the United States;

Whereas major investment in renewable energies, encouraged by tax incentives, builds the economy and creates jobs without increasing the carbon footprint (every million dollars invested in renewable energy creates 17 jobs compared to 5 for fossil fuel investment);

Whereas tax incentives to induce Canadian corporations to invest some of their dormant \$600 million (32% of GDP) into clean energy would soon be recuperated by tax gains in the clean energy sector;

Whereas corporate tax incentives provide greater stability and sustainability to the developing industry than the individual tax credits and installation incentives now offered on a small scale by some hydro electric companies and provincial governments (Manitoba Hydro , Province of Manitoba), the two methods working in consort, as seen in many US states, can have tremendous impact on an industry;

Whereas decentralized energy production is less damaging to the environment, has lower transport costs, and is less vulnerable to natural disaster;

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada encourage the Government of Canada to:

- develop a Canadian-made tax incentive plan to encourage large corporations to invest in renewable resource development in Canada;
- extend the existing provincial tax credits for geothermal installation to wind, solar and biomass development;
- develop a mechanism for alternative energy producers to sell surplus energy to local provincial authorities.

Liberal Party of Canada - Manitoba