

5-01-18 Human Rights Tribunal Rulings Regarding First Nations Child Welfare

Nipissing--Timiskaming, Saskatoon West, Timmins--James Bay

Whereas the Liberals have broken their promise of a new nation-to-nation relationship with Indigenous Peoples by continuing the oppressive, racist, and colonial practice of systemic under-funding of the First Nations child welfare system;

Be it resolved that New Democrats condemn the Liberals' defiance of the Human Rights Tribunal rulings demanding equal funding;
Be it further resolved that an NDP government would immediately implement the Human Rights Tribunal rulings, including the reinstatement of adequate funding for First Nations child welfare.

5-02-18 Decolonization

Pickering--Uxbridge, UONDP

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 5.7 (b) of the Policy Book be amended to read:
2.
Executing the 94 Calls to Action given by Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Jordan's Principle.

5-03-18 Public Inquiry into Phoenix Pay System

Ottawa Centre

Whereas the Phoenix pay system is an outsourcing disaster affecting thousands of present and retired public servants and their families; and Whereas both Conservative and Liberal governments bear responsibility for it; and Whereas, facing a similar outsourcing payroll disaster, the Government of Queensland Australia conducted an enlightening inquiry;

Therefore be it resolved that the NDP campaign for, and seek to legislate, a public inquiry into all aspects of the Phoenix payroll system including, but not limited to:

1. all of the procurement, design, development, implementation, and post-implementation processes;
2. the system's impact on government employees and retirees, the respective unions, government finances and operations, and, services provided to the people of Canada; and
3. recommendations to improve existing procurement and project management (including governance) policies, processes, standards, and contractual arrangements for government information and communication technology projects.

5-04-18 Government Ethics

Dauphin--Swan River--Neepawa, Brampton East, Timmins--James Bay, Elmwood--Transcona

Whereas no Minister of the Crown should ever be in a position to personally financially benefit from their publicly-held position;
Whereast the Liberals have failed to uphold this most basic ethical standard;

Be it further resolved that New Democrats call on the government to censure Minister Morneau for proposing legislation to regulate the pension industry while standing to benefit from millions of dollars of personal investment from those proposed changes to that same industry;

Be it further resolved that the NDP propose amendments to the Conflict of Interest Act to ensure that in the future, Ministers with holdings in industries they regulate or influence, are required to divest themselves of those assets or place those holdings in a blind trust.

5-05-18 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

Aboriginal Commission

Whereas Trudeau's pre-election promise was to create a National Inquiry in to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls;
Whereas a National Inquiry in to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls must be proactive, effective and comprehensive;

Therefore, be it resolved that the NDP take a leadership role and pressure the Government of Canada to correct the course of the National Inquiry of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls immediately.

And be it further resolved that the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls be mandated to hear from any and all families who wish to present to the Inquiry.

And be it further resolved that the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls timeline be extended to ensure that any and all families who wish to present to the National Inquiry are able to.

And be it further resolved that resources be provided to families to support those who wish to present.

5-06-18 Support for Mixed Member Proportional Representation

Charlottetown

Whereas the Liberal Party headed by Justin Trudeau promised the voters of Canada that the 2015 federal election would be the last one conducted under the current First-Past-the-Post (or Single Member Plurality) Electoral System, and Whereas the Liberal government headed by Justin Trudeau rejected the report of the Special House of Commons Committee on Electoral Reform, and Whereas the Special House of Commons Committee on Electoral Reform noted that the vast majority of presentations to its country-wide public consultations favoured an electoral system based on proportional representation, and Whereas the majority of those voting in previous referendums in both Prince Edward Island and British Columbia have favoured proportional representation, and Whereas in 2004, after conducting public consultations across Canada, the Law Reform Commission of Canada recommended the adoption of a specific detailed system of proportional representation based on a series of regional voting calculations, and Whereas proportional representation has been shown to increase the diversity of representation in legislative bodies, while also producing a legislative body that more accurately reflects the wishes of the voters,

Therefore be it resolved that the New Democratic Party of Canada reiterate its support for Mixed Member Proportional Representation and ensure that Mixed Member Proportional Representation be given a high profile in the NDP platform in the next federal election.

5-07-18 Constitutional reform

Québec

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP recognize the repatriation of the Constitution in 1982 without Quebec's signature as an historic mistake;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP welcome any serious effort to recognize Quebec's status as a nation and to ensure that it is a part of the Canadian constitutional framework;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP deem that any constitutional reform in Canada must be aimed at establishing the relationship between the Crown and Indigenous nations on a new footing and negotiated in good faith and nation to nation, in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

5-08-18 Official languages

Québec

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Canada's NDP promote an in-depth review of the official languages policy that

(a) reflects the asymmetry between English and French and strengthens the place of French within Canadian society; (b) works with Francophone communities across the country to protect and promote French; (c) supports rather than impedes the Government of Quebec and the Charter of the French Language in order to make French the common language of Quebec, and amends the federal legislation to ensure that employees of federally regulated companies in Quebec enjoy the same language rights as those in companies governed by the Charter of the French Language.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an NDP government

(a) establish, in partnership and consultation with Indigenous nations and persons, a public inquiry aimed at recognition of official status for Indigenous languages; (b) seek to maintain, strengthen and promote Indigenous languages in partnership and consultation with Indigenous nations and persons.

5-09-18 Single tax return in Quebec

Sherbrooke

WHEREAS having two tax returns in Quebec is costly, inefficient and an exception in Canada; WHEREAS simplifying Quebecers' returns would result in major savings in public funds; WHEREAS having a single tax return would enable taxpayers and businesses in Quebec to save time and money; WHEREAS having a single tax return would enhance Quebec's fiscal autonomy, which is perfectly consistent with the principles set forth in the Sherbrooke declaration; WHEREAS various stakeholders and specialists have worked to bring about this change for many years; WHEREAS the Government of Quebec is already responsible for collecting GST for the federal government;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP propose the idea of a single tax return administered by the Government of Quebec, which would subsequently transfer federal tax to the federal government. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the implementation of this idea must not result in a loss of employment within the federal public service, and therefore this policy proposal must be made in collaboration with the unions and representatives of federal public servants.

5-10-18 Resolution on the support and promotion of Quebec culture

Québec

WHEREAS Canada is a country in which both French and English are official languages and these two cultures must have an equivalent effective place;
 WHEREAS French is in a minority position in Canada and it is difficult to actively support Francophone culture in predominantly Anglophone organizations;
 WHEREAS control of cultural programs by the Government of Quebec is the subject of a unanimous position in the National Assembly;
 WHEREAS Quebec already supports Quebec culture and therefore has already put in place the infrastructure necessary to do so;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP recommend that all funding and programs for Quebec artists and cultural activities be transferred to Quebec, with the exception of Radio-Canada and the National Film Board (NFB).

5-11-18 Urban Indigenous Communities

Toronto Centre

WHEREAS more than 56% of Indigenous people in Canada live in urban communities.
 WHEREAS Urban Indigenous communities face unique barriers to accessing mainstream programs and services including health, education, employment, child and youth programs, social services and more.
 WHEREAS Urban Indigenous communities have developed a support infrastructure through the Friendship Centre Movement across Canada to provide culturally-based programs and services for urban Indigenous people.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statement be added to section 5.7 of the policy book: · Enhancing and funding culturally-relevant, Indigenous-led programs and services for Urban Indigenous people.

5-12-18 Mixed Member Proportional with Regional Lists

Regina--Qu'Appelle, Ottawa South, Guelph, Etobicoke North, University--Rosedale, Toronto--Danforth, Willowdale, Ottawa West--Nepean, Fredericton, Pickering--Uxbridge, Labrador, Orléans, Ottawa--Vanier, Northumberland--Peterborough South, Toronto--St. Paul's

Whereas Jagmeet Singh, multiple Federal NDP caucus members and PEI voters in November 2016 have voiced a preference for a Mixed Member Proportional electoral system with regional lists,

Whereas letting voters choose a regional candidate from an open list lets voters elect a specific individual as a region-wide MP for a top-up seat and hold them accountable,

Be it resolved that clause 5.2 of the Policy Book, which states “Reforming Canada’s electoral system through mixed member proportional representation be amended by adding “with regional lists”.

5-13-18 Resident Head of State

Hull--Aylmer

Be it resolved that the NDP recognize her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's more than 60 years of being head of state of Canada; Be it further resolved that Canada deserves to have its own resident head of state; Be it further resolved that when the reign of Queen Elizabeth II comes to an end, Canada should recognize no future monarch as head of state and make the appropriate transition to a resident head of state.

5-14-18 First Nations Child & Family Services

Edmonton Manning

Whereas the relationship between provincial and territorial governments and the federal government with regard to the delivery of child and family services to Indigenous Children is often complex. AND WHEREAS these complexities affect the delivery of services to Indigenous families AND WHEREAS funding for these services is the responsibility of the federal government AND WHEREAS some provinces and territories are providing some level of funding to deliver these services

BE IT RESOLVED that the federal NDP advocate that the federal government provide support and funding which is allocated for the delivery of First Nations child and family services.

5-15-18 Funding of political parties

Québec

WHEREAS the Conservative government dismantled the system of public funding for political parties; WHEREAS public funding for political parties is the only way to limit the power of money over the results of a vote; WHEREAS a change in the voting system, if not accompanied by a new method of funding for political parties, will not give back power to every citizen;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP call on the federal government to fully restore public funding for political parties.

5-16-18 Sherbrooke declaration

Québec

WHEREAS the Sherbrooke declaration is an integral part of the NDP's federal Constitution; WHEREAS the Sherbrooke declaration recognizes Quebec's right to self-determination and asymmetrical federalism;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sherbrooke declaration be included in the positions put forth in Quebec in the upcoming federal election campaign (2019).

5-17-18 Repealing the First Nations Financial Transparency Act

Aboriginal Commission, Esquimalt--Saanich--Sooke

Whereas Bill C-27, First Nations Financial Transparency Act which requires First-Nations owned businesses to publicly report income and expenses was passed; Whereas this Bill imposes standards on First Nations governments that far exceed those for municipal, provincial and federal officials in other jurisdictions;

Be it resolved that the federal NDP call on the government of Canada to repeal the First Nations Financial Transparency Act.

5-18-18 Language test for permanent residence

Québec

WHEREAS each year Canada takes in a number of immigrants with a foundation in French and/or English; WHEREAS there is a discrepancy between the cost of the language test needed to become a permanent resident depending on whether the test is in English or French; WHEREAS Canada has two official languages, English and French, in which its citizens are also entitled to be served by federal institutions, in accordance with sections 16 to 22 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;

WHEREAS there are people who speak French and/or English throughout Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP uphold official language and equality rights by calling on the government of the day to ensure that the costs of language tests for becoming a permanent resident are consistent, i.e. the same for English and French.

5-19-18 Conflict of interest in the Senate

Québec

WHEREAS Senators are not accountable to the public; WHEREAS some Senators have interests that are inconsistent with the commitment to serve the public;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP call on the federal government to adopt a binding code of ethics to require senators to be transparent and to not have any personal involvement that is in conflict with their Senate commitments.

5-20-18 Preserving Sites of Conscience

Battlefords--Lloydminster

Whereas there are many historical, significant sites, including cemeteries, related to Indigenous Residential Schools across Canada. And whereas these sites are subjected to degradation, abandonment, and erasure from public memory. And whereas the National Director of the Centre for Truth and Reconciliation has recently urged a Parliamentary committee to preserve places related to Residential Schools as "Sites of Conscience."

Be It Resolved that Canada's NDP supports the protection of indigenous sites that are significant to preserving the public memory of Residential Schools in Canada, including school buildings, cemeteries, and other facilities associated with this dark chapter of our history. These efforts should involve local Indigenous communities and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation in order to ensure the public memory of these places as "Sites of Conscience" is preserved.

5-21-18 Empowering the Civic Integration of Ethnocultural Immigrant Communities

London West

WHEREAS the NDP aims to form a government that represents all Canadians in one democratic federation. WHEREAS New Democrats must work to integrate (ECI) towards this goal. WHEREAS civic ECI organizations play important roles in this integration. WHEREAS ECI organizations' political advocacy is limited by the rule of 10% of their spending (IRPP Study)

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statement to be added to the Policy Book as clause 5.6.e: ● Substantially expanding the percentage of total spending volunteer and nongovernmental organizations may spend on political advocacy, as long as such advocacy is nonpartisan and connected and subordinate to the organization's purposes

5-22-18 Communication of voting results

Québec, Rosemont--La Petite-Patrie

WHEREAS there are six (five-and-a-half) time zones in Canada; WHEREAS in the last federal general election in Canada (2015) the first results from the East were released before polls in western Canada had closed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following wording be added to the NDP Policy Book in section 5.2:

g Defending the fairness of the vote of all Canadians by prohibiting Elections Canada from releasing election results before the last polls close.

5-23-18 Nutrition North & Transparency

Nunavut

WHEREAS the cost of living in Canada's north is the highest the country; WHEREAS Indigenous peoples in Canada's north suffer from the highest rates of food insecurity in Canada; WHEREAS the Nutrition North Canada Program has not delivered the results and savings for Northern Indigenous peoples it was intended to; WHEREAS food retailers in Canada's north receive subsidies under Nutrition North Canada but keep the cargo rates they pay secret; WHEREAS limited airline competition in Canada's north fails to deliver competitive cargo rates to northerners;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clauses be added to Section..... Of the Policy Book: (X) Retailers accessing the Nutrition North Canada program must publicly disclose the cargo rates they have negotiated with airlines every fiscal quarter; (Y) The Federal Government will provide subsidies to Airlines seeking to enter the Canadian north market to promote competition and innovation in northern aviation.

5-24-18 Support for Floor-Crossing

Esquimalt--Saanich--Sooke

Whereas preventing members from crossing the floor prevents them from exercising their right to hold their own party accountable for its actions and their self-determination to be a member of the caucus that best represents their own political convictions and those of their constituents

Be it resolved that section 5.3 (e) be struck from the NDP policy book.

5-25-18 Advocate to Implement Jordan's Principle

Vancouver East

WHEREAS there's nothing new in the 2017 budget for First Nations children and their families, for child welfare, or for the implementation of Jordan's Principle, even though the government has been found out of compliance with legal orders to stop that inequality;

Be It Resolved that the NDP urge the Government of Canada to immediately comply with all rulings by the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, to immediately cease its discriminatory funding of First Nations child and family services and to fully and properly implement Jordan's Principle. to consult with First Nations to co-create a holistic Spirit Bear Plan to end all the inequalities in a short period sensitive to children's best interests, development and distinct community needs for government departments providing services to First Nations children and families to undergo a thorough and independent evaluation to identify any discriminatory ideologies, policies or practices and to address them and for these evaluations be publicly available.

5-26-18 Health transfers

Québec

WHEREAS the aging of the population and the explosion of health care spending are pushing up health care costs for the health care community and patients; WHEREAS the Premiers of Canada's provinces and territories have unanimously called for the Canada Health Transfer (CHT) to be brought up to 25% of provincial and territorial health care costs; WHEREAS the Prime Minister is committed to negotiating a new long-term health care funding agreement;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP reiterate its commitment to press the Government of Canada to strengthen and enforce the Canada Health Act, including with regard to health transfers, to ensure that they are set at a minimum of 25%. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP urge the federal government to respect Quebec's jurisdiction over health care and not impose any conditions on transfers owing to Quebec.

5-27-18 Supreme Court and Quebec

Québec

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Canada's NDP believe that each of the three Quebec judges on the Supreme Court must be appointed from a list of names pre-selected by the Government of Quebec and that, in the event that the federal government chooses not to appoint a judge from such a list, it shall - first, consult the Government of Quebec on its choice; - second, if it decides to proceed with the appointment not included in the Government of Quebec's proposals, it will have to justify its reasoning.

5-28-18 PR as a Condition of a Minority Government

Central Okanagan--Similkameen--Nicola, Etobicoke--Lakeshore, Ottawa South, Guelph, Etobicoke North, University--Rosedale, Spadina--Fort York, Willowdale, Ottawa West--Nepean, Fredericton, Labrador, Orléans, Ottawa--Vanier, Northumberland--Peterborough South, Toronto--St. Paul's

WHEREAS Jagmeet Singh campaigned on: 'Under my leadership, we will run on a commitment to bring in ... proportional representation ... in time for the next election,' and in a minority parliament advocated 'the inclusion of proportional representation as a condition of any alliance or support for a minority government;'

BIRT an NDP majority government will bring in proportional representation in time for the next election; in a minority parliament, the NDP would make proportional representation a condition for any potential alliance, or for support for any minority government.

5-29-18 Directive on Aboriginal Peoples and Sustainability

Peterborough--Kawartha

Modifies 6.5, Building a Clean and Sustainable Canada, “Rights of Aboriginal Peoples”

WHEREAS references and policies relating to Indigenous First Nations and Metis Nations are likewise isolated and incompletely applied;

WHEREAS, the Truth and Reconciliation recommendations challenge the NDP to develop inclusive policies and actions for change; WHEREAS Indigenous knowledge is essential to our integrated understanding of “right relationships” with the Earth and each other, and therefore is an essential component of “sustainability”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the integration of “sustainability” policies, platforms and actions include First and Métis Nation knowledge, plans and actions in harmony with these “Sustainability” changes, and in compliance with the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee Report.

5-30-18 Tax Fairness for Political Contributions

Sault Ste. Marie

Whereas tax fairness is essential, and tax credits vs. refunds can make a substantial difference to residents,

Be It Resolved that the federal party do all in its power to change the political contribution from a tax credit to a tax refund to accommodate those individuals who don't have federal income tax payable

5-31-18 Electoral reform

Québec

WHEREAS MPs Nathan Cullen and Alexandre Boulerice did excellent work on electoral reform; WHEREAS the work of the Parliamentary Committee concerned recommended proportional representation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government adopt a proportional electoral system in the first year of its mandate.

5-32-18 Protection for Whistleblowers

Vaudreuil--Soulanges

Whereas corruption costs the global economy up to 2 trillion dollars annually in bribes and lost growth; Whereas whistleblowers are important in combating corruption in Canada; Whereas other countries' whistleblower laws provide qui tams, financial rewards to whistleblowers, that encourage whistleblowers to report corruption in their own organizations;

Be it resolved that the NDP propose to amend and strengthen the Competition Act, specifically section 66.1 of the Act that concerns whistleblowing; Be it further resolved that the NDP urge the government to study best practices in whistleblower qui tams and that it propose the implementation of qui tams into section 66.1 of the Competition Act.

5-33-18 Returning First Nations Land

Peterborough--Kawartha

Whereas we live in a land that has been stolen from the First Nations; and
Whereas elementary justice requires that restitution be made by us, the
descendants of the armed robbers who stole the land, to the existing First Nations;

Therefore be it resolved that a federal New Democratic government hand back as
much of the land stolen from the First Nations as possible, and, for what is not
possible, to give the tax which we now pay ourselves on the stolen land to the
First Nations.

5-34-18 Post-Reform Evaluation of Proportional Representation

Orléans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP majority government or a minority government
(under the conditions specified above) implement a formal post-reform evaluation
of the new electoral system (in lieu of a pre-reform referendum) to be conducted
concurrent with the vote in the first, second and third subsequent elections.

5-35-18 Expand the role of seniors

University--Rosedale

Whereas seniors 65 and over have contributed to the Canadian culture and
economy and have accumulated experience and wisdom;
And Whereas many seniors 65 and over no longer consider themselves or, are
considered by others to be useful members of Canadian culture and economy;
And Whereas seniors 65 and over exceed number of Canadians 15 years old and
under and, Whereas by 2030, over 1,000,000 Canadians will suffer depression,
dementia and diseases related to the absence of role in society and;
And Whereas clinical evidence shows that seniors who continue to contribute to
society maintain levels of health and happiness far exceeding retirees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an NDP government would collaborate with First
Nation Communities and with senior organizations across the country to form and
shape and usher in the aforementioned transition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an NDP government would work with provinces,
territories and municipalities across the country to form, shape and implement
this unique opportunity to expand the role of seniors and expand the nations'
general welfare by deferring to the inspired First Nation Culture for the benefit of
all Canadians.

5-36-18 Resolution on Chaudière Islands (Ottawa River)

Québec

Whereas the Stephen Harper government ceded a portion of the Asticou lands abandoned by Domtar, which Chief William Commanda wanted to make a heritage site for meetings and gatherings of the Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultures, to the Windmill company to build houses instead of returning them to the Anishinabeg Nation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP support efforts on the part of civil society (e.g. Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador; Stop Windmill) to force the Windmill construction company to stop its project after Phase I, which is currently in progress on the shores of the Gatineau side, and to consider another site for the project (e.g. Lebreton Flats on the Ottawa side); BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP call on the National Capital Commission (NCC) not to sell the federal lands on the Chaudière Islands to Windmill Developments; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NDP ask the NCC to commence public consultations, including with First Nations, on the future vision for these islands.

5-37-18 Election Day as a National Holiday

Spadina--Fort York

WHEREAS not every Canadian can participate equally on election day. For example, a single parent family may have to juggle two jobs, or struggle to find child care thereby limiting their ability to participate on election day;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following clause be added to Section 5.2 of the policy book: g. Creating a new national holiday on election day to ensure all Canadians can participate in our democratic process.

5-38-18 Equitable Funding for First Nations, Inuit and Metis Peoples

Toronto Centre

WHEREAS federal programs and services for First Nations, Inuit and Métis people is funded at inequitable rates when compared to the same programs and services provided to non-Indigenous people provincially.

WHEREAS funding inequities exist across many sectors including health, education, and child welfare.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statement be added to section 5.7 of the policy book: · Creating equitable funding formulas for federally-provided services for First Nations, Inuit and Métis people where the equivalent provincially-provided service is funded at a higher rate.

5-39-18 Truth and Reconciliation

Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Ottawa--Vanier, Toronto Centre

WHEREAS the truth and reconciliation Commission of Canada has made 94 Calls to Action in order to redress the legacy of residential schools in Canada.

BE IT RESOLVED that item 5.7 (b) of the policy book be amended as follows: · Implementing the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and Jordan's Principle.

5-40-18 New Rules for Political Advertising

Toronto--Danforth

Whereas new tools and technologies enable political advertising to be directed to groups and individuals out of the public eye; and
Whereas political advertising can be created and disseminated by any individual, group, or party using current marketing tools and techniques; and
Whereas a transparent and open political campaign is a precondition for free and fair elections,

Be it resolved that the following clause be added to Section 5.2 of the policy book: New Democrats believe in:

g. ensuring that all political campaign material from all parties to any voter should also be made publicly available to all voters; and h. that any company, platform, or tool used to communicate with voters shall identify to users when content or advertising is political campaign related material and will identify the source of the content, or identify the entity that paid for the advertising.

5-41-18 Close the Funding Gap to First Nations Child and Family Services

Beaches--East York

WHEREAS Jordan River Anderson from Norway House Cree Nation spent more than two years unnecessarily in hospital while Canada fought in court against paying for home care. He died at the age of five. WHEREAS The Liberal government ignored Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ruling, and, to date, three noncompliance orders.

BIRT The Federal NDP condemns the Liberals for ignoring the Tribunal ruling and not immediately providing First Nations children with equal access to healthcare, education, childcare, recreation and other basic services.

BIFRT The Federal NDP calls on the Liberals to immediately allocate \$155 million to First Nations child and family services to fill the funding gap.

BIFRT An NDP government would withdraw any existing court challenges that and would vowe never use the court system to deny, delay or disrupt First Nations children from accessing public services.

2-01-18 Environmental Rights

Fredericton, Edmonton Manning

Ammending section 2

Be it resolved that the following be added to section 2: Environmental Rights New Democrats believe the following should be enshrined in law: a) The right of present and future generations of Canadians to a healthy environment. b) The federal government's duty to protect the environment. c) Consideration of vulnerable populations in environmental risk assessment. d) The public right to access environmental information in a reasonable, timely and affordable manner and to participate in decisions impacting health and environment. e) Protection of whistleblowers. f) The public right to compel effective enforcement of environmental laws and to bring environmental protection actions.

2-02-18 Making Big Polluters Pay

Bonavista--Burin--Trinity, North Vancouver, Brampton South

Be it resolved that the NDP believes polluters should pay for the pollution they create;

Be it further resolved that the NDP recognizes that successive governments' refusals to make polluters pay has negatively affected and will continue to threaten our environment, our trade relations, and our economy. Be it further resolved that an NDP government will make big polluters pay for the pollution they emit.

2-03-18 Zero Emission Vehicles

Port Moody--Coquitlam

Be it resolved that the NDP promote a shift in Canada's transportation sector to zero emissions vehicles (ZEVs) by advocating for: Working with Canada's automotive advisor, provincial, municipal, business and labour leaders to develop a consensus on a National Automotive Strategy that includes mandating all new vehicles produced or imported into Canada are ZEVs by 2040; Changes to the Automotive Innovation Fund by making contributions to automakers tax free to help secure ZEV production capacity; and Increased funds for the Automotive Supplier Innovation Program for ZEV production.

2-04-18 Developing a Comprehensive Environment Policy

North Vancouver

Whereas the New Democrats must develop a comprehensive Environment Policy for the 2019 election;

Be it resolved that the NDP will develop a comprehensive and transformational plan to address climate change and environmental sustainability for its 2019 election platform that shall include: Granting Canadians a legal right to a sustainable and healthy environment

- Enforcing an adequate price on carbon
- Achieving a full and rapid transition to zero emission vehicles;
- Restoring protection to Canada's lakes and rivers;
- Repairing the environmental assessment process for major energy projects;
- Introducing a green home energy program to help retrofit homes and apartment buildings;
- Cutting subsidies to non-renewable energy;
- meeting Canada's target of 10% of our oceans protected;
- fixing the Species at Risk Act; and
- Other bold social-democratic initiatives that respect the inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples, and meet the needs of workers and diverse communities all across the country.

2-05-18 Worker Inclusion in National Food Policy

UFCW Canada

Whereas the federal government is developing a National Food Policy, and emphasizing the importance of advancing "sustainable food" as central to the policy; Whereas hundreds of thousands of Canadians work in the agri-food sector;

Therefore be it resolved that the NDP ensures that the voice of workers is central to National Food Policy development, and that government definitions of sustainability include labour rights, as outlined by the United Nations; Be it further resolved an NDP government would ensure that the workers voices are central to food policy development, and that fundamental labour rights are central to government definitions of sustainability.

2-06-18 National Strategy to Combat Plastic Pollution

Courtenay--Alberni

WHEREAS plastics in our oceans, lakes, rivers and other bodies of water pose a dire threat to sensitive ecosystems, wildlife, communities, and individuals; WHEREAS plastics make their way these bodies of water in a variety of ways including: stormwater outfalls; global ocean tides and currents; and direct industrial and consumer waste disposal;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Convention supports M-151 moved by Gord Johns, M.P. Courtenay-Alberni to establish a national strategy to combat plastic pollution, which includes:

1.

Regulations aimed at reducing plastics in our oceans, lakes, rivers and other bodies of water; and,

2.

Permanent, dedicated, and annual funding for cleanup by local communities.

2-07-18 Framework for Canada's Energy Future - Climate Change

Winnipeg North

Whereas NDP policies provide a framework for the transition to a cleaner energy economy and action to address climate change; And whereas over decades the NDP Parliamentary caucus has tabled bills and motions supporting strengthened federal action supporting a cleaner, more equitable energy future and environmental rights:

. 3 Climate Change New Democrats believe in: a. Contributing Canada's fair share to global action to combat climate change by adhering to international agreements. b. Prescribing national binding targets and a timeline for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, with public reporting. c. Imposing a price on carbon. d. Delivering ghg reductions through regulation and incentives. e. Requiring that all federal approvals of major resource projects include an assessment of climate impacts. f. Addressing climate adaptation and mitigation in Canada and abroad. g. Supporting climate based research. h. Supporting workers in the fossil fuels industry to be re-trained to green jobs at no loss of jobs so that nobody is left behind as we make the necessary changes today for the survival of our planet tomorrow. i. Investing in measures to address climate adaptation and mitigation in Canada and abroad. j. Supporting climate based research. k. Ensuring equity in measures to address climate change.

2-08-18 Moratorium on the exploration, operation and transport of oil and gas on the St. Lawrence

Québec

WHEREAS the St. Lawrence is central to the economic and socio-cultural activities of coastal populations; WHEREAS the St. Lawrence River is the main commercial route in eastern Canada; WHEREAS the federal government has no policy to protect shorelines; WHEREAS supertanker traffic on the St. Lawrence is continually increasing; WHEREAS more than 27,000 animal and plant species live in the St. Lawrence River; WHEREAS the St. Lawrence River drains over 25% of the world's freshwater reserves and has an impact on the continent's environmental processes, and more than 30 million U.S. citizens and 15 million Canadians live on the shores of this vast watershed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP call for a moratorium on the exploration, operation and transport of oil and gas in the St. Lawrence River and Gulf.

2-09-18 North Coast Tanker Ban

Skeena--Bulkley Valley

WHEREAS First Nations, community groups and New Democrats have fought to protect the North Coast from the threat of oil tankers and spills for decades and WHEREAS the enforcement of the Tanker Ban would be better enforced by a joint federal and First Nations body in the spirit of true reconciliation.

Be it resolved that the following clause be added to section 1.2 (Resource industries and natural resources) of the NDP policy book: The North Coast Tanker Ban be enforced by a joint federal and First Nations committee with full powers to fine and seize ships that break the federal ban.

2-10-18 Supporting a National Cycling Strategy

Courtenay--Alberni

WHEREAS Canada is facing many challenges including soaring healthcare and infrastructure costs, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and traffic congestion; and,

WHEREAS cycling is a sustainable mode of active transportation that is low cost, environmentally friendly, and contributes to healthy living;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Convention support C-312, a private members bill moved by Gord Johns, M.P., Courtenay-Alberni to make Canada a cycling nation through the development and implementation of a national cycling strategy

2-11-18 Ensuring an appropriate government response to natural disasters related to climate change

Québec

WHEREAS close to 1900 homes in nearly 130 Quebec municipalities were recently flooded;

WHEREAS the scientific community has determined that this recent flooding and other similar natural disasters are related to climate change; WHEREAS the Canadian government, under the leadership of the Liberal Party and the Conservative Party, has been unable to respond to the climate change crisis at the scale required according to the scientific consensus;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government call for a new disaster assistance program to assist victims of disasters caused or exacerbated by climate change, with funding from Environment Canada. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an NDP government lead Canada towards a clean energy future to minimize the frequency of such natural disasters.

2-12-18 Supporting Coal Worker Transitioning

Alberta Council of Electoral Districts

WHEREAS New Democrats believe that Canada can and must meet our international climate change targets without leaving workers behind; and WHEREAS the Federal government has yet to put forward a plan to support a just transition for coal workers and their communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we call on the Government to support coal workers transitioning to new jobs or retirement by: a. creating new flexibility criteria for EI to ensure income top-ups are not clawed back; b. working with provincial governments to enhance training programs, income supports, and employment transition services; and helping coal communities attract new investment to diversify local economies.

2-13-18 Repeal Changes in Omnibus Bill C-45

Aboriginal Commission

Whereas Omnibus Bill C-45 amended some 60 federal Acts without Parliamentary debate and without consultation of First Nations Whereas this bill changes environmental legislation, removing protections for water, fish, and the environment and replaced the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and amended a number of environmental laws, Whereas the Navigable Waters Protection Act is amended to reduce its scope by reducing the number of lakes and rivers where navigation and federal environmental assessment is required from 32,000 to 97 lakes and from 2.25 million to 62 rivers, Whereas it has major implications to the rights of indigenous peoples set out in treaties and the Canadian constitution,

Therefore be it resolved that an NDP government would repeal the changes to preserve environmental protections of Indigenous lands and treaty and constitutional rights.

2-14-18 Strengthen environmental assessment

University--Rosedale, Brampton East

Whereas a rewrite of federal laws to strengthen environmental assessment is needed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 2.7 of the Policy Book be amended to indicate that New Democrats calls for a new energy project approval process that takes into account First Nations, local communities, UNDRIP, provincial laws and rules, and cumulative impacts on the environment and on the climate. BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the NDP calls for a complete rewrite of federal laws to strengthen environmental assessment for both projects and policy including at least: a. Assessment and public consultation on the sustainability of proposed federal law and policy; b. Public access to environmental information, including reports related to project or policy reviews; c. Only one agency, the CEAA, should undertake all federal assessments of proposed projects; d. Any potential cumulative environmental, climate and social impacts of proposed projects be assessed and addressed based on scientific evidence and traditional knowledge; e. Expanded legal rights for concerned individuals, communities and indigenous communities to participate in project and policy reviews; f. Any assessments must respect the UNDRIP and address any potential impacts to indigenous rights and title and require the direct engagement of Indigenous Peoples in a project or policy review;

2-15-18 Canada/Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board

South Shore--St. Margarets

WHEREAS the Canada/Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) is a “captured regulatory agency: whose decision makers overwhelmingly represent the industry the CNSOPB is intended to regulate, and WHEREAS the unrepresentative nature of the CNSOPB delegitimizes its determination of acceptable risk to the communities and environment most directly affected by its decisions, and WHEREAS oil and gas exploration and development in Nova Scotia’s offshore put at risk the sustainable economic base of the province’s south and southwestern coastal communities, and WHEREAS time is of the essence, as multinational oil companies a new season of activity in the Nova Scotia offshore, in waters of unprecedented depth and tidal activity, and for which no effective oil spill response exists;

BE IT RESOLVED that the NDP call for an immediate moratorium on further oil and gas exploration in Nova Scotia’s offshore until: • membership of the CNSOPB is fully representative of those most affected by its decisions; • responsibility for environmental assessment (EA) of proposed oil and gas exploratory activity is removed from the CNSOPB and returned to an independent federal EA authority; • steps are taken, in consultation with fishermen and scientists, to identify and to protect critical spawning, nursery, and fishery grounds in the Nova Scotia offshore; and such grounds are protected permanently from oil and gas exploration activity.

2-16-18 Ethical Treatment of Farm Animals

London West

Be it resolved that article 1.9 of the NDP Policy Manual be amended by the addition of the following: The ethical and humane treatment of farmed animals in reproduction, shelter, feeding, transportation and slaughter.

2-17-18 Responsibility of primary industries towards ecosystems

Québec

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government: - require primary industries to be held responsible for rehabilitating ecosystems affected by their activities in the event of an accident, disaster or termination of operations and have guarantees to ensure this takes place. - amend the law to ensure that officers of these industries are held personally liable for violations committed during their terms.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP call for the development and launch of a Canada-wide information campaign to inform the public of the actual costs of developing fossil fuels.

2-18-18 investment in cleaner energy production

Alberta Council of Electoral Districts

Be it resolved that the following be added to Section 2.4 of NDP Policy:

a. Triggering investment in cleaner energy production by strengthening regulation of pollutants impacting health and the environment. b. Supporting deployment of and interprovincial sharing of renewable energy generation. c. Promoting federal procurement of renewable energy sources and energy efficient facilities. d. Supporting cooperative ventures in generation of renewable energy. e. Ensuring a just transition to a cleaner energy supply, for workers and communities. f. Requiring trade agreements include commitments to clean energy.

2-19-18 Just Transition from Fossil Fuels

Winnipeg Centre, Guelph, Ottawa South, Fredericton, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Selkirk--Interlake--Eastman, Ottawa Centre, UONDP

WHEREAS the energy sector is the livelihood of many Canadians, directly or indirectly; WHEREAS climate change and ecological collapse present an existential threat to the human species; WHEREAS if we are to have any hope of mitigating climate change, our energy production and infrastructure must rapidly transition to non-carbon sources;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clauses be added to Section 2.3 of the Policy Book: i. Generating employment by making massive investments in the construction of renewable energy infrastructure across the country j. A role for the public sector and public enterprise in directing investment and carrying out projects Notes

2-20-18 Restore Protection to Canada's Lakes and Rivers

Niagara Centre

Whereas New Democrats believe that the federal government should assert its jurisdiction and powers to protect and restore the health of aquatic ecosystems; and Whereas the Trudeau Liberals have failed to fulfill their election promise to restore Canada's lakes and rivers to the Schedule of Protected Waters; therefore

Be it resolved that Canada's New Democrats will commit to amending the Navigation Protection Act to restore protections to all Canada's waterways; and Be it further resolved that Canada's New Democrats will commit to a full environmental assessment for any infrastructure projects that may endanger the health of our lakes and rivers.

2-21-18 Electric vehicle sector

Brampton East

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will give political and economic support that might be given to the development of the electric vehicle sector to:

- Promote the manufacture of such vehicles and innovation, demonstration projects and partnership to advance the eco-energy transportation field;
- Assist provincial players in this field to become better able to confront the competition in world markets;
- Establish a "green" procurement process based on eco-energy modes of transportation

2-22-18 West Coast Salmon Farms

Port Moody--Coquitlam

WHEREAS the Cohen Commission on Fraser River Sockeye called for the removal of open-net salmon farms from wild salmon migration routes and, there is mounting evidence of the negative impacts of parasites, viruses and disease from open-net pen salmon farms on wild pacific salmon and many Coastal First Nations never agreed to open-net salmon farms in their territory.

Be it resolved that the following clause be added to section 1.9 (Agriculture and fisheries) of the NDP policy book: 1.9 New Democrats believe in: Transitioning salmon farms on the Pacific coast from dangerous open-net pens to safe land based closed containment systems.

2-23-18 Improving Environmental Assessments

Spadina--Fort York

WHEREAS there has been an erosion of meaningful democratic decision-making practices on major environmental project approvals. A sound practice should include a blend of technical expertise and public dialogue to ensure that decisions are based on science, their impact on future generations and to lessen the role of lobbyists;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following clause be added to Section 2.3 of the policy book: d. Supporting environmental assessment legislation to safeguard our environment, communities and democracy.

2-24-18 Energy

Edmonton Strathcona, Winnipeg Centre, Alberta Council of Electoral Districts

2.4 Energy

New Democrats believe in: a. Delivering on commitments to remove perverse incentives for fossil fuels. b. Halting nuclear power expansion and upgrading the safety and security of current nuclear energy generation and nuclear waste management. c. Prescribing strict energy efficiency standards for buildings through the National Building Code. d. Working with all orders of government to support investments in energy efficiency for homes and businesses. e. Providing incentives for value-added upgrading, refining and petrochemical manufacturing in Canada to maximize economic benefits and job opportunities for Canadians.

2-25-18 Protecting the Thames River System

Oxford

Whereas the Conservative government stripped environmental regulations covered in the Navigable Waters Act, leaving hundreds of rivers vulnerable; Whereas the ecological diversity of the North Thames, Middle Thames, and Thames River are at risk;

And Whereas the Liberal government has failed to keep their promise to reinstate the environmental protections gutted from the original Act,

Therefore be it resolved that the federal NDP advocate for the amendment of the Navigable Waters Act in order to protect the Thames River watershed.

2-26-18 Transitioning Oil & Gas Workers

Alberta Council of Electoral Districts , Edmonton Manning, Edmonton Mill Woods

Whereas Canada's economy is strongly dependent on oil and gas, and a large number of jobs are based on the oil and gas industry; Whereas the economy is rapidly shifting towards renewable energy sources such as solar and wind;

Be it resolved that Canada's New Democratic Party adopt the following: 1. Urge the federal government to develop a strategy to transition oil and gas workers into renewable industries through additional supports for job retraining. 2. As the oil and gas industry draws down, ensure that it is done in an equitable manner, protecting jobs and livelihoods, including, but not limited to populations such as First Nations, Métis and Inuit, women, refugees and immigrants.

2-27-18 Returning Carbon Pricing Revenue to Low-Income Households

York South--Weston

Whereas Carbon Pricing will have a disproportionate impact on the poor

Be it resolved that Chapter 2, Section 2.3b be amended to add, after the word 'government', "and that some of the revenues so generated be returned to low-income households in the same manner as the GST rebate, calculated as the per-household costs of such carbon market."

2-28-18 Sustainable transportation

Québec

WHEREAS the transportation sector is one of Canada's leading emitters of greenhouse gases; WHEREAS new road projects must necessarily be thought out from an intermodal perspective, where conditions allow;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP support an approach involving the integration of alternative modes of transportation other than the single-occupancy vehicle into the construction and upgrading of federal highways in Canada.

2-29-18 Halting the Spread of Mountain Pine Beetle

Edmonton Manning, Alberta Council of Electoral Districts

WHEREAS, over the past several years, an unmanaged population of mountain pine beetles in Jasper National Park has been rapidly expanding, including east of the part border AND WHEREAS, the further spread of pine beetle beyond the Eastern Slopes would threaten the economic viability of our communities, have significant impacts on threatened and endangered species and pine beetle-killed forests substantially increase the intensity and rate of spread for wildfires.

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Democratic Party of Canada advocate to the Federal Government to engage with Alberta to create a strong and coordinated effort to halt the spread of Mountain Pine Beetle beyond the Eastern Slopes. BE IT RESOLVED that the New Democratic Party of Canada advocate to the Federal Government to create a strong and coordinated effort to halt the spread of Mountain Pine Beetle beyond the Eastern Slopes; and to provide funding for existing Pine Beetle Control Programs in Alberta, as has been provided to BC in the past; and to fund wildfire prevention and preparation programming in areas where Pine Beetle kill has or will occur as a result of this infestation.

2-30-18 Moving towards sustainable energy alternatives

University--Rosedale

Whereas Canada must transition industry, especially those in the resource sector, towards sustainable energy alternatives;

Be It Resolved that the NDP endorse an environmental policy that includes: - A first priority for funding to indigenous people for their own clean energy projects. - A high priority for funding for communities currently dealing with heavy health impacts of polluting industries. - A universal program to build energy efficient homes, and retrofit existing housing, ensuring that the lowest income communities and neighbourhoods will benefit first and receive job training and opportunities that reduce poverty over the long term. - A set of retraining programs and other resources for workers in carbon-intensive jobs, ensuring they are fully able to take part in the clean energy economy.

2-31-18 Resolution on the use of geothermal as an energy source for heating federal buildings

Québec

WHEREAS it is imperative that the Government of Canada adopt concrete measures to promote the use of renewable energy, such as geothermal, to heat and cool its buildings; WHEREAS it is unacceptable for the Government of Canada to use fossil fuels to heat and cool its buildings;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP adopt a policy requiring the use of geothermal for all new federal building construction. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP adopt a policy for the progressive conversion to geothermal of federal buildings whose heating and air conditioning are currently powered by fossil fuels.

2-32-18 Carbon Pricing

Stormont--Dundas--South Glengarry

Whereas, in accordance with recently established federal programs, most provincial governments have begun to implement carbon pricing. The current minimum carbon pricing is insufficient, and will prevent Canada from reaching its commitment of a 30 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2030. Not all communities are impacted equally, and not all communities will benefit equally from the transition to a green, sustainable future. The shift to a green economy must be fair, inclusive, and recognize specific needs for communities most impacted by the transition. Industry exemptions are a leading cause for concern in the current Government's inadequate plan.

Be It Resolved Improving binding targets and clear standards to cut greenhouse gas emissions, in accordance with international commitments, to promote Canada as a leader in a globally sustainable future. Carefully expanding and regulating the revenue-generating carbon market to ensure industry reduces greenhouse gas emissions to targets set by government, with no exemptions for specific industry sectors or jurisdictions. Provide funding through a portion of all carbon revenues to Provinces and Territories most affected by the transition away from heavy pollution industry, specifically fossil fuels. Imposing strict energy efficiency and emissions standards for motor vehicles, appliances, and buildings.

2-33-18 Unifying Principle and Policy Framework of “Sustainability”

Peterborough--Kawartha

WHEREAS the voting public has a perception of Conservative Party principles as being fiscally and socially “conservative”, Liberal Party principles as being fiscally and socially “liberal”, and Green Party principles as being environmentally focused, there is no clear unified public perception of New Democratic Party principles. We are credited with Universal Medicare but, beyond that, NDP policies seem to respond to specific needs in a scatter-gun approach that does not appear to be part of a clearly defined framework offering a coherent platform to the general public;

WHEREAS climate change will be a very disruptive force affecting all aspects of life for Canadians for decades to come - health, agriculture, refugees, extreme weather events, species loss, labour markets, among others - impinging on all NDP policies;

WHEREAS “sustainability” is characterized by the integration of the four pillars - economic, social, cultural and environmental - in such a way as to ensure communities can build prosperity, well-being and an environmentally sound future in the face of climate change;

WHEREAS “sustainability” is consistent with the NDP core principles of Democracy, Equality and Sustainability provided that “sustainability” includes the interdependence of the four pillars above;

Modifies 2.6, Building a Clean and Sustainable Canada,” Towards a Green and Sustainable Canada”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party of Canada, within its social democratic mandate, adapt the core value of “Sustainability” as the unifying public Principle and Policy Framework guiding the revision of existing policies and development of new policies, party actions, and election campaign platforms; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Policy Sub-committee of the Federal Party be struck with the mandate of re-drafting the updated policy manual to reflect the unifying Principle and Policy Framework of “Sustainability” within twelve months. Members of that committee should have representation of economic, social, cultural and environmental expertise to ensure the development of a quadruple bottom-line accounting for all “sustainable” policies and actions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff, party members and MPs are required to integrate “Sustainability” as a unifying Principle and Policy Framework in NDP education, policies, actions, and campaigns from this convention onwards.

2-34-18 Hydro-Electricity

Toronto--St. Paul's

Whereas continued dependence on oil is problematic for economic and environmental reasons;

Whereas Canada possesses vast hydro-electric power in Quebec, Labrador, and Manitoba, which is far more sustainable than other forms of energy;

Whereas Ontario represents an internal Canadian market for such hydro-electric energy;

And whereas current plans to route hydro-electric transmission from Labrador to the North Eastern United States is not in the best interests of Canada;

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federal Government examine options to build hydro-electric transmission lines from Manitoba, Quebec, and Labrador, into Ontario in consultation with the relevant provincial governments and First Nations.

2-35-18 Equitable Energy Policy for Seven Generations

Esquimalt--Saanich--Sooke

Whereas First Nations understanding of sustainability is grounded in the concept of seven generations and the concept that their territory is borrowed from future generations and;

Whereas non-renewable resources in Canada must be shared with our next seven generations;

Be it resolved that Canada develop an equitable energy policy for non-renewable resources, ensuring a fair and equitable energy transition for the next three centuries, for the next seven generations of Canadians.

2-36-18 Trans Canada Trail Act

Waterloo, Guelph

Whereas the Trudeau government has prematurely and misleadingly declared the Trans Canada Trail (also known as The Great Trail) to be complete;

Whereas "achieving" this goal in time for Canada 150 was made possible only by declaring 8,500 kilometres of roads and highways, 5,000 kilometres of ATV trails and 7,000 kilometres of waterways (including Lake Superior) to be "trails";

Be it resolved that an NDP Government would adopt a Trans Canada Trail Act that imposes minimum safety standards for all segments of the Trans Canada Trail (also known as The Great Trail);

Be it further resolved that an NDP government would commit the resources necessary to actually complete the trail so that it can be safely used by hikers, cyclists and other non-motorized trail users in all segments, from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

2-37-18 Supporting Waterfront Toronto

Spadina--Fort York

WHEREAS the renewal of Toronto's waterfront has created tens of thousands of jobs, a magnet for local and international visitors and a series of new public places, parks and recreational areas; WHEREAS Toronto's waterfront continued success as an economic engine for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area depends on continued investment in public infrastructure and public spaces, as well as keeping the balance between different uses;

BE IT RESOLVED that an NDP-led or supported federal government provides long-term and predictable funding for Waterfront Toronto, and the expansion and renewal of waterfront transit infrastructure including the Waterfront LRT and the re-building of the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal; and upholds the jet ban at the Island Airport and reforms the Toronto Port Authority into a community-focused entity to secure the future of Toronto's waterfront, in consultation with the Mississaugas of the New Credit.

2-38-18 Orphan Well Reclamation

AFL- Alberta Federation of Labour

Whereas a program designed to deal with orphan wells could help employ tens of thousands of workers. Whereas such a program would have a dual purpose of creating employment and helping the environment.

Be it resolved that the NDP call on the Government of Canada work with provincial governments to move forward with a plan to deal with orphan well reclamation paid for by industry. Be it further resolved that any orphan well reclamation program address the looming environment crisis and have the explicit goal of re-employing workers who have lost their jobs in the industry.

2-39-18 Researching Sustainable Development

Stormont--Dundas--South Glengarry

The environmental impacts of overpopulation and unsustainable development are still not widely known.

That an NDP Government would commit to researching and responding to the findings of an inquiry into sustainable development in our communities.

2-40-18 Environmental compensation program for farmers

Saint-Hyacinthe--Bagot

Whereas • riparian buffers in agricultural settings reduce water pollution, stabilize shorelines and beautify the landscape and, when wooded, reduce global warming, become wildlife habitats and benefit aquatic life and biodiversity; • the costs to farmers are excessive, while society as a whole benefits;

It is therefore proposed that the following paragraph be added after the current paragraph d of Policy 1.9, Agriculture and fisheries: Creating a program of environmental financial compensation paid to farmers and owners of riverfront property for work on shorelines of watercourses intended for environmental protection that surpasses the requirements of the existing regulations to recognize the participants' contributions to society in addressing the pollution of our rivers. Such compensation shall at least cover the costs of setting up, maintaining and losing productive land over a minimum of three metres above the embankment. This width may be greater than three metres depending on the protection needs identified by recognized professionals.

2-41-18 Transformational change in favour of a sustainable economy

University--Rosedale

Whereas that the NDP recognizes that the LEAP Manifesto has sparked a vital debate about how to achieve a just and sustainable future for all Canadians;

Be it resolved that NDP policy direction on the environment and all issues is determined by NDP members through local riding associations and the national convention process;
Be it further resolved that the NDP will continue to work for transformational change in favour of a sustainable economy at all levels in the party leading up to the 2019 election;
Be it further resolved that the NDP recommits to fighting inequality and the climate crisis with bold social-democratic initiatives that respond to the needs of Indigenous peoples, workers and diverse communities all across the country.

2-42-18 \$80 National Carbon Tax

Papineau

Whereas it is important for Canada to meet its environmental commitments;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

It is proposed that paragraph 2.3(b) of the NDP Policy Book be replaced with the following wording: "In keeping with Canada's ratification of the Paris Agreement on climate change, implementing a national carbon tax of \$80 per tonne by 2025."

2-43-18 Just Transition for Coal Workers

Edmonton Manning, AFL- Alberta Federation of Labour

Whereas Canada has announced a coal power phase-out by 2030. Whereas this industry provides thousands of good paying careers. Whereas one group of workers shouldn't shoulder the burden to address societal issues (i.e. climate change). Whereas securing the support of working people is the only way climate policies will succeed.

Be it resolved that the NDP call on the Government of Canada to support the Government of Alberta's comprehensive plan for a Just Transition for Coal Workers in their province. Be it further resolved that the NDP call on the Government of Canada to implement a comprehensive Just Transition strategy for workers in the coal power industry across Canada. Be it further resolved that the NDP call on the Government of Canada to ensure a Just Transition strategy is in place for any workers impacted by climate change policies.

2-44-18 Mobilizing around Climate Justice

Richmond Centre, Winnipeg Centre, Courtenay--Alberni, Etobicoke North, Toronto Centre, Scarborough Southwest, Saskatoon--University, Beaches--East York, Don Valley East, Prince Albert

WHEREAS implementing our leader's goal to see Canada reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 30% of 2005 levels by 2025—five years earlier than the Liberals aim for—requires the active participation of New Democrats in the Climate Justice movement;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Party leadership mobilize its rank and file through the Electoral District Associations to participate in actions of solidarity with pipeline, fracking and climate justice protests across the country.

2-45-18 Against the Trans Mountain Pipeline

Saanich--Gulf Islands, Richmond Centre, South Surrey--White Rock, Courtenay--Alberni, Etobicoke North, Toronto Centre, Toronto--Danforth, Scarborough Southwest, Saskatoon--University, Beaches--East York, Vancouver Granville, Prince Albert

Whereas gas and oil pipeline projects deny respect for Indigenous peoples, breach federal NDP climate goals and threaten existing jobs in British Columbia and Alberta while creating few local jobs;

Be it resolved that this Convention express solidarity with and support for the Indigenous communities, municipalities, forest, fishing and tourism industry workers and the British Columbia Government in defending jobs, the environment and health and safety against the Trans Mountain Pipeline and its inevitable destructive impact;

Be it further resolved that the federal NDP support the present Alberta Government's efforts to transition away from the waning carbon industry to a green, prosperous, climate-friendly future through government intervention and investment in eco-tech research and development, massive clean-energy job-creation and support for workers transitioning out of the petro-sector without leaving a single oil worker jobless.

2-46-18 Endorse the Vision of Leap

Richmond Centre, Courtenay--Alberni, Etobicoke North, Toronto Centre, Scarborough Southwest, Don Valley East, Prince Albert, Thornhill

WHEREAS the Leap Manifesto contains an overarching vision of climate justice that has united, in an unparalleled way, the country's most impressive civil society organizations including Indigenous groups, the labour movement, social justice and environmental groups;

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Democratic Party supports the broader social change community in its efforts to win climate justice by promoting the vision contained in the Leap Manifesto in all its future electoral endeavours.

2-47-18 Fighting Climate Change

Peterborough--Kawartha

Whereas climate change is due simply to production of far more CO₂ (and other greenhouse gases) than the world's vegetation could possibly assimilate; and Whereas to stop climate change Canada must get its production of CO₂ down from 555 million tonnes annually (2015) to the level that the world's vegetation can assimilate, Canada's share of which, based on population, is 42 million tonnes of CO₂ annually, a 92% reduction; and

Whereas if we are to take our part in saving the world from doom, we must get off fossil fuels and on to sustainable electricity with wartime effort and speed;

Therefore be it resolved that the federal New Democratic Party, whether elected or not, make public the facts concerning climate change, particularly our current emissions (555 million tonnes annually) and how large they are in comparison with nature's ability to assimilate them (42 million tonnes of CO₂ annually); and Be it further resolved that the federal New Democratic Party push for the inclusion of emissions from wars, from "defence", shipping, aircraft, end-use and forest fires in international data; and

Be it further resolved that the federal New Democratic party push the Trudeau government to initiate immediately a breakneck programme with wartime effort and speed to eliminate the use of fossil fuels in cars, buses, trucks and trains, home and industrial heating and the generation of electricity.

Be it further resolved that a federal New Democratic government will either continue or initiate such a programme.

2-48-18 Ensuring the transition to clean and renewable energy sources

Québec

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government:

- will fund the rollout of a federal system of charging stations through a tax on the sale of gas-powered vehicles;
- will develop a federal strategy for transporting commodities using clean energy sources (without polluting emissions);
- will prohibit the sale of new internal combustion vehicles from 2040 onward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NDP call for

- the emissions standard for new motor vehicles to be reduced to zero by 2040;
- the federal government and federal Crown corporations to purchase only vehicles that do not produce polluting emissions and completely discontinue the purchasing of vehicles with internal combustion engines as of 2025.

2-49-18 Meeting Canada's Climate Goals through Energy Democracy

Ottawa--Vanier

Whereas the Paris goal of carbon neutrality by 2050 requires a significant shift to renewable forms of electricity delivered via distributed power systems; and Whereas Canada's centralized power system is now in need of massive refurbishment; and Whereas the NDP wishes to promote increased Energy Democracy in Canada through local investment in and ownership of renewable energy;

Be it resolved that the NDP will add the following to Section 2.3 (Climate Change) of the Policy Book: • Implement a national 30-year renewable energy plan to achieve carbon neutrality and 100% renewable electricity in Canada by 2050. • Include in this plan a commitment to procure 100% of electricity and heating energy used by federal facilities from community and First Nations owned renewable energy sources by 2025. • Establish a Smart Grid Infrastructure Fund to assist municipalities in transforming their local distribution systems into semi-autonomous micro grids and work with provinces and territories to update power sector regulations to foster this change. • Promote energy democracy by supporting community investment, ownership, production, and control of renewable energy through tax credits and other incentives.

2-50-18 Rapid Conversion to Renewable, Green Energy

Niagara Centre, Etobicoke North, Toronto Centre, Toronto--Danforth, Thornhill, Mount Royal

Whereas the big drop in the price of oil presents a golden opportunity to oppose pipeline construction, to re-tool, and to go for green energy conversion (wind, hydro, wave energy, solar, geothermal and biomass); therefore

Be it resolved that the NDP actively campaign in opposition to all new pipeline construction, and for a rapid conversion to renewable, green energy systems while fully respecting indigenous peoples' rights.

2-51-18 Combatting Climate Change

Vancouver Kingsway, Vancouver Kingsway

Be it resolved that Section 2.3.a. in the policy book be amended to read: Obtaining 100% of Canada's electricity from renewable sources by 2040 and returning to pre-industrial carbon emission levels by 2050 or sooner; b. Rejecting new infrastructure that locks us into increased carbon emissions; c. Our trade policies taking the above climate goals into consideration. Be it further resolved that the current item 2.3.b. be deleted.

2-52-18 Canada's Clean Energy Future

Burnaby South

BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal NDP stand in solidarity with First Nations, municipalities, Non-Governmental Organizations, the Province of British Columbia, and local residents in opposing Kinder Morgan's proposed Trans Mountain pipeline expansion as this new bitumen-based, export only pipeline undermines reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, hinders our emission and climate goals, and brings increased risk to our local economies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal NDP research and bring forward a National Clean Energy Strategy which respects and includes Indigenous partners and guides Canada toward meeting our international climate change commitments.

2-53-18 Combatting climate change

Québec

WHEREAS Canada and Quebec are now experiencing the most serious ecological crisis in their history; WHEREAS United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has urged every country to set more ambitious climate policy goals; WHEREAS the Liberal government has not yet set any such goals; WHEREAS the Liberal government has approved, or has not yet made decisions on, a number of oil, gas and mining projects; WHEREAS the Liberal government has promised to invest significant amounts in the field of infrastructure;

BE IT RESOLVED that the NDP: - set a target of a 34% reduction in GHG emissions below 1990 levels by 2025 and 80% below 2005 levels by 2050. - oppose all new oil pipeline and oil and gas infrastructure projects. - support a universal grant program for the construction of infrastructures and eco energy homes and the renovation of existing infrastructures and homes. - support the cancellation of any subsidies or tax breaks for the development and use of non-renewable energy. - support the adoption of a national carbon tax or a national cap-and-trade program. - take a clear and strong position against the Energy East project.

2-54-18 LEAP Manifesto 3

Oshawa

WHERE AS The Truth and Reconciliation Commission has acknowledged shocking details about the violence of Canada's near past. Deepening poverty and inequality are a scar on the country's present. And Canada's record on climate change is a crime against humanity's future. WHERE AS We could live in a country powered entirely by renewable energy, woven together by accessible public transit, in which the jobs and opportunities of this transition are designed to systematically eliminate racial and gender inequality. ***Whereas (Suite) Caring for one another and caring for the planet could be the economy's fastest growing sectors. Many more people could have higher wage jobs with fewer work hours, leaving us ample time to enjoy our loved ones and flourish in our communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED We call for a Canada based on caring for each other and the planet, moving swiftly to a post-carbon future, upholding Indigenous rights, and pursuing economic justice for all, AND the Federal NDP support the building of community support of the LEAP Manifesto.

2-55-18 Suspension of Site C Dam Construction

Etobicoke North

Whereas the proposed 60 meter high dam project at Site C on the Peace River will flood over 12,000 hectares of high quality agricultural land between Fort St. John and Hudson's Hope by creating an 83 kilometer long reservoir, while preempting the Agricultural Land Reserve status of the land; And whereas the construction of Site C dam will destroy a major heritage site and countless First Nations' burial grounds, as well as hunting, gathering, and trapping areas on their recognized traditional territories; And whereas the principles of the United Nations' Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples have not been upheld;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the New Democratic Party of Canada affirm that the SITE C Dam project has not met the test of environmental sustainability and is in violation of the UNDRIP principle of the Duty to Consult Indigenous Nations. And Be It Further resolved that the Federal NDP Support Indigenous Nations and environmental groups in any legal challenges to the approval of the Site C Dam. And Be it Further Resolved that the NDP, NDP MPs in Parliament, and Leader Jagmeet Singh call for the suspension of Site C Dam, and for the utilization of Federal regulatory power to halt construction.

2-56-18 Fossil-Fuel Burning Vehicle Advertising Restrictions

Saanich--Gulf Islands, South Surrey--White Rock

Whereas gasoline-burning vehicles are a major impediment to working against climate change; and
Whereas advertising that encourages GHG emission-intensive vehicles is almost everywhere on television;

Be it resolved that an NDP government will restrict television advertising to electric and hybrid vehicles only.

Be it further resolved that all other advertising in support of hydrocarbon burning vehicles be required to carry a planet health warning as well as a reminder of this danger in its operating manual.

2-57-18 Investment in Renewable Energy Infrastructure

Guelph

WHEREAS the energy sector is the livelihood of many Canadians, directly or indirectly;

WHEREAS climate change and ecological collapse present an existential threat to the human species;

WHEREAS if we are to have any hope of mitigating climate change, our energy production and infrastructure must rapidly transition to non-carbon sources;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clauses be added to Section 2.3 of the Policy Book:

i. Generating employment by making massive investments in the construction of renewable energy infrastructure across the country j. A role for the public sector and public enterprise in directing investment and carrying out projects"

2-58-18 Extending Carbon Price to Carbon Content of Imports

Saskatoon--University, Prince Albert, Regina--Lewvan

Whereas the federal government has established a minimum national carbon price;

Whereas the NDP supports carbon pricing as part of a plan to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions;

Whereas we must reduce global emissions, rather than encouraging industry to relocate to countries with weaker environmental standards;

Whereas the federal government has the authority under trade agreements to extend domestic levies, such as the GST, to imports and rebate them on exports to ensure a level playing field;

Be it resolved that the NDP develop and advocate a policy of extending the federal carbon price to the carbon content of imports from countries that do not price emissions and rebating it on Canadian exports.

2-59-18 Environmental Rights

Edmonton Strathcona, Alberta Council of Electoral Districts , Winnipeg North

New Democrats believe the following should be enshrined in law: a) The right of present and future generations of Canadians to a healthy environment. b) The federal government's duty to protect the environment. c) Consideration of vulnerable populations in environmental risk assessment. d) The public right to access environmental information in a reasonable, timely and affordable manner and to participate in decisions impacting health and environment. e) Protection of whistleblowers. f) The public right to compel effective enforcement of environmental laws and to bring environmental protection actions.

2-60-18 Climate Change

Edmonton Strathcona, Winnipeg North, Alberta Council of Electoral Districts

New Democrats believe in: a. Contributing Canada's fair share to global action to combat climate change by adhering to international agreements. b. Prescribing national binding targets and a timeline for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, with public reporting. c. Imposing a price on carbon. d. Delivering ghg reductions through regulation and incentives. e. Requiring that all federal approvals of major resource projects include an assessment of climate impacts. f. Addressing climate adaptation and mitigation in Canada and abroad. g. Supporting climate based research.

2-61-18 Leader's Climate Change Mitigation Plan

Notre-Dame-de-Grâce--Westmount

WHEREAS concrete action on climate change is urgent; WHEREAS the existing “Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change” negotiated by the Liberal government is unlikely to fulfill Canada’s commitments under the Paris Agreement; WHEREAS during the 2017 leadership contest all the candidates provided details of their proposed plans for mitigating climate change;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Leader will undertake the creation of an overall, comprehensive NDP climate change mitigation plan includes specific targets and that will be proposed during next federal election by integrating the relevant parts of the proposed climate change plans of all the candidates, as well as ideas solicited from the membership through the riding associations; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Leader report back to the membership the details of the comprehensive plan; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the membership be given an opportunity to respond to the plan in a timely manner prior to the next federal election

6-01-18 Federal Ban on Street Checks and Carding

University--Rosedale, Brampton East

Whereas racial profiling is a major social justice issue across Canada;

Be it resolved that the NDP support a federal ban on street checks and carding by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;

Be it further resolved that an NDP government would work with local partners across Canada to ensure the end of this practice by police forces in all jurisdictions across the country.

Be it further resolved that the NDP define and ban racial profiling by all federal law enforcement agencies, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Canada Border Services Agency.

6-02-18 Suspend Safe Third Country Agreement

Vancouver East

WHEREAS Trump's anti-immigrant policies continue to create a climate of genuine fear, lack of due process and threat to the safety and security of those seeking asylum in the US; WHEREAS with the Safe Third Country Agreement in place, individuals are forced to risk life and limb to get to safety by crossing irregularly to Canada; WHEREAS the latest data shows that there is a 69% acceptance rate (> 2/3 of cases) at the IRB for asylum claims which clearly indicates that the majority of asylum seekers meet Canada's definition of and requirements for a successful asylum process;

Be It Resolved that the NDP urge Canada to accept the UN Committee on the Elimination on Racial Discrimination's August 25, 2017 report's recommendation that Canada rescind or at least suspend the Safe Third Country Agreement with the United States of America to ensure that all individuals who attempt to enter Canada through a land border are provided with equal access to asylum proceedings.

6-03-18 Closing the Wage Gap

Eglinton--Lawrence

WHEREAS Canadian women on average earn 74.2 cents for every dollar a man earns placing Canada 27th of 34 OECD countries when ranked for gender wage equality WHEREAS Wage gaps exist for all oppressed and marginalized peoples in Canada belonging to groups such as, women, ethnically and racially marginalized, LGBTQ2, non gender binary, persons with disabilities, older persons, youth, newcomers and refugees (not an exclusive list)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Canada adopt a plan to close the wage Gap in which employers (public and private businesses and organizations) with more than a certain amount of employees are required to identify and fix wage gaps (regardless of gender, race, age and other demographic parameters);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Employers who refuse to comply with the requirements, will face fines or penalties.

6-04-18 Sexual Assault in the Canadian Armed Forces

London--Fanshawe

WHEREAS reports have revealed that sexual misconduct is endemic and tolerated in the military;

WHEREAS victims of such sexual harassment and assault face many challenges;

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for a cultural change regarding sexual misconduct and assault in the Canadian forces to better protect, help and support the victims

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP push the government to take immediate and concrete action in order to change the culture regarding sexual assault in the military; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP call on the government to take immediate and concrete action to better help victims of sexual trauma and to provide them with the adequate support and assistance, including assistance for identified victims leaving the military; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP call on the government to instruct both the Department of National Defence and Veterans Affairs Canada to clearly and prominently post on department websites the benefits and services available to victims of sexual trauma.

6-05-18 LGBTQI2S+ Initiatives - Human Rights

Ottawa West--Nepean

Whereas during the leadership race, candidates did a lot of good work identifying LGBTQI2S+ issues, work that should be incorporated into party policy;

Whereas, as noted in Jagmeet Singh's leadership platform, many trans and non-binary Canadians face great difficulty changing the gender marker on their official identification;

Whereas, as noted in Jagmeet Singh's leadership platform, displaying gender on ID and collecting individual-specific data on gender is a remnant of a time when important rights, such as property ownership and voting, were gender-dependent;

Whereas, 'lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered' does not reflect current terminology and would be perceived as not inclusive;

Be it resolved that, the following be added to section 6.3, Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered rights

New Democrats believe in:

Ensuring gender-appropriate federal identification documents, including a non-binary gender option, are available and easily accessible; and, eliminating requirements for individuals to possess gender markers on their identification documents in order to board aircrafts, in order to allow provinces the freedom to remove gender completely on ID they issue.

Ensuring LGBTQI2S+ competency training for Canadian Border Service Agents and RCMP, including specific training on gender identity and expression.

Improving federal data collection on questions specific to the LGBTQI2S+ community, including on the health care needs and experiences of LGBTQI2S+ folks, to ensure data is available for policy initiatives at the federal, provincial and municipal levels.

And, be it further resolved that:

The name of section 6.3 of the policy book be changed from 'Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered rights' to 'Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, queer, intersex, two-spirited plus rights' to be more inclusive and reflective of current terminology.

6-06-18 Protecting the Right to Strike

Beaches--East York

Whereas governments increasingly seek to erode, restrict or eliminate workers' right to strike, falsely arguing that unions and strikes pose a threat to public health and safety, while governments themselves trample human needs by de-regulating capital, privatizing public services, and facilitating growing corporate control over all facets of life;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the NDP actively campaign for, and seek to legislate the unfettered right to strike for all working people, and that the party respect the integrity and competence of unions to safeguard public health and safety, and provide for the delivery of genuinely essential services during a strike by their members.

6-07-18 Organizing Against Intolerance

CUPE, CUPE Ontario

WHEREAS there is a rising tide of hate, white supremacy, xenophobia, and anti newcomer sentiment infecting Canada; and
WHEREAS the NDP must take the lead in combatting this.

BE IT RESOLVED that the NDP, its caucus and its electoral district associations:

- Vocally and visibly support any groups that organize against intolerance and hatred; and
- Participate in actions that challenge hatred and division, and create a rapid response system via social media that counter organized expressions of hate; and
- Encourage riding associations to work with and help build anti-racism movements in their communities.

6-08-18 Media Ownership Reform

Ottawa--Vanier

WHEREAS: The recent deal between Postmedia Network and Torstar to swap 41 community newspapers and reportedly close 36 of them will result in the elimination of up to 290 jobs and diminish local news to the detriment of democracy. WHEREAS: This is just the latest in a long list of mergers that have had the effect of creating monopoly situations in many media markets across Canada. WHEREAS: There have been a number of government reports calling for changes to the Competition Act to allow review of mergers and takeovers of media outlets on non-economic grounds like the effect on local news coverage.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the NDP speak out strongly in favour of media ownership reform in order to restore competition in local media markets across Canada. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That an NDP government would take immediate action to implement recommendations from past government reports designed to reform media ownership in Canada, including changes to the Competition Act to allow review of mergers and takeovers of media outlets on non-economic grounds such as the effect on local news coverage.

6-09-18 LGTBQ Refugees

Esquimalt--Saanich--Sooke, Vancouver East, Saskatoon West

Whereas LGBTQ refugees are among the highest-risk refugees and;
Whereas rescue programs will always be welcome, but insufficient to address the crisis faced by the LGBTQ community worldwide, which remains illegal in 70+ countries and subject to the death penalty in 17 countries;

Be it resolved Canada create a program that will provide an ongoing path to safety in Canada for LGBTQ refugees that can be accessed in a safe and timely manner;

Be it further resolved Canada create settlement programs for LGBTQ refugees that recognize their special needs and may be rejected by their diaspora communities.

6-10-18 Digital Issues

Federal Council

WHEREAS digital issues are playing an increasing role in Canada's economic development, the way people communicate and the sharing of information and in education, and they contribute to a flourishing democracy; WHEREAS the NDP Policy Book contains only a few points on the matter and these cover only part of these issues; WHEREAS the NDP should show leadership in establishing a coherent policy vision on these issues;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a new section (seventh) be added to the Policy Book and worded as follows: Section 7 – Adapt our society to the technologies of the 21 century

Section 7.1: Protection of the privacy of Canadians New Democrats believe in: a. Better protecting Internet users from companies that collect and share their information; b. Strengthening the laws that prevent intrusive and/or unsolicited communications; c. Canadians being able to know which organizations hold personal information related to them, to consult that data and to correct detected errors, if applicable; d. Establishing a mechanism to report data breaches or thefts so that individuals can be informed when their personal information has been compromised so that they can better protect themselves; e. Citizens having a “right to be forgotten”, that is, the fact that personal data and traces that they leave when in contact with new technologies could be erased by the organizations that hold them when there is no longer a reasonable reason to retain them.

Section 7.2: Support for the digital economy New Democrats believe in: a. Encouraging research and development of technological innovations by Canadian companies; b. Encouraging a strong presence of Canadian content in new platforms; c. Encouraging the development of a reuse and recycling industry for digital devices and accessories to reduce their impact on the environment; d. Encouraging and supporting “free software” development initiatives.

Section 7.3: Development of infrastructure New Democrats believe in: a. Developing the scope of network infrastructure so that every citizen has access to high speed Internet at a reasonable cost, particularly rural regions and Indigenous communities; b. The government establishing a policy to continuously upgrade network infrastructure in order to renew it as technological innovation occurs; c. Telecommunications companies participating, as finances allow, in the development, maintenance and ongoing improvement of the country’s network infrastructure.

Section 7.4: Digital literacy New Democrats believe in: a. Encourage and support, in collaboration with the provinces, education programs that would improve media literacy, digital capacities and civic participation; b. Develop training programs to help all Canadian increase digital skills and adapt to labour changes caused by new technologies, while respecting provincial jurisdictions.

Section 7.5: Open government New Democrats believe in: a. The services of government organizations and federal agencies being accessible through digital portals; b. Government websites and those of federal agencies complying with web accessibility standards so that the entire population, without discrimination, is able to access them; c. Improving "open government" initiatives that offer citizens better transparency and explainability around government activities through access to information, proactive disclosure and open data; d. Evaluate new technologies in all government organizations and encourage their adoption when they improve accessibility, decision making and/or public knowledge about government affairs.

Section 7.6: National and international security New Democrats believe in: a. The government properly protecting the data and information it holds, especially that related to Canadians by ensuring that said data and information is not stored abroad; b. Fighting all forms of cyberterrorism, cybersabotage and cyberespionage, notably through extensive collaboration at the international level; c. Adjusting the legal framework for police and judicial action and procedures so that they take into account constantly changing technologies, while ensuring that the privacy of Canadians is effectively protected.

6-11-18 Restoring federal funding to organizations that promote the status of women in Canada

Québec

WHEREAS the NDP recognizes that equality is a prerequisite to the social participation of all citizens (NDP Policy Book, sec. 6); WHEREAS the Harper government cut structural funding for organizations responsible for the status of women in Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP call on the Liberal government to restore this funding cut by the Harper government to organizations working to promote the status of women in Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP call on the Liberal government to provide ongoing annual funding to organizations working to promote the status of women in order to ensure continuity of services.

6-12-18 Free access to menstrual products and contraceptive methods

Québec

WHEREAS 1. The NDP has always been a leader in promoting a universal health care system and women's rights; 2. The NDP already recommends the removal of all taxes on menstrual products, as well as the establishment of a progressive policy on reproductive health; 3. Australia, New Zealand and more than 11 European Union countries guarantee free access to contraceptives to their citizens. This is not the case for Canada; 4. The lack of free access to menstrual products and contraceptive methods is a burden for low income Canadian citizens in particular;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT 1. The NDP recommend the immediate creation of a health subsidy to the provinces for free access to menstrual products and contraception for all citizens. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT 1. Item 6.1 of the NDP Policy Book be amended as follows: "m. Establishing a health subsidy to the provinces for free access to menstrual products and contraception."

6-13-18 Human Rights Commission

Alberta Council of Electoral Districts , Edmonton Manning, Edmonton Mill Woods

Whereas Canada's population is becoming more diverse with new immigrants, refugees from other countries; Whereas there has been increasing incidents of racism, discrimination and violence against women, visible minorities, LGBTQ+; Whereas the Human Rights Commission acts as a quasi-judicial entity to address the issues connected with racism and discrimination;

Be it resolved that Canada's New Democratic Party adopt the following: 1. Urge the Federal Government to direct the Human Rights Commission to resolve cases within a time period of twelve months.

1. Urge the Federal Government to adopt a strategy for zero tolerance for racism and racism induced violence.

6-14-18 Disability Justice

Hamilton Centre

WHEREAS Canadian Human Rights Act gave all Canadians equal rights on the basis of sex, race, nationality and disability. WHEREAS the state of Canada had funded a number of institutions later found guilty of abusing thousands of people with disabilities in an emotional and physical manner, such as the Orillia Asylum of Idiots, Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital, and the Ross A. MacDonald School of the Blind among many others WHEREAS The Alberta Sterilization Act allowed for the sterilization of thousands of indigenous peoples and people with disabilities WHEREAS 83 percent of people with disabilities will be sexually assaulted at least once in their lifetime in Canada WHEREAS People with disabilities in Canada are twice as likely as someone without a disability to experience a hate crime or act of violence (such as intimate partner violence, physical violence, and financial abuse) WHEREAS provincial legislation to mandate accessibility only exists in three provinces in Canada WHEREAS cases have been documented across Canada of people with disabilities having their child removed from custody due to lack of sensitivity training, supports, and disability related accommodations offered by Children's Aid Society WHEREAS many of these concerns still exist despite being brought up by disability justice activists across Canada such as: Mae Brown, Cesar Jacobson, Leilani Muir, Theresa Duchame, Bonnie Sheir Klien, David Lepofsky, and many more for decades

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The New Democratic Party (NDP) moves to adopt a framework of disability justice, by committing to the following actions: · Condemn and call for a federal investigation into the high rates of violence and sexual assault against people with disabilities · Call for more federal resources to go toward funding for adults with disabilities across Canada · Push for the creation and implementation of provincial accessibility acts in every province, as well as financial support behind these provincial plans · Collect data of all incidences of violence and hate crimes reported against people with disabilities in public institutions

6-15-18 Support Strategy for Refugees

Alberta Council of Electoral Districts , Edmonton Manning, Edmonton Mill Woods

Whereas successive Liberal and Conservative governments have left refugees and immigrants in a precarious state with difficulty accessing education, healthcare and other resources;

Be it resolved that Canada's New Democratic Party adopt the following: Urge the federal government to develop a better support strategy for refugees in order for them to more quickly become self-sustaining and contributing Canadian Citizens.

6-16-18 Suspend Safe Third Country Agreement 2

New Democratic Youth of Canada

Whereas Canada and the United States are parties to the Safe Third Country Agreement, Whereas the agreement violates a refugee's right to choose where they will seek asylum, Whereas the United States can no longer be considered a safe country for many refugees, specifically those from Muslim countries,

Be it resolved that the following clause be added to Section 4.4 of the policy book:
n. Immediately suspending the Safe Third Country Agreement

6-17-18 Protecting freedom of speech and investigative journalism

Québec

WHEREAS journalists covering the events at Standing Rock in North Dakota were arrested and imprisoned; WHEREAS a free and democratic society depends on the ability of journalists to document important events;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP support the freedom of journalists to document events without harassment, intimidation or imprisonment.

6-18-18 Temporary Foreign Worker Program 2

Mississauga Centre

WHEREAS Canada now has more Temporary Foreign Workers in our country than permanent residents WHEREAS Temporary Foreign Workers have very few laws in place to protect them from abuse and exploitation WHEREAS the last Conservative government have handled the Temporary Foreign Worker program very poorly and our current Liberal government has done little to address the issue

BE IT RESOLVED that the following clause be added to Section 4.3 of the policy book: 4.3 New Democrats believe in: j. Creation of a path to permanent residency and citizenship for all Temporary Foreign Workers k. Working in collaboration with provinces and territories to give Temporary Foreign Workers full protection under their Provincial Employment Standards Act and Provincial labour laws with no exemptions

6-19-18 Tax Credits for Persons with Diabetes

Hamilton Mountain

Whereas the denial of tax credit is both mean and violation of persons living with diabetes, And whereas, as of May 2017 70% of adults with Type 1 have been refused the tax credit; this based on not meeting the 14-hour rule as the government does allow carb counting as part of the 14-hour.

Be it resolved that a national NDP government must consider a tax credit for persons with Type 1 diabetes regardless of meeting the 14-hour rule.

6-20-18 Accessibility of Federally-Regulated Buildings

Toronto--Danforth

Whereas Canada purports to be an inclusive society and
Whereas the neighbourhood of Toronto-Danforth is particularly inaccessible to people in wheelchairs, any business open to, or provincial service to the public should be easily accessible to the disabled customer as to any other customer.

Therefore, Be It resolved that the following be added to section 6.4 of the policy book: That any federally regulated buildings, such as banks, which is about to undergo renovation and wishes to be open to the public be required to build or provide wheelchair access, built to code with electronic devices to open each door. Permission for the business to open will therefore be denied until it complies with this resolution.

6-21-18 Quebec Sign Language and American Sign Language

Laurier--Sainte-Marie

Whereas deaf communities are communities of people with diverse auditory abilities that proudly identify as linguistic and cultural communities with a heritage and a unique history;

Whereas the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities recognizes the right to sign language, including education in such languages;

Whereas 42 countries have granted formal recognition to their sign languages;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to paragraph 5.4 of the Policy Book:

Giving official status to Quebec Sign Language and American Sign Language similar to that of both of Canada's official languages so that it can be a source of national pride.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such status ensure access to government services and recognition of the language rights of the deaf community, its culture and its identity.

6-22-18 Resolution on procedures involving atypical sexual characteristics

Québec

WHEREAS the Malta declaration, produced and adopted by the 3rd International Intersex Forum (Malta, 2013) and endorsed by the 4th International Intersex Forum (Amsterdam, 2014), calls for recognition of the human rights of intersex persons in respect of their bodily integrity, self-determination and human dignity and for intersex persons to be recognized and supported to be the drivers of social, political and legislative changes that concern them;

WHEREAS Canada is a signatory to a number of international conventions that consider irreversible and non-therapeutic procedures performed on intersex persons without their consent to be human rights violations; WHEREAS intersex persons may be subject to decisions about their physical form and gender identity from a very young age;

Procedures involving atypical sexual characteristics

(5) A medical or surgical procedure within the meaning of this section shall be deemed to constitute an injury or mutilation, except where (a) The medical or surgical procedure is performed, by a person duly qualified by provincial law to practise medicine, for the benefit of the physical health of the person and in the event of a medical emergency; (b) The medical or surgical procedure is performed, by a person duly qualified by provincial law to practise medicine, for the benefit of the physical health of the person or for the purpose of that person having reproductive functions or other sexual functions or sexual appearance. In addition, this medical or surgical intervention shall be performed only with free, informed and unrestricted consent from the person undergoing it. The age of consent for medical or surgical treatment shall apply.

6-23-18 Family Reunification and Spousal Sponsorship

Edmonton Manning, Edmonton Mill Woods

Whereas current immigration policies make it difficult for permanent residents and Citizens to reunite with their family members in Canada;

Be it resolved that Canada's New Democratic Party adopt the following: Urge the federal government to increase the overall immigration level, with more spaces in particular being offered for family reunification and spousal sponsorship programs.

6-24-18 Big Data & Privacy

Notre-Dame-de-Grâce--Westmount

WHEREAS companies and service providers on the Internet are tracking every digital activity and track individuals by profiling them to analyze their interests for advertising purposes; WHEREAS the customer's and websites' membership Big Data information is easily being sold for secondary use which can be considered a breach of privacy and takes advantage of others' privacy;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP's Federal Council will conduct research into the issue of Big Data and breach of Privacy by receiving advice from IT and legal specialists; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that Federal Council presents the research to membership for more actions.

6-25-18 Special Measures for Live-In Caregivers

Vancouver East

WHEREAS Live-in Caregivers (LIC) are one of the only economic streams of immigrants that must work for two years before they can apply to bring their family members to Canada with them; WHEREAS in June 2017, nearly 25,000 applications remained in the Live-in Caregiver processing backlog, where the average processing wait time is 5 years, in addition to the 2-year work requirement; WHEREAS this unjust and inhumane immigration policy highlights the devastating impact of such immigration policies on families;

The NDP urge that Canada immediately establish special measures: • to process the lengthy backlog in the live-in caregiver program with a processing standard resolution time not to exceed 12 months; • to require only one medical exam for the LIC, their spouse, and their children, to be done prior to entry to Canada; and • that the processing for the program abide by the principle that if you are good enough to work, you are good enough to stay.

6-26-18 Combatting Autism Stigmatization

University--Rosedale

Whereas, there exist a number of competing positions around the approaches to autism intervention; And Whereas, it is in the best interests of the public economically, culturally, and progressively to promote inclusion of autistic individuals;

And Whereas, the majority of medical professionals recognize genetic and inherited underpinnings of autism;

And Whereas, the NDP believes in closing the gap in support for those in any areas of society, including those on the autism spectrum;

And Whereas, stigma is a social, cultural, and ethical threat to scientific understanding and identification of autistic individuals;

And Whereas, attempts to understand the autism spectrum can produce wasted effort without guidelines;

Therefore Be It Resolved the members of the NDP encourage terminology that does not stigmatize, promote long-term harm, or otherwise isolate these valuable members of our community. This hurtful terminology includes terms like “afflicted with autism”, “suffers from autism” or “abnormal” or other similar language.

6-27-18 National Apology for Italian-Canadians

Hamilton Mountain

Whereas members of the Italian community were wrongly removed and put into concentration camps during the second world war,

Be it resolved that a national NDP government apologize to the Italian-Canadian community affected by previous government actions.

6-28-18 Combatting Hate Speech

Beaches--East York

WHEREAS hate speech and hate crimes are on the rise in Canada, particularly hate speech and hate crimes targeting Muslims; and
 WHEREAS our community of Beaches-East York is not immune to hate speech, and is home to a notorious neo-Nazi newspaper;
 Whereas the NDP was founded on principles of equity and anti-oppression;

BIRT an NDP government will fight Islamophobia, racism, anti-Semitism and oppression in all its forms, and will consider all possible avenues to do so, including increased prosecution of hate crimes, increased training of RCMP and police in investigating hate crimes; and

BIFRT the Federal NDP endorse the Charter of the national Council of Canadian Muslims, and specifically its affirmation that:

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Islamophobia, like all other forms of racism, hate, xenophobia, and bigotry, has no place in Canadian society.

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Discrimination and acts of hate against anyone, marginalize individuals and communities and exclude them from participating fully in society and fulfilling their potential.

6-29-18 Directive on Gender Equality & Sustainability

Peterborough--Kawartha

Modifies 6.1, Strengthening Human Rights and the Canadian Identity, “Women’s Rights”

WHEREAS gender policy (including “rights”) tend to be isolated and incompletely applied,

WHEREAS the planet and humanity need the ideas, work and commitment of all the human population to define more democratic, equitable and sustainable cultural, social, economic and environmental living spaces shared with all species - if the impacts of climate change are not to foster/cause a repetition of historical, hierarchical patterns of domination existing today;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the new Policy Manual include a gender analysis of all NDP policies within the four pillars of the “sustainability” framework, to ensure gender equity is an integral part of the NDP core principles of Democracy, Equity and Sustainability.

6-30-18 Campaign for Greater Rights for Migrants and Immigrants

Beaches--East York, Mount Royal

Whereas half of all people arriving in Canada today are on temporary visas without a path to permanent immigration status, and over half a million others live without any status, and are denied education, health, shelter or food while working and paying taxes;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the NDP actively campaign for an end to raids and deportations targeting migrant workers, fight for equal human and civil rights for migrant workers, demand recognition of the foreign credentials of immigrants and migrants, demand abolition of the 'live-in' requirement for domestic workers, demand that the Live-In Caregiver Program and the Temporary Foreign Workers Program be scrapped, and continue to press for a national child care program.

6-31-18 Public Ownership of Telecommunications Infrastructure

Halifax, Guelph, Ottawa South, Ottawa West--Nepean, Fredericton, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Ottawa Centre, Pickering--Uxbridge, Orléans, New Democratic Youth of Canada , JNDQ (Jeunes néodémocrates du Québec) , UONDP, Nunavut

WHEREAS it is inefficient to have competing private telecommunications infrastructures; WHEREAS public companies such as SaskTel have a long record of providing exemplary service to Canadians while earning money for the public treasury, and WHEREAS the telecommunications sector has failed to provide basic services to numerous northern and indigenous communities,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to Section 6.10 of the Policy Book:

H. Taking Canada's telecommunications infrastructure into public ownership, introducing a national broadband strategy, and establishing an affordable public telecommunications company.

6-32-18 Immigration Levels

Eglinton--Lawrence

WHEREAS the Federal Government is proposing an overall increase in overall immigration of +13% or 340,000 by 2020, and WHEREAS the government's own economic advisory council has recommended 450,000 in its 2016 report.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an amendment be made to the section (b) on RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES in the NDP Policy Book to state that 2020 targeted immigration level should be minimally 450,000 rather than the currently stated annual immigration level of 1% of the population. The increase is recommended to support and expand the Canadian economy by meeting future demographic aging challenges relating to workforce needs, including the incorporation of family reunification requests, that will contribute to Canada's economy. Government planning and investment should be made accordingly.

6-33-18 RECOGNITION OF CANADIAN VETERANS OF THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR

JNDQ (Jeunes néodémocrates du Québec)

WHEREAS: • Canadian veterans of the Spanish Civil War have been wrongly denied their recognition as legitimate veterans. • The NDP is committed to the protection and expansion of veteran's rights. • Other countries, such as France, Spain, and Switzerland have recognized and honored the Spanish Civil war veterans of their respective countries.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: • All Canadian veterans who have served in the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion, or other divisions of the international brigades, be eligible to qualify for any and all Veteran's benefits. • The aforementioned veterans be eligible to join any Royal Canadian Legion branch. • The names of those Canadian soldiers who have given their lives during the war be preserved in the Books of Remembrance at the Peace tower of the Houses of Parliament. • The sacrifice of the aforementioned soldiers be commemorated at all Remembrance Day services, and at all federal war monuments. • A commission shall be formed to investigate cases of discrimination and harassment by the RCMP and by employers. • The Canadian government issue a formal apology to these veterans for their mistreatment and their denial of recognition.

6-34-18 Temporary Foreign Worker Program

AFL- Alberta Federation of Labour

Whereas the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP) is not immigration; it is exploitation. Whereas The TFWP, the International Mobility Program and other temporary worker arrangements continue to be used to influence local labour markets, drive down wages and working conditions, and undermine systems of permanent immigration.

Be it resolved that the NDP will campaign to expose the exploitative nature of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP) and the International Mobility Program (IMP), and demand their replacement by an overhauled system of immigration. Be it further resolved that the NDP continue to advocate for improved wages and working conditions for Temporary Foreign Workers until this exploitative program is disbanded. Be it further resolved that should the program be dismantled, the NDP will call for current Temporary Foreign Workers to be placed on a priority citizenship track.

6-35-18 Immigration Fairness for Temporary Foreign Workers

Vancouver East

WHEREAS in one form or another, Canada's workforce and economy has relied on foreign workers for over 100 years; WHEREAS in the past, the main directive of these policies was aimed at bringing in cheap labour to do difficult and dangerous jobs; for example, the Chinese migrant workers who were brought to Canada to complete the CPR; WHEREAS since 2006, there have been more temporary foreign workers in Canada than there have been immigrants and that both the Liberal and Conservative governments have catered policy to short-term employer needs which has led to a continued increase in precarious work for temporary foreign workers, who are often treated unfairly;

Be It Resolved that the NDP work to ensure that Canada's immigration policies and specifically the Temporary Foreign Workers Program:

- Re-establish different immigrant classes and skill levels to bring a balance to reflect a full range of social and economic classes and to meet the range of labour shortage demands;
- Reflect the principle that if you are good enough to work, you are good enough to stay.

3-01-18 Universal Pharmacare

North Vancouver, Vancouver Kingsway

Whereas Universal Pharmacare is an issue fundamental to healthcare in Canada;
Whereas Canadians pay the second highest price for prescription drugs in the world;

Whereas 7 million Canadians have no or limited coverage;

Whereas in 2016 the Parliamentary Budget Officer estimated that all Canadians could have been covered at a savings of Four Billion (\$4,000,000,000) dollars;

Be it resolved that Section 3.1.e. in the policy book be amended to read: e. Expanding our public health care system to include free access to essential medicines for every Canadian through a universal pharmacare program.

3-02-18 Taking Effective Action on Opioid Crisis

Vancouver East, Vancouver Quadra

Whereas (i) the shocking number of deaths across Canada due to drug overdoses, (ii) the slowness of the Federal Government to respond to this health crisis, (iii) the capacity of local authorities and health units to treat a greater number of drug victims in order to save lives, and (iv) the duty of the Federal Ministry of Health to work with provincial and municipal authorities, health departments, the pharmaceutical industry and drug enforcement units to take remedial action:

Be it resolved that the Federal NDP: 1. Calls again on the Government of Canada to declare the opioid crisis a National Emergency, thus bringing attention and resources to the situation; 2. Calls on the government of Canada to provide additional resources and support to front line workers and first responders who are also impacted by the stresses and trauma of the opioid crisis. 3. Calls on the government of Canada to immediately increase the number of supervised drug-use sites across Canada, locally-based injection sites, where the deaths from opioid and other drug overdoses are much lower; 4. Strongly encourages the development of medications for opioid use disorders, prevention and reversal, as well as medications for safe, effective, non-addictive pain treatments.

3-03-18 Decriminalization of Drug Possession 3

Vancouver Kingsway

Whereas the epidemic of drug overdose deaths and the overwhelming health and social costs of drug addiction constitute a public health emergency; And whereas the criminalized approach to drug policy has proved ineffective in preventing drug use and addiction while exacerbating their harmful effects, especially in marginalized communities;

Be it resolved that the NDP advocate for an end to the criminalization of the personal possession of all drugs, effective regulation through the health care system and a shift to treating addiction as a social justice issue;

Be it further resolved that decriminalization be paired with a substantial increase in government assistance for social support, health care, education, prevention and treatment for Canadians engaged in drug use or struggling with addiction.

3-04-18 Mental Health Platform

Waterloo, Victoria, South Surrey--White Rock

WHEREAS mental illness indirectly affects all Canadians at some time through a friend, family member, or colleague; WHEREAS mental illness does not discriminate between age, gender, income, culture, or education; WHEREAS 1 in 5 Canadians will personally experience mental health problems or illness in a year; WHEREAS the NDP policy book does not specifically highlight mental illness as an issue in need of federal attention WHEREAS mental illness and substance abuse affect those 15-25 more than any other age group;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP will meet with mental health activists and organizations to craft a specific mental health strategy in advance of the 2019 federal election;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a separate subsection in the NDP policy book will be created to specifically focus on mental illness;

3-05-18 National Dental Care Program

Saanich--Gulf Islands, South Surrey--White Rock

Whereas the first CCF government in Saskatchewan led by Tommy Douglas began dental care for children as early as 1945; and
Whereas Tommy Douglas urged implementation of a first phase of a national dental care program for all children up to the age of six and all elderly Canadians;

Be it resolved that the following clause be added to Section 3.1 of the policy book:
3.1. New Democrats believe in:

r. Working towards the creation of a universal national dental care program, beginning with preventative health initiatives for children and the elderly.

3-06-18 Investing in Childcare Services

New Westminster--Burnaby

Whereas Families all over Canada have been struggling to access affordable and quality child care.

AND WHEREAS: Investing in child care is the right thing to do for our youngest citizens, families, communities and economy.

Be It Resolved that the NDP urges the federal government to work with provincial partners and provide significant investments in child care services that will work for families in Canada.

3-07-18 **Guaranteed Annual Income**

Davenport

Be it resolved that an NDP government would prioritize action to address the crisis of income inequality in Canada; Be it further resolved that the NDP continue to study ways that a universal guaranteed annual income might be put in place to ensure that all Canadians have access to a quality standard of living; Be it further resolved that the NDP advocate for the immediate implementation of guaranteed annual incomes for seniors, for low-wage working Canadians and for Canadians living with disabilities; Be it further resolved that the NDP recommit to the ultimate goal of eradicating poverty in Canada.

3-08-18 **LGBTQI2S+ Initiatives - Health**

Ottawa West--Nepean

Whereas during the leadership race, candidates did a lot of good work identifying LGBTQI2S+ issues, work that should be incorporated into party policy; Whereas the following issue was mentioned in both Jagmeet Singh's and Niki Ashton's campaign platforms;

Be it resolved that, the following text be added to section 3.1 Health
New Democrats believe in:

Repealing the ban on blood, tissue and organ donation by men who have sex with men and by trans women who have sex with men, reorienting blood, tissue and organ donation towards individual risk assessment.

3-09-18 **Gradual Elimination of Tuition Fees**

Papineau

Whereas the New Democratic Party is a party in favour of access to post-secondary education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT It is proposed that paragraph 3.2(d) of the NDP Policy Book be amended to read "Gradually reducing post-secondary tuition fees by working in collaboration with provincial governments".

3-10-18 **National Program of Amnesty and Expungement**

Battlefords--Lloydminster

Indigenous people, visible minorities, and youth have been disproportionately charged and convicted of minor criminal offences related to cannabis.

The NDP supports the development of a national program of amnesty and expungement of criminal records related to minor criminal convictions arising from cannabis. Such a policy will have the effect of ensuring that members of these minority groups do not feel the effects of these convictions for decades to come after cannabis has been decriminalized.

3-11-18 Access to & Study of Reproductive Health Measures

London--Fanshawe

WHEREAS governments, in recognizing and supporting the right to health, are obligated to ensure health services are available, accessible, affordable and of high quality;

WHEREAS particular groups such as youth, immigrants, and those of low socioeconomic status face marginalization in healthcare which can create a greater barrier to accessing contraceptives;

WHEREAS birth control has significant health and economic benefits like preventing illnesses and enabling women to better decide the time and the number of their pregnancies, and making it free would save Canada billions in health care costs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP affirm its commitment to supporting the reproductive health and well-being of individuals and their communities by supporting free birth control;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP demand the federal government negotiate with provincial governments to cover the costs of all prescribed contraceptives and increase transfers from federal to provincial governments to cover these costs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP demand the federal government collect and report on sexual health indicators, including contraception use data, to inform sound policy decisions relating to sexual and reproductive health.

3-12-18 Paid Sick Leave

Waterloo, Victoria, South Surrey--White Rock, Esquimalt--Saanich--Sooke, Vancouver Kingsway

WHEREAS 5 million Canadians don't have access to a family doctor; WHEREAS walk-in clinic medicine has become pervasive all across the country; WHEREAS to effectively address mental illness people need time to access a doctor to receive care; WHEREAS every worker should have access to paid time off;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP supports the principle of paid sick leave for every Canadian worker.

3-13-18 Housing & Homelessness Strategy

Davenport, Toronto Centre, Beaches--East York

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 3.5 of the NDP policy book be amended as follows: New Democrats believe in: a) Ensuring that the purpose of housing is to provide homes for the many and not investment opportunities for the privileged b) The right of all Canadians to have secure, adequate, accessible and affordable housing c) Ending homelessness, and providing those unable to afford their homes with public, social and co-operative housing. d) Working in partnership with provinces, municipalities and Indigenous communities to ensure that our policies and land use regulations create healthy, accessible and environmentally sustainable communities e) Implementing a national housing strategy that will actually: a. stimulate the supply of adequate housing b. produce a mix of housing choices c. assist all those who cannot afford adequate housing d. recognize and address the systemic racism in our housing system faced by BIPOC e. remove incentives that gentrify our communities and destroy affordability f. provide special attention to the needs of Indigenous and marginalized communities

3-14-18 Legalizing Cannabis Possession

York South--Weston

Whereas cannabis is used for both medical and recreation purposes

Be it resolved that Section 3.9.i. in the policy book be amended to read: i. Legalizing cannabis possession.

3-15-18 National Plan on Homelessness

London--Fanshawe

WHEREAS New Democrats believe in implementing a national strategy to ensure secure, adequate, accessible and affordable housing for Canadians;
WHEREAS New Democrats believe a strategy to eliminate poverty should include a focus on the core priorities of income security, social inclusion, and housing;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal New Democratic Party of Canada promote and support Sheri Benson's motion M147 calling on the government of Canada to appoint a special committee to conduct hearings and propose a national plan on homelessness in Canada.

3-16-18 Directive on Dental Care Study

Saanich--Gulf Islands, South Surrey--White Rock

Whereas Tommy Douglas urged implementation of a first phase of a national dental care program for all children up to the age of six and all elderly Canadians; and

Whereas the Canadian Dental Association has emphasized the importance of providing quality dental care for all children and the elderly,

Be it resolved that the federal NDP conduct a feasibility study into the creation of a national dental care program;

Be it further resolved that this study be presented to the membership at the next convention.

3-17-18 LGBTQI2S+ Initiatives - Homelessness

Ottawa West--Nepean

Whereas during the leadership race, candidates did a lot of good work identifying LGBTQI2S+ issues, work that should be incorporated into party policy;

Whereas the following policy proposal appeared in the leadership campaign platform of Jagmeet Singh;

Whereas, as noted in Jagmeet Singh's leadership platform, services designed to assist homeless youth are often unsafe or inaccessible to those who identify as LGBTQI2S+;

Be it resolved that, the following text be added to section 3.5, Housing
New Democrats believe in:

Addressing the needs of LGBTQI2S+ youth at-risk of or experiencing homelessness, including creating and modifying shelters and transitional housing facilities to serve the needs of LGBTQI2S+ youth.

3-18-18 Post-Secondary Education

Regina--Qu'Appelle, Saanich--Gulf Islands, Halifax, Victoria, South Surrey--White Rock, Guelph, Esquimalt--Saanich--Sooke, Vancouver East, Ottawa South, Toronto Centre, Stormont--Dundas--South Glengarry, Battlefords--Lloydminster, Beaches--East York, Skeena--Bulkley Valley, Ottawa West--Nepean, Charlottetown, Fredericton, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Selkirk--Interlake--Eastman, Ottawa Centre, Pickering--Uxbridge, Orléans, Prince Albert, New Democratic Youth of Canada , JNDQ (Jeunes néodémocrates du Québec) , Churchill--Keewatinook Aski, Yukon, Hochelaga, UONDP

Whereas post-secondary education is required for 70% of new jobs,
Whereas the average student debt upon graduation exceeds \$30,000 and public student loan debt has exceeded \$28 billion,
Whereas tens of thousands of indigenous people have been denied funding for their education due to deliberate underfunding since 1996,

Be it resolved that Section 3.2 of the NDP Policy book be amended to insert the following:

- d) Eliminating tuition fees by working in collaboration with provincial governments.
- e) Redirecting existing federal education tax credits into up-front needs-based grants.
- f) Eliminating student debt through 0% interest rates for student loans, and the creation of debt relief and forgiveness programs.
- g) Guaranteeing the treaty right to education for indigenous people by removing the funding cap on programs such as the Post-Secondary Student Support Program, closing the indigenous education funding gap, and facilitating indigenization & decolonization in post-secondary institutions.

3-19-18 National Social Housing Strategy

South Surrey--White Rock, Etobicoke North, Beaches--East York, Oxford, Mount Royal

Whereas homelessness is unacceptable;
Whereas many people are living in marginal housing and are on the verge of becoming homeless;
Whereas homelessness has increased in the past decade and people are dying on the streets;
Whereas most private developers are not interested in creating affordable housing,

Therefore be it resolved that an NDP government will take initiatives, with the cooperation of municipalities and provincial governments to create universally affordable and accessible cooperative housing through a new public sector construction industry;

Be it further resolved the NDP demand a moratorium on evictions, mortgage foreclosures, and utility cut offs due to unemployment;

Be it further resolved that the NDP actively campaign for a 2% allocation of federal expenditures to cooperative and social housing renovation, maintenance, and construction.

3-20-18 Banning Paid Plasma

CUPE, CUPE Ontario

WHEREAS the safety of Canada's blood supply depends on a national, voluntary, unpaid donation system;

WHEREAS the introduction of private, for-profit plasma clinics in Canada poses serious safety risks to the security of our blood supply;

WHEREAS Health Canada has abdicated its duty to regulate plasma in the public interest;

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Democratic Party:

- Support a national ban on the donor-paid collection of plasma; and
- Support the inclusion of blood and blood products on the list of human tissues and organs deemed illegal to sell in Canada.

3-21-18 Mental Health Services for All

Toronto--St. Paul's

Whereas Quebec has made a commitment to follow the British initiative to improve access to mental health counseling and therapy, which will allocate considerable funds to allow those with mental health needs to receive help from private providers,

Be it resolved that mental health services be available to all who need it.

3-22-18 Anti-poverty (homelessness):

Nunavut

WHEREAS homelessness and overcrowding is a serious issue in Northern, remote and Indigenous communities. WHEREAS not having stable housing can cause permanent physical and psychological damage in children growing up in those situations. WHEREAS this can lead to hopelessness and suicide. WHEREAS a coroner's jury in Nunavut recommended that suicide be declared a public health emergency. WHEREAS stabilizing and eliminating the root causes of poverty can reduce suicide rates and improve the lives of Canadians.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Nunavut NDP EDA supports the NDP government taking proactive steps to ensure that nobody is homeless because they have no choice and that this commitment be adopted into the NDP policy book.

3-23-18 Organizing around Homelessness

London--Fanshawe

WHEREAS New Democrats believe in implementing a national strategy to ensure secure, adequate, accessible and affordable housing for Canadians;

WHEREAS New Democrats believe a strategy to eliminate poverty should include a focus on the core priorities of income security, social inclusion, and housing;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal New Democratic Party of Canada utilize community-based organizing to mobilize Canadians around the impacts of homelessness.

3-24-18 Decriminalization of Drug Possession

Etobicoke--Lakeshore, Parkdale--High Park, Orléans

WHEREAS the evidence is clear that harm reduction and decriminalization offer healthier, safer, and more cost-effective outcomes than criminal justice measures; WHEREAS the criminalization of drug use has led to both a thriving organized criminal market and an intrusive, often oppressive, police response that disproportionately impacts marginalized communities;

BIRT Section 3.1 in the Policy Book be amended to read: 'h. Adopting an evidence-based harm reduction approach to substance use and abuse.' BIFRT Section 3.9 in the Policy Book be amended to read: 'i. Decriminalizing drug possession and developing legislation to shift drug policy into the regulatory framework of the healthcare system rather than criminal justice.'

3-25-18 Combatting the Opioid Crisis

Aboriginal Commission, Esquimalt--Saanich--Sooke

Whereas since 2012 fatal overdoses in BC rose from 269 deaths to well over 1500 in during the first 7 months of 2017; Whereas synthetic-opioid fentanyl was detected in 81% of illicit-drug overdose deaths in BC;

Be it resolved that Canada's NDP will approach the issue of problematic substance use as a health issue rather than a matter of public safety; Be it further resolved that Canada's NDP will expand education and access to naloxone used to reverse effects of opioids; Be if further resolved that Canada's NDP will improve access to pain-management services; Be it further resolved that Canada's NDP make investments in government partnerships with indigenous communities who are disproportionately affected by opioid crisis; Be it further resolved that Canada's NDP will support/pressure the Canadian government to repeal Bill C-2, the Respect for Communities Act which restricts access to supervised injections services like Insite.

3-26-18 National Pharmacare Program

Niagara Centre, Etobicoke North, Toronto Centre, Beaches--East York, Mount Royal, Hamilton Centre, Thornhill

Whereas a national drug plan will save Canadians over \$7 billion, and is urgently needed to improve public health, especially of seniors and the poor; therefore

Be it resolved that the NDP actively campaign for a national drug plan that would be an integral part of public medicare for all residents of Canada - not just making the federal government a central bulk purchaser of pharmaceuticals, but making free provision of medication a feature of public health care and a matter of right for all patients.

3-27-18 Restoring Funding to Social and Cooperative Housing

York South--Weston

Whereas the NDP believes in supporting social and cooperative housing, in cooperation with all levels of government.

Whereas federal funding and administering of both social and cooperative housing has decreased since the mid-1990s.

Whereas non-NDP federal governments have focused on homeownership incentives rather than the provision of social and cooperative housing.

Whereas municipalities are struggling to provide social housing on their own due to provincial and federal downloading.

Be it resolved that Section 3.5.a. in the policy book be amended to read: a. Supporting social and cooperative housing in, cooperation with all levels of government, by restoring federal funding to social and cooperative housing.

3-28-18 Making the rules for obtaining employment insurance benefits more flexible

Saint-Hyacinthe--Bagot

Whereas workers must be protected from abusive working conditions, including job loss, by facilitating access to unemployment benefits, including by providing for a trial period for a new job during the unemployment period;

It is proposed that the following paragraph be added, after the current paragraph f, to Policy 3.6 on employment insurance: • Reviewing the reasons that justify voluntarily leaving and that such reasons no longer be conditional on the claimant having no reasonable alternative to leaving the employment (paragraph 29(c) of the Act); • Allowing a person to be employed for eight weeks or less during his or her benefit period and, if the person ceases to hold the employment, providing employment insurance benefits, the last period of employment being considered a trial period.

3-29-18 Abandoning the historically disastrous “war on drugs”

Ottawa South, Ottawa West--Nepean, Fredericton, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Ottawa Centre, Pickering--Uxbridge, New Democratic Youth of Canada , UONDP, Ottawa--Vanier

WHEREAS criminalization of drug possession disproportionately impacts racialized, indigenous, marginalized, and impoverished individuals and is thus a social justice issue;

WHEREAS criminalization of drug possession results in death, decreased public health, decreased public safety, wasted resources, and stigmatization and resources would be better spent tackling addiction and its root causes;

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 3.1.h in the policy book be amended to read:

H. Adopting an evidence-based harm reduction approach to drug use and related health delivery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 3.1.h in the policy book be amended to read:

i. Decriminalizing drug possession and developing legislation to shift drug policy into the regulatory framework of the healthcare system rather than the criminal justice system:

- abandoning the historically disastrous “war on drugs” in favour of decriminalizing personal possession of narcotics;
- Promoting policies that tackle the root causes of addiction; Reallocating policing and incarceration resources to fund: addiction education, universal addiction treatment; and harm reduction programs;
- Establishing a mechanism to automatically pardon all individuals with criminal records for possession of narcotics for their personal use;

3-30-18 Resolution on guaranteed minimum income

Outremont

WHEREAS Canada’s great wealth is not distributed in a way that eliminates the persistent scourge of poverty and a number of initiatives intended to combat it have failed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP establish a Federal Council working committee to fully explore the advantages and disadvantages of a guaranteed minimum income program. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this committee provide a detailed report on the issue by January 1, 2019. Such a program could become part of our platform for the 2019 general election if the committee were to conclude that such a policy could enhance quality of life in Canada and minimize the phenomenon of poverty. The study of a guaranteed minimum income program will need to include 1) Economies of scale related to the amalgamation of various components of our social safety net; 2) The effects of reducing poverty rates in terms of bringing down our health system costs and crime rates; 3) Federal-provincial-municipal considerations; 4) The effects on labour and employment incentives and how to control them.

3-31-18 Enforcing the Westray Law

AFL- Alberta Federation of Labour

Whereas the Westray Mine Explosion was 25 years ago. Whereas it's been over a decade since the Criminal Code (Westray) changes to hold corporations criminally responsible for workplace deaths. Whereas 1000 Canadians are killed at work every year, yet workplace facilitates still aren't investigated through the lens of criminal accountability.

Therefore be it resolved that the NDP will call on the Government of Canada to enforce the Westray Law within the Criminal Code, including:

- Educating, training and directing the RCMP to enforce the Westray Law.
- Working with provincial governments to ensure the proper policies, procedures and funding are in place in every jurisdiction.
- Taking a leadership role in facilitating greater coordination between provincial governments, regulators, police forces and prosecutors to ensure proper enforcement

3-32-18 Mental Health under Canada's Healthcare Plan

Vancouver Quadra

Under Canada's Healthcare Plan Canada's Healthcare Plan generally neither mentions nor includes coverage of mental health for Canadian citizens and residents. Canadians' mental health may be covered in a hospital or mental institution, or, after referral by a regular doctor, by a psychiatrist. But outpatients generally have no direct access to the healthcare system for mental health care, nor—once they leave hospital—do they have public access to publicly-funded pharmaceuticals. There is considerable inequity among Canadians seeking quality mental health/illness prevention, care, and treatment. That inequity matters, as mental health and wellbeing may deteriorate in cases where sickness goes undiagnosed, or where assistance is inaccessible and/or beyond patients' financial means. Physical and community conditions may negatively affect mental health, among them people living with disabilities, diseases and deteriorating health. A wide range of environmental factors, homelessness, inadequate local health care services, the care of dependents, post-natal depression, PTSD resulting from severe trauma, these and other factors must be considered and treated in a national mental health policy worthy of the name.

Be It Resolved that the Federal NDP:

1. Insist that comprehensive mental health care be covered under Canada's Healthcare Plan.
2. Assemble information and documents about mental health coverage in Canadian provinces and territories, and make such information accessible to Canadians by collaborating with individual provinces and territories;
3. Work with professionals in various mental health fields to educate the public about prevention, assistance, and care in its many forms.

3-33-18 Étendre programme fédéral de santé intérimaire

Ahuntsic-Cartierville

Whereas a significant number of Canadian residents have no medical coverage because they are not eligible for provincial health insurance or the federal interim health program; Whereas this situation is a major public health issue in a number of regions in Canada;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The NDP call for the interim federal health program to be extended to any Canadian resident who has an active file with Immigration Canada. The NDP call for the provincial, territorial and federal governments to sign agreements to ensure that all Canadian residents receive the health care their condition requires regardless of their financial or immigration status.

3-34-18 Campaigning for a National Dental Care Plan

Oxford

Whereas a national dental plan would save Canada billions of dollars and is urgently needed to improve public health, especially of the poor and those with no private insurance,

Therefore be it resolved that the NDP actively campaign for a national dental care plan.

3-35-18 Investing in Mental Healthcare

Battlefords--Lloydminster

Whereas mental healthcare is woefully under-funded across Canada and treated in a different way from other forms of healthcare which allows people with serious mental health challenges to go without appropriate counselling, community supports, and healthcare. And whereas northern Saskatchewan continues to face an epidemic of suicides among Indigenous youth.

Be It Resolved that the NDP supports broad-based public investments in mental healthcare, through Federal funding to ensure that access to mental healthcare is available across Canada and with particular attention to northern and remote regions. This funding should ensure that Canadians have timely, appropriate, and publicly-funded access to health care in the same way that healthcare is available for physical ailments.

3-36-18 Harm Reduction

Notre-Dame-de-Grâce--Westmount

WHEREAS illicit drug use and harmful use of legal drugs is a multi-faceted phenomenon in Canada that can be a result of trauma, poverty, discrimination or social inequality. WHEREAS full abstinence from drugs is not a pragmatic solution for all users including some users in crisis.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government commit to undertaking research, analysis, advocacy and strengthening the capacity of civil society to engage in harm reduction and drug reform initiatives. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will implement measures to reduce the harms resulting from policies relating to the use of illicit drugs and harmful uses of legal drugs, using a non-judgemental approach.

3-37-18 Trans Health Services

Guelph, Ottawa South, Ottawa West--Nepean, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Selkirk--Interlake--Eastman, Ottawa Centre, Pickering--Uxbridge, Orléans, New Democratic Youth of Canada , UONDP

“WHEREAS despite the passage of Bill C-16, transgender people in many jurisdictions still face unnecessary gatekeeping in access to necessary health services; WHEREAS receiving medical treatments such as hormone replacement therapy (HRT) and gender confirmation surgery (GRS) in a timely and respectful fashion is life-saving to many transgender people;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clauses be added to Section 6.3 of the Policy Book:

J. Including coverage of medications used in HRT, as well as GRS, mastectomy, and permanent hair removal in any Pharmacare plan proposed by an NDP government;;

K. Increasing the total number of service providers adequately trained to provide trans health services;

L. Encouraging provincial governments to support the creation of queer/trans-specific positions in all community health centres and post-secondary institution health centres, including in rural areas;

M. Increasing funding to queer/trans health research.”

3-38-18 Medical Assistive Devices

Guelph, Ottawa South, Fredericton, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Selkirk--Interlake--Eastman, Pickering--Uxbridge, Orléans, New Democratic Youth of Canada, Ottawa--Vanier, UONDP

“WHEREAS medical assistive devices are critical to patient care, enriching the lives of Canadians with disabilities and opening treatment opportunities; AND WHEREAS the costs of medical assistive devices are prohibitive and outside of the means of many Canadians, particularly those who already face setbacks as a result of their disabilities;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 3.1 (e) in the policy book be amended to read:
 e. Reducing costs by providing funding for provincial and territorial pharmacare programs, coordinating the bulk purchase of pharmaceutical drugs and medical assistive devices, and encouraging the use of less expensive generic drugs.
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federal New Democrats include a schedule to roll out funding for medical assistive devices within its universal pharmacare plan.”

3-39-18 Universal Dental Care

Vancouver East, Vancouver Kingsway

Whereas oral health is a critical part of the overall health of every Canadian; And Whereas millions of Canadians lack insurance coverage and cannot afford to pay for medically necessary dental procedures;

Be it resolved that the NDP advocate for the addition of universal coverage for all medically necessary dental care to Canada’s public health care system.

3-40-18 Including Pharmaceuticals under Canada's Health Care plan

Vancouver Quadra

Under Canada’s Health Care Act, inpatients’ pharmaceuticals are covered. Yet there is significant variation in coverage from province to province for patients discharged to the community (for instance, after day surgery). The need to modernize coverage was pointed out in 2002 by the Romanow Commission and the Kirby committee of the Canadian Senate. ¹

Prescription drugs are increasingly expensive and thus inaccessible to many Canadians otherwise covered by Medicare. Besides, drug prices vary from province to province means there is inequity between provinces. Our universal health care plan is thus not “universal.” Although the plan provides basic coverage, the cost of prescription drugs makes our healthcare neither universal nor affordable for an increasing number of Canadian residents dependent on prescription drugs for their health and well-being.

Be it Resolved that: 1. The Federal NDP continue to strongly encourage the inclusion of pharmaceuticals under Canada’s Health Care plan by: (a) Insisting that the Federal Government include pharmaceutical coverage under Canada’s Healthcare Plan; (b) Continuing to speak with individuals and groups across Canada to acquire information and to get support to extend Canada’s healthcare coverage to include prescription drugs under the national health care plan; (c) Presenting private members’ bills in Parliament on this matter, along with pertinent evidence, and advertising it broadly; (d) Working closely with our provincial associations and elected NDP members at every level to highlight problems of pharmaceutical coverage, equality, and affordability for every Canadian.

Be it resolved as well that: 2. The Federal NDP continue to press the Federal Government and the Ministry of Health to support the domestic manufacture and purchase of additional numbers of generic drugs, thus reducing costs to governments and consumers alike.

Romanow Commission Report (2002).

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/health-care-system/health-human-resources/strategy/romanow-commission.html> Kirby Report to the Canadian Senate (2002).

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/health-care-system/health-human-resources/strategy/kirby-report.html>

3-41-18 HIV Decriminalization

Ottawa South, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Ottawa Centre, Orléans, New Democratic Youth of Canada , UONDP

WHEREAS HIV-positive people often face stigma, discrimination, and violence if they disclose their status; WHEREAS HIV-positive people are frequently jailed for consensual sex with reasonable measures to prevent transmission for failing to disclose their status; WHEREAS a criminalized approach to HIV transmission is senselessly punitive and harmful to public-health measures;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clauses be added to section 3.8 of the Policy Book:

J. Establishing new guidelines on HIV non-disclosure that centre public health and harm reduction in place of needless criminalization, and encouraging provincial counterparts to comply with these guidelines;

K. Establishing a mechanism to automatically pardon and compensate all individuals with criminal records for failure to disclose HIV positive status when reasonable measures to prevent transmission have been taken.

3-42-18 Public Assisted Living Facilities for Canadian's with Mental Health Issues

Parkdale--High Park

Whereas the lack of appropriate housing for Canadians with mental health issues often leads to either homelessness or people being placed in standard rental housing where they are, in reality, often isolated and otherwise under-served,

Be it resolved that a national housing strategy should include public assisted living facilities where Canadians with mental health issues are properly cared for and provided with necessary medical supports and social programming.

3-43-18 No Taxes on Medical Marijuana

London West

Whereas medical marijuana is a legitimate prescription treatment for pain resulting from a variety of debilitating health conditions and whereas the Liberal government's proposed excise tax on medical marijuana will affect thousands of patients with prescriptions Whereas over 200,000 Canadian patients rely on medical marijuana for effective relief of symptoms associated with these conditions

Be it resolved that the NDP opposes the imposition of the GST, the HST, and any excise tax on medical marijuana.

3-44-18 Work Integration Strategies

London West

WHEREAS poverty is commonly an intergenerational problem; WHEREAS the federal government's practice of removing income supports soon after workforce re-entry is a barrier to permanently escaping poverty; WHEREAS the absence of adequate childcare may dissuade parents, especially single women, from seeking employment or the necessary training/education to gain employment;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clauses be added to Section 3.4.d of the policy book: 3.4.d Launching a national strategy to eliminate poverty in Canada, including: • Use of work integration strategies (e.g. two-generational) that provide supports for both parents and children simultaneously; Provision of transitional income support and tax relief after workforce re-entry until a sustainable income is achieved.

3-45-18 Marijuana Pardon

Toronto--St. Paul's

Whereas the criminalization and stigma suffered by Canadians arrested for marijuana possession has had generational impact; And whereas the social harm inflicted has debilitated the careers and travel opportunities as well as community standing of tens of thousands of Canadians since 2015.

Be it resolved that an NDP Government:

- a) Pardon all those convicted of marijuana possession, and
- b) Issue an official apology to those convicted.

3-46-18 Homes for the Homeless

Peterborough--Kawartha

Whereas we say to the poorest of the poor: "Because you do not have enough money, you cannot have a home you can call your own; you are denied the 'human rights' associated with money; you must sleep, failing the generosity of others, on the ground, without shelter, with whatever you can beg or scrounge to eat and few or no bathroom privileges"; and Whereas, that we tolerate homelessness is obscene in the extreme;

Be It Resolved that section 3.4 of the Policy book be amended to read: That a New Democratic government will eliminate homelessness by providing homes, not just shelters, to all who cannot afford a place of their own.

3-47-18 Denticare

Charleswood--St. James--Assiniboia--Headingley

Whereas, healthy teeth are a key component of overall health and well-being of all people;

Whereas, dental procedures such as fillings, crowns, root canals and the like are very expensive and out of reach for lower income people and seniors, especially if they are not insured by private insurance plans;

Be It Resolved, that upon forming federal government, the NDP initiate discussions with the dental profession and Canadians to establish a Denticare program modelled after Medicare;

Further resolved, that in the meantime, the federal NDP advocate for such a program both within and outside the House of Commons.

3-48-18 Guaranteed income program

Toronto--St. Paul's

Whereas the current combination of Employment Insurance, workers compensation schemes and provincial social support programs still allow for scenarios where Canadians are left with either marginal incomes or no income at all,

And whereas every Canadian deserves economic security, And whereas there is great potential for improving social and health outcomes by guaranteeing each Canadian an income,

Therefore be it resolved the NDP advocate for a national guaranteed income program, one that respects provincial autonomy, while guaranteeing each Canadian a taxable monthly income payment.

3-49-18 Universal Basic income for everyone

Courtenay--Alberni

WHEREAS 1 in 7 Canadians live in poverty (approximately 4.9 million people), and; WHEREAS it is unacceptable that persons living with disabilities, people of color, elderly persons, women, people that identify as LGBTQ2+ and Indigenous people are disproportionately likely to face poverty, and;

WHEREAS automation and increased work efficiency is dramatically changing the annual demand for labour person-hours, traditionally serviced by entry-level labour careers, and;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP will seek to create a national dialogue about implementing a Universal Basic Income program, where every person in Canada receives monthly subsidy that is guaranteed to keep them above the Low Income Cut-Off (LICO) line.

3-50-18 Adoption of the Ontario Accord GIPA/MIPA

Nipissing--Timiskaming

Be it resolved that, in the opinion of the New Democratic Party (NDP), the membership of the NDP should officially adopt the Ontario Accord GIPA/MIPA and urge this membership of the NDP to ensure the greater involvement and meaningful engagement of people living with HIV/AIDS in all decisions, taken across Canada, that relate to health, well-being and dignity with and affected by HIV.

3-51-18 Universal Access to Prescription Birth Control

Saanich--Gulf Islands, South Surrey--White Rock, Vancouver Kingsway

WHEREAS cost is often a barrier to people accessing prescription birth control; and WHEREAS the cost of prescription birth control falls disproportionately on women, and especially on women who may already face barriers to accessing sexual and reproductive health care;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 3.1 k of the policy book be amended to read:

3.1 New Democrats believe in:

k. Establishing a comprehensive policy on reproductive health, including free universal access to prescription birth control.

3-52-18 Accroître le SV et le SRG

Papineau

Whereas the importance of everyone is important and is entitled to live in dignity;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT It is proposed that a clarification be added to paragraph 3.7(a) of the NDP Policy Book, as follows: "Maintaining the universality of Old Age Security (OAS) and increasing the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) funding up to the low income cutoff calculated by Statistics Canada."

3-53-18 Eliminating Domestic Post-Secondary Tuition Fees

York South--Weston

Whereas tuition fees are a significant barrier to universal post-secondary education, particularly for low-income and other marginalized persons,

Be it resolved that Chapter 3, Section 3.2d be amended to read, "Eliminating domestic tuition fees by working in collaboration with provincial governments."

3-54-18 Dental Care as a part of Medicare

Churchill--Keewatinook Aski

Be it resolved that the Federal NDP supports and calls on the Federal government to include dental care in universal Medicare. Dental care is an important part of a person overall health

3-55-18 Role Out of National Poverty Reduction Campaign

Mississauga--Lakeshore

WHEREAS Canada's New Democrats, and its predecessor parties, are the historic champions to fight against the root causes of poverty for all people in Canada;
 WHEREAS at its 2016 National Convention, Canada's New Democrats adopted Policy Resolution 3-02-16: Implementing a National Poverty Reduction Campaign
 WHEREAS Canada's New Democrats want no more time to be lost in creating and implementing solutions for the eradication of poverty;
 WHEREAS New Democrats everywhere urgently wish to gather, learn from and share information from all of Canada's anti poverty champions for the beneficial use of Canada's New Democratic Party

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Canada's New Democratic Party will immediately role out a National Poverty Reduction Campaign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Canada's New Democratic Party will immediately identify and establish at Federal Council a new, distinct and dedicated anti-poverty role with a purpose and responsibility to animate and champion the implementation of a National Poverty Reduction Campaign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Canada's New Democratic Party will dedicate the anti-poverty role on Federal Council to actively attract, connect with, gather, learn from and share the information of Canada's anti poverty champions and activists for the beneficial use of Canada's New Democratic Party at every level;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Canada's New Democratic Party will call upon each and every provincial and territorial council to create a dedicated anti-poverty role that will connect with and mirror the one at Federal Council, to thus extend the reach of a nimble and robust communication network which will engage New Democrats with anti-poverty champions and activists in Canada at every level.

3-56-18 Unconditional Basic Income

Winnipeg Centre, Etobicoke--Lakeshore, Guelph, Toronto--St. Paul's

WHEREAS direct cash transfers have been shown to empower individuals, support small businesses, and eliminate the stigma of poverty;

WHEREAS frontline service providers deserve a supportive work environment that allows them to focus on their efforts to address the negative impacts of poverty, and which reduces barriers to access for service recipients;

WHEREAS the NDP membership has affirmed the principle of a basic income guarantee in 2016;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP caucus will take a leadership role in the creation of a progressive, unconditional basic income that operates within the framework of a comprehensive social support network, which empowers frontline service providers to deliver appropriate supports to clients and address the root causes of poverty.

3-57-18 National Forensic Psychology Training for Police

Saanich--Gulf Islands, South Surrey--White Rock

Whereas many lesser known types of abuse can go undetected and may not be taken seriously;
Whereas such abuse can escalate in severity;
Whereas police can enable abusers, due to a lack of training;
Whereas trust in police is needed for survivors to feel safe, heal, and participate in society;

Be it resolved that the following clause be added to Section 3.9 of the policy book:

3.1. New Democrats believe in:

j. Providing consistent forensic psychological training for all law enforcement officers, to ensure that victims are treated fairly, and that abuse such as “gaslighting” (a form of manipulation that causes the victim to question or second guess their reality) are addressed.

3-58-18 Adoption of \$10 Childcare Policy

Beaches--East York

Whereas Canada ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which includes commitments regarding families’ rights to benefit from child care services;
Whereas Child care in Canada is in crisis with insufficient licensed, quality spaces and prices increasing well above inflation rates and what many parents can afford;

Therefore BIRT the NDP adopt ACORN Canadas call for \$10 and change in child care which includes: Child Care Should be Affordable • A geared to income sliding fee scale capped at \$10/ day • Set limits on the amount child care centres can charge parents

Accessible • Increase the number of child care centres and spaces in under served communities • Increase funding to centres to expand programming

Child Care Should be Fair • Funding programs based on fair wages for Registered ECEs • Everyone who works in a Child Care Centre should be paid a living wage

3-59-18 Eliminate Tuition and Student Debt

Niagara Centre, Etobicoke North, Mount Royal

Whereas the cost of post-secondary tuition has skyrocketed in recent years; and
Whereas many students are now graduating from post-secondary institutions with student-debt of over \$60,000 each; therefore

Be it resolved that the NDP actively support student campaigns and protests to rapidly reduce and abolish student tuition fees and any further interest payments on student debt. Be it resolved that the NDP if elected to government, would ensure that federal funding for education imposes requirements on the provinces to immediately freeze tuition fees, and through annual reductions, eliminate tuition fees completely within five years.

3-60-18 Resolution on the study of a guaranteed minimum income

Québec

WHEREAS Canada's great wealth is not distributed in a way that would eliminate the persistent scourge of poverty, various initiatives to combat poverty have failed and our Leap Manifesto raises the concept of a guaranteed minimum income;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP study the advantages and disadvantages of a guaranteed minimum income program that could become a part of our platform for the 2019 general election if it were shown that it could improve quality of life and eliminate the phenomenon of poverty. The study will need to cover such matters as 1) Economies of scale for combining various elements of our social safety net; 2) The effects of reducing poverty rates in terms of lowering our health system costs and crime rates; 3) Federal-provincial-municipal considerations; 4) The effects on labour and employment incentives and how to control them.

3-61-18 Improving Canada's Criminal Justice Process

Kanata--Carleton, Ottawa West--Nepean

Whereas community safety and the integrity and success of the criminal justice process will result, in great part, from an empirical, rights-based and rehabilitative approach to incarceration and conditional release

Be it resolved that Policy 3.8 be amended and modified to include; Justice and Public Safety: New Democrats believe in: A. Enhancing community safety through effective crime prevention, especially with respect to youth and gangs, and providing prisoners and parolees the opportunity, means and resources to succeed in the community; B. Enhancing effective corrections through safe and humane custody of offenders and measures that safeguard the rights, health and dignity of offenders and staff while limiting the restrictiveness of custody to what is necessary for the safety and security of institutions. Be it further resolved that Policy 3.8 be amended and modified to include Fair and Effective Correctional Policies: New Democrats believe in: A. Limiting the unnecessary or arbitrary isolation of prisoners and providing timely, independent review of segregation decisions; B. Providing offenders with education and training that will permit them to meet the demands of 21st century; C. Providing fair compensation for inmate work commensurate with at least the applicable provincial minimum wage, minus reasonable deductions for food, accommodation and clothing.

Be it further resolved that Policy 3.8 be amended to include: Combating Discrimination in Corrections New Democrats believe in A. Addressing and resolving the problem of over-representation and systemic persecution of Indigenous and Afro-Canadian offenders; B. Accommodating the rights and needs of prisoners with disabilities or who are members of the LGBTQ2S communities; C. Addressing the re-victimization of women offenders and providing them with sentences and environments appropriate to their needs as women and mothers; D. Ensuring that offenders with mental conditions and illnesses are provided timely effective treatment, preferably in a community health care setting.

3-62-18 Dedicated Post-Secondary Education Transfer

Mississauga Centre

WHEREAS a majority of jobs today require completion of Post-Secondary Education WHEREAS tuition has outpaced inflation by 601% over the past 20 years WHEREAS post-secondary institutions in Canada are widely underfunded as a result of cuts to funding post-secondary institutions initiated by the Liberal government under Chretien WHEREAS due to the underfunding of post-secondary education, post-secondary institutions have been forced to make up for funding by charge extremely high tuition WHEREAS extremely high tuition is unaffordable to most students and students as a result have to take up large debts to be able to go to school

BE IT RESOLVED that the following clause be added to Section 3.2 of the policy book: 3.2 New Democrats believe in: g. introducing a Post-Secondary Education Act which will include a dedicated Post-Secondary Transfer, separate from the Canadian Social Transfer which will mimic the Canadian Health Act and Canadian Health Transfer where the federal government will transfer funds to province where they will use the funds for funding post-secondary education

3-63-18 Implementation of a basic income guarantee

Ottawa West--Nepean

WHEREAS every Canadian deserves to live in dignity;
WHEREAS federal and provincial social programs are not sufficient to prevent poverty and ensure that every Canadian can afford the basic necessities of life;
WHEREAS the growth of precarious work and automation threaten the economic security of many more Canadians in the future;
WHEREAS basic income like programs have already helped to dramatically reduce poverty rates for Canadian seniors;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to Section 3.4 of the policy book:
3.4 New Democrats believe in: e. Supporting and working toward the implementation of a basic income guarantee.

3-64-18 Access to Abortion

New Democratic Youth of Canada , Fredericton

Whereas many provinces continue to have undue burdens placed on those seeking to have abortions,
Whereas in many provinces access to abortion continues to be restricted for those on low incomes or who must travel to receive an abortion,

Be it resolved that Section 3.1, article k of the NDP policy book be amended to the following clause; (new words in brackets)

K. Establishing a comprehensive policy on reproductive health [which would include creating more stringent standards for abortion access within the Canada Health Act for provinces to be eligible to receive the Canada Health Transfer].

3-65-18 Mental Health Strategy

Vaudreuil--Soulanges

Whereas 1 in 5 Canadians suffer annually from a mental illness; Whereas the economic cost to Canada is at least \$50 billion dollars a year; Whereas the Liberal government promised to increase mental health funding to 8-10% of the healthcare budget and then broke that promise;

Be it resolved that the NDP amend section 3.1 of its policy book to include a strategy for mental health; Be it further resolved that a new NDP government increase funding to mental health services to at least 10% of the national healthcare budget; Be it further resolved that a new NDP government recommend funding community based mental health services by psychological and social work therapists under provincial medicare programs; Be it further resolved that the NDP urge the current government to immediately implement and fund a child's right to receive eight publicly funded visits to a psychologist per year.

3-66-18 Pharmacare and Dental Care as part of the Canada Health Act

York South--Weston

Whereas it is the Canada Health Act which gives rise to our system of public funding for health services, and a significant portion of necessary health costs are not covered by provincial plans,

Be it resolved that Chapter 3, Section 3.1e be deleted and replaced by "That the Canada Health Act be amended to include the provision of drugs, biologicals and related preparations, and the provision of basic and restorative dental care under the definition of 'insured services' in section 2 of the act."

3-67-18 Taxable Basic Income above LICO

Kootenay--Columbia

Whereas tax reform will pay for a Basic Income and a sustainable economic Transition Strategy that puts Workers First;

Whereas a Basic Income to eliminate poverty and inequality reflects Quebec's evolution; and,

Whereas a Basic Income for First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples is crucial to Nation-to-Nation Reconciliation;

Therefore, be it resolved: that the NDP affirms in principle the establishment of a taxable Basic Income supplement to eliminate poverty and inequality for all Canadians - including workers, indigenous people, students, seniors, veterans and permanent residents - to ensure that no one falls below the low-income cut-off or LICO line;

That the NDP makes a firm commitment to establish a Basic Income for all Canadians in the next election; and,

Finally, that an NDP government will establish a Basic Income for all Canadians in its first term in office.

3-68-18 Support Stop the Killing, Enforce the Law

University--Rosedale

Whereas over 1,000 Canadian workers die on the job each year, without a single corporate director or executive going to jail, though the Westray Criminal Code Amendments became law 14 years ago;
And whereas a nation-wide Stop the Killing, Enforce the Law campaign has been endorsed by hundreds of municipalities;

Be It Resolved that the NDP will work with the Minister of Justice and the Justice Department to ensure corporate officers are held accountable to the Criminal Code regarding workplace deaths and serious injuries, and ensure that the Minister of Justice and the Justice Department work with their provincial counterparts to develop education and training for frontline officers and provincial authorities on the Criminal Code responsibilities for corporations and their officers regarding workplace deaths and serious injuries.

3-69-18 Child care, Health Transfer and free tuition are 2019 priorities

CUPE, CUPE Ontario

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Democratic Party include the following as priorities in its 2019 campaign platform:

- A national, affordable, high quality, accessible, universal, not-for-profit child care program; and
- The restoration of Canada Health Transfer payments at least to the levels in effect before they were reduced by the Harper and Trudeau governments; and
- Dedicated federal transfers that will move Canada toward free post-secondary education.

3-70-18 Decriminalization of Sex Work

Fredericton, New Democratic Youth of Canada

Whereas the NDP is a feminist party,
Whereas the criminalization of sex work is extremely harmful for the well-being and safety of sex workers,

Be it resolved that Section 3.8 of the NDP policy book be amended to add the following clause;

J. The decriminalization of sex work.

3-71-18 Blood Alcohol Level

Waterloo, Guelph

Whereas many Canadian jurisdictions already impose non-criminal penalties on drivers with blood alcohol content of .05 to .07 (including license suspensions and seizure of vehicles);

Whereas many scientific studies have demonstrated significant deviation from the norm of optimal driving skill, at blood alcohol levels over .05 (including impaired judgment, lowered alertness, reduced coordination, reduced ability to track moving objects, difficulty steering, and reduced response to emergency driving situations);

Whereas researchers at the University of Chicago have estimated that lowering the legal limit for blood alcohol content to .05 would save 1800 American lives each year; Whereas the American National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has recommended since 2013 that states lower the legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level while driving from .08 to .05 or lower;

Whereas a survey of 20 comparable countries by the Canada Safety Council showed that 16 have a blood alcohol concentration limit .05 or lower while only four have a nation-wide BAC of .08 or higher;

Be it resolved that an NDP government would amend the Criminal Code to lower the legal blood alcohol content (BAC) limit from .08 to .05.

3-72-18 Civilian Oversight of RCMP & Matching Social Funding

York South--Weston

Whereas the RCMP serves as the local police body in many Canadian communities; and Whereas the RCMP and other police bodies have exhibited behaviour towards marginalized, low-income and racially-marginalized communities that cries out for external, independent oversight; and Whereas the historical under-resourcing of these communities has increased the poverty, lack of opportunity and other social conditions which heighten the perceived need for higher law enforcement activity; and Whereas increased police presence by itself will not remedy the problems generating the demand for that presence

Be it resolved that the following clauses be added to Section 3.9 of the policy book: j. Implementing civilian oversight of the RCMP and all police bodies k. Matching funding increases to the RCMP with funding to Indigenous, racially-marginalized, low-income, LGBTQ2S+ communities, and other equity-seeking groups.

3-73-18 Student representation on Canadian decision-making bodies

Québec

Be it resolved that 1. a paragraph g be added to section 3.2 of the Policy Book: "Increasing student representation on decision-making bodies within the education sector, including research councils in Canada"; 2. the NDP call on the Government, in particular the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and the Minister of Science, regarding the creation of student seats on the boards of directors of Canadian research councils (NSERC, SSHRC and CIHR); 3. the NDP take a position and work to create such seats; 4. the NDP support student associations working on the creation of such seats and, more generally, improvement of the circumstances of students across the country.

3-74-18 Guaranteed Annual Income for all

Beaches--East York

Whereas work is increasingly precarious, provides insufficient income, and is threatened by automation.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the NDP actively campaign for, and seek to legislate, a guaranteed annual income for all residents of Canada.

3-75-18 Increasing post-secondary education transfer

Kings--Hants

Be It Resolved That Section 3.2 of the NDP Policy book be amended to read as follows:

3.2 (b) Increasing post-secondary education transfer to provinces and territories to at least pre-1990 levels of support.

3.2 (c) Measures to halt the present commodification of higher education as seen in unduly large class sizes, high student fees (in addition to the present punitive high tuitions), reduced full-time faculty and support staff positions, dependence on contract works and, in general, to ensure high standards of instruction.

3-76-18 Expand Medicare to Include Dental and Mental Healthcare

Fredericton, New Democratic Youth of Canada

WHEREAS Dental care and Mental Healthcare are essential aspects of HealthCare and are a right of all people, WHEREAS New Democrats believe in making healthcare a right, universally accessible and free at the point of use,

BE IT RESOLVED that section 3.1 article O of the NDP policy book to be amended to the following; (New words in bold) O. Working towards the establishment of a national healthcare council to ensure that the Canada Health Act is enforced and the range of services extended to include home care, palliative care, [dental care, mental health care] and prescription drugs.

3-77-18 Improving literacy, numeracy and PS-TRE

Saint-Hyacinthe--Bagot

WHEREAS • more than 49% of the population has serious deficits in literacy, numeracy and problem solving in technology-rich environments (PS-TRE) (OECD surveys, 2003 and 2011); • people with such deficits suffer more from health problems, unemployment and social isolation; to maintain their skills and develop new ones (IT); • such deficits affect the Canadian economy, business productivity, shortages of skilled labour, civic engagement and our social system; • a society cannot reach its full potential if one in two people are excluded;

It is therefore proposed that a new item be added to Chapter 1 of the Policy Book: New Democrats believe in: Significantly improving literacy, numeracy and problem solving in technology-rich environments (PS-TRE) for the general population by

- 1.

1. adding a training program geared to unemployed people and job seekers as part of the EI system, using the current francisation program as a model, with sufficient direct financial support to participants;

2. developing a national strategy for this purpose in collaboration with the provinces;
- 3.

3. working with the provinces to develop training programs that are relevant to continuous training and adult education, including through direct financial aid to participants.

3-78-18 Defining the Concept of Basic Income

Spadina--Fort York

WHEREAS the concept of “Basic Income” is currently poorly defined, and may be co-opted by others for the purpose of reducing or eliminating Canada’s social safety net; WHEREAS any Basic Income strategy that is morally and socially just needs to be defined as universal, unconditional and provides a living wage;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be added to Section 3 of the Policy Book: New Democrats believe in implementing a basic income that is: • Universal; • Unconditional; • Provides a living wage; • Does not replace or is used to justify the elimination of any other forms of social assistance or welfare, and is not funded by doing so, except in cases of obvious redundancy; • And is received directly and at regular, predictable intervals. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Democrats will not support any legislation for a proposed Basic Income that fails to meet the above criteria.

3-79-18 Basic Income Guarantee & PEI Pilot Project

Charlottetown

Whereas early evidence on the implementation of a Basic Income Guarantee by the New Democratic Party government of Manitoba from 1974 to 1979 indicated that it produced noticeable improvements in social and economic equality and efficiency, including improved outcomes in health, education and employment, among other areas, and

Whereas these positive results have been reflected in similar projects in other jurisdictions, and

Whereas a Basic Income Guarantee is in keeping with the basic principles of the New Democratic Party and its quest for social justice, and

Whereas the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island has formally requested that the government of Canada join with it in conducting a pilot project using a Basic Income Guarantee throughout the province of Prince Edward Island

Therefore be it resolved that the New Democratic Party of Canada reiterate its support for the principles of an adequate and appropriate Basic Income Guarantee, and

Be it further resolved that the New Democratic Party of Canada urge the government of Canada to accept the invitation of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island to join with it in conducting a pilot project using a Basic Income Guarantee throughout the province of Prince Edward Island, and

Be it further resolved that when the New Democratic Party of Canada forms the government of Canada that it will accept the invitation of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island to join with it in conducting a pilot project using a Basic Income Guarantee throughout the province of Prince Edward Island.

3-80-18 Reducing Mortality Among Drug Addicts

Peterborough--Kawartha

Whereas many of the acute deaths of drug addicts are due to drugs whose effect is higher than expected or are contaminated with other drugs, for just one example, cocaine mixed with an unknown quantity of fentanyl; and Whereas many long-term deaths of drug addicts are due to drugs to which compounds such as talcum powder have been added to dilute the drug resulting in “Junky*” lung disease;

Therefore, be it resolved that section 3.1 of the Policy Book be amended to read: 1) a New Democratic government will provide drugs of the same types as street drugs but produced to the same standard that the best quality pharmaceuticals are, with no contaminants and free of charge; and 2) addicts to whom the pharmaceutical grade drugs are administered will be offered counselling designed to help them break the habit.

3-81-18 National Plan on Homelessness

Saskatoon West

Whereas New Democrats believe in implementing a national strategy to ensure secure, adequate, accessible and affordable housing for Canadians; Whereas New Democrats believe a strategy to eliminate poverty should include a focus on the core priorities of income security, social inclusion, and housing;

Be It Resolved that the Federal New Democratic Party of Canada call on the government of Canada to appoint a special committee to conduct hearings and propose a national plan on homelessness in Canada; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federal New Democratic Party of Canada utilize community-based organizing to mobilize Canadians around the impacts of homelessness and that this will be a priority when the NDP forms Canada’s first NDP Federal Government.

3-82-18 National Affordable Childcare Program

Vancouver East

WHEREAS Budget 2017 provides exactly zero dollars in new funding for childcare spaces; WHEREAS future funding for childcare over the next decade is nowhere near adequate to fill the need for childcare spaces; WHEREAS childcare costs have risen by more than 8% in the past 2 years and could reach as high as \$1,600 month per child in some cities;

Be It Resolved that the NDP urge Canada to adopt a national affordable childcare program.

1-01-18 Équité fiscale

Lac-Saint-Jean, Rosemont--La Petite-Patrie

WHEREAS 1. Canada loses close to \$8 billion annually in tax revenues due to the fraudulent use of tax havens; 2. The NDP is fighting for a more just and equitable society and tax havens are a barrier to achieving this goal;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT 1. renegotiate tax treaties and tax information sharing agreements to prevent corporations from bringing profits from tax havens back to Canada without paying tax; 2. amend the Canada Revenue Agency's voluntary disclosure program to include penalties and interest for those engaging in fraudulent activities; 3. compel multinationals to demonstrate that they perform real economic functions in a country in order to obtain tax exemptions; 4. Give the CRA more power to initiate legal action; and 5. Set up a central public registry of companies.

1-02-18 End Pension Theft

Nipissing--Timiskaming, Hamilton Mountain, Thornhill, Québec

Whereas, Canada's bankruptcy laws give priority to investors, banks, and parent companies over workers' pensions and benefits; and
Whereas companies in Canada use inadequate bankruptcy laws to effectively gain concessions from employees and escape responsibility for huge pension deficits while workers face of reduced pensions and healthcare benefits ; and

Be It Resolved That the Federal NDP call on the federal government to support legislation protecting the retirement security of hardworking Canadians by fixing federal bankruptcy laws so that workers' pensions and health benefits are given the same consideration as banks, investors or parent companies during proceeding under the Companies Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA).

Be It Further Resolved That the Federal NDP call on the federal government to support PMB C-384 which levels the playing field for Canadian workers during CCAA proceedings so workers' pensions and health benefits are given the same consideration as secured creditors.

1-03-18 Closing Tax Loopholes

Davenport, Beaches--East York

Be it resolved that the NDP recognize that there are many gaping loopholes in Canada's tax code that are used primarily by the wealthiest among us in order to grow and protect their wealth, at a time of striking income and wealth inequality; Be it further resolved that an NDP government would close the preferential treatment of stock options and increasing the inclusion rate for capital gains for CEOs; and aggressively crack down on the use of tax havens.

1-04-18 Resolutions against airport privatization

Québec

WHEREAS the national system of airports represents strategic assets that are essential to the Canadian economy and they are among the best in the world in terms of infrastructure investment; WHEREAS the current governance model for the national airports system ensures that the interests of the local economy are among the priorities of airport boards of directors; WHEREAS Canadians have contributed to the construction and development of airport infrastructures, and airports are public infrastructures owned by Canadians; WHEREAS airport privatization is being studied by Credit Suisse Bank, which is in a conflict of interest because it invests in the purchase of airports; WHEREAS the Advisory Council on Economic Growth, chaired by Dominic Breton, recommended the establishment of a Canadian Infrastructure Bank and an injection of \$40M in public funds to attract \$160M in private funds; WHEREAS privatization of the national airport system will increase user fees and adversely affect the quality of services, as shareholders will seek to generate large profits at the expense of passengers; WHEREAS the majority of the public, the airports in Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa and Montreal and Air Canada pilots are opposed to airport privatization;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party strongly oppose the privatization of our airports so that they can remain the property of Canadians and call on the government to completely abandon any plans to liquidate our public infrastructures.

1-05-18 Target Pension Plans

Regina--Qu'Appelle

Whereas Target Pension Plans disproportionately shift more financial risk onto employees and pensioners compared to employees,
Whereas Target Pension Plans give no pension guarantees to employees and pensioners, and therefore they are at risk of having their already earned benefits clawed back even after they retire,
Whereas the vast majority of unions and the President of the Canada Labour Congress, Hassan Yussuff, are against the introduction of Target Pension Plans,

Be it resolved that the Federal NDP oppose any legislation that would allow Crown Corporations or federally regulated sectors to introduce Target Pension Plans to their employees and pensions.

1-06-18 Supporting Co-operatives

Port Moody--Coquitlam, Beaches--East York, Timmins--James Bay, Orléans

WHEREAS Co-operatives are a way to structure an enterprise. Different from a business, co-ops are controlled not by owners but by their members, who actively participate in setting their politics and making decisions. WHEREAS Co-operatives struggle because Canadian and provincial laws and regulations favor the business enterprise models

BIRT All business tax incentives, credits and other financial measures should be made available equally to co-operatives.

BIFRT Services, fees and turnaround time for co-operatives accessing Corporations Canada services should cost the same as Business corporations and take the same amount of time.

BIFRT Canada creates a Co-operative Investment Plan that annually provides funds for the development of co-ops and incentivizes existing members to invest in their co-operative.

1-07-18 Public Basic banking services to all Canadians

Etobicoke--Lakeshore, Guelph, Ottawa South, Ottawa West--Nepean, Fredericton, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Selkirk--Interlake--Eastman, Ottawa Centre, Pickering--Uxbridge, Orléans, New Democratic Youth of Canada , Ottawa--Vanier, Elmwood--Transcona, UONDP

WHEREAS the major banking institutions are currently inaccessible to many low-income Canadians; WHEREAS predatory banking and loan services are becoming increasingly prevalent in many low-income communities in Canada; WHEREAS a public banking option would create competition in an increasingly cartelized financial sector and lead to market pressures for accessible services;

BIRT the following clause be added to Section 1.8 of the Policy Book: 'h. Re-establishing a publicly owned and operated basic banking service accessible to all Canadians under the purview of Canada Post.'

1-08-18 Acting on the Naylor Report

Notre-Dame-de-Grâce--Westmount

WHEREAS the previous Conservative government drastically cut funding for basic R & D during all its years in office; WHEREAS the number of Canadian scientists working in basic research has dropped from 24% to 1.6% between 2006 and 2015 (source: Nature); WHEREAS the federal funding for fundamental R & D has decreased by 35% over the past 15 years; Whereas that the Federal Government, despite its fine words, is dragging its feet to follow up on the Report and attaches very little importance to the risks of brain drain; Whereas the diagnosis of Dr. David Naylor (former President of the University of Toronto, Researcher and Professor of Medicine) who chaired the Expert Panel: "Canada is no longer the research leader it was. Our competitiveness has eroded. We are no longer the nation, small, but superstar, that we sometimes think to be. "; Whereas that Canada's competitiveness and the future of Canadians are directly related to the dynamism of research and innovation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will concur with the recommendations of the Naylor Report; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will form a committee of scientific experts to follow up on the Report; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will provide support to basic research communities in Canada.

1-09-18 Marine Infrastructure

Nunavut

WHEREAS the Canadian north contains a majority of Canada's coastline; WHEREAS marine infrastructure in the form of ports, docks, and harbours in Canada's north are severely lacking; WHEREAS this lack of marine infrastructure has and continues to stifle economic development in the Canadian north; WHEREAS the safety of Indigenous northerners as coastal and marine peoples is negatively impacted by Canada's lack of northern marine infrastructure; WHEREAS marine infrastructure in Canada's north will support improved search and rescue, coast guard operations, tourism and economic development, and national security;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to Section.... Of the Policy Book: (X) Significantly increasing Federal investments in northern Marine Infrastructure to improve safety, security, economic development, and capacity in Canada's north.

1-10-18 Workplace Bullying

Ottawa South

WHEREAS victims of workplace bullying have a hard time getting EI due to the onus of victims to prove that they were bullied, making them feel like liars. WHEREAS many victims of workplace bullying resort to living on their savings or going on welfare instead of applying for EI in order to pay the rent.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following clause be amended to Section 3.6 of the Policy Book to say:

Improving access and eligibility to support programs like EI, re-training and skills development for small business owners, THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BULLIED IN THE WORKPLACE, and self-employed individuals."

1-11-18 Prosecuting Financial Institutions Using Unfair Practices

Hamilton Mountain

Whereas governments speak about clamping down against unfair practices from private banks and financial institutions; and Whereas there is little evidence that governments actually prosecute financial institutions for unfair practices.

Be It Resolved That Section 1.4 d. in the policy book be amended to read:

d. Protecting and prosecuting against unfair practices from financial institutions, large businesses, and foreign multinationals.

1-12-18 Support for Vegreville

Alberta Council of Electoral Districts

WHEREAS the federal Liberal government has decided to abandon working families in Vegreville, AB by shutting down the one of the town's largest employers, the Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Case Processing Centre (CPC) and are putting hundreds of people out a work AND WHEREAS the New Democratic Party of Canada has the backs of hardworking families across the country and in the province of Alberta and is committed to ensuring that their government not make things worse for working Albertans just as the economy is recovering

BE IT RESOLVED the New Democratic Party of Canada lobby the federal government to reverse this damaging decision and join the Alberta Government in their fight to support the people of Vegreville BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Democratic Party of Canada lobby the federal government to ensure that they also work with the people of Vegreville to not only create new jobs but to ensure that these good, mortgage-paying jobs stay in the community.

1-13-18 Wage Theft

Ottawa South

WHEREAS many employers practice wage theft with near impunity in many industries and professions;

WHEREAS employees are afraid to go to the proper authorities, whether it be their bosses or ministries of labour, due to the fear of retaliation due to their toxic workplace;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following clause be added to Section 1.12 of the Policy Book:

j) Employees deserve to earn their full paycheck, with strong repercussions for workplaces that commit wage theft, be it fines, settlements, loss of license to operate, etc.

1-14-18 National Rail Strategy

London--Fanshawe

WHEREAS an affordable, accessible and sustainable system of public transit is vital to properly functioning Canadian communities, and WHEREAS travel by rail provides a safe, affordable, accessible and environmentally sustainable option for Canadian passengers, and WHEREAS VIA Rail Canada lacks an appropriate mandate from the Federal Government;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal New Democratic Party of Canada implement a National Rail Strategy including a mandate for VIA Rail as outlined in Irene Mathysen's Private Member's Bill C370;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federal New Democratic Party of Canada utilize community-based organizing to mobilize Canadians around the issue of public transit by rail in its efforts to protect public rail transportation and the environment.

1-15-18 Royal Commission on Taxation

Toronto--Danforth

Whereas an NDP government will establish a commission similar to the 1966 Royal Commission on Taxation (the Carter Commission) with the mandate to study comprehensively and make recommendations on Canada's tax system at the same time as to study and make complementary recommendations on the structuring of a system of income security for all Canadians.

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1-16-18 Hi-Speed Rail

Toronto--St. Paul's

Whereas transportation infrastructure is a necessary and important foundation for a strong Canadian economy and national unity;

Whereas technological advancements in transportation require ongoing investment by governments;

Whereas Canada has failed to adequately upgrade its passenger rail network over many years;

And whereas passenger rail is more environmentally responsible than air or car travel;

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federal Government initiate a plan to build high-speed passenger rail capability along the Windsor-Quebec City, and Edmonton-Calgary corridors, as a first step to building high-speed passenger rail capacity across Canada and connecting to the United States of America.

1-17-18 Tax Havens

Davenport

Be it resolved that the use of tax havens undermines the government's ability to deliver services to the public and constitutes an unfair benefit to the wealthiest corporations and individuals; Be it further resolved that an NDP government would renegotiate and eliminate international tax treaties with foreign governments that act as tax havens; Be it further resolved that an NDP government would coordinate action with our allies around the world to work towards the elimination of offshore tax havens; Be it further resolved that the NDP would combat tax avoidance here at home by immediately closing tax loopholes, investing in aggressive efforts to identify and prosecute corporations and individuals engaged in tax evasion, and by overhauling corporate taxation law to crack down on white collar crime.

1-18-18 Mixed-Ownership Models

Ottawa South, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Selkirk--Interlake--Eastman, Ottawa Centre, Pickering--Uxbridge, Orléans, Ottawa--Vanier, UONDP

WHEREAS a truly free society can only be realized if democratic principles are extended into the economic sphere;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to Section 1.11 of the policy book:

c. Experimenting with models of public ownership that incorporate elements of the worker-owned cooperative model.

1-19-18 Social economy

Québec

WHEREAS the social economy is an expanding economic and social development vector; WHEREAS access to development capital and other financial products is strategic for any business, including social economy enterprises; WHEREAS it is necessary to develop another vision of investment that embodies the principles of social finance and solidarity; WHEREAS social economy and finance stakeholders are working to increase opportunities for investment by private partners; WHEREAS the federal government must continue to act as a financial partner in various ways;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP promote the development of financial products accessible to social economy enterprises, such as investment funds dedicated to collective enterprises and tax measures to encourage local investment in social economy initiatives.

1-20-18 Employee Pensions First

Charleswood--St. James--Assiniboia--Headingley

Whereas, when big corporations close their doors (ie: Sears) and creditors are the first in line to recover a portion of monies owing, putting the pensions of employees who have worked for such corporations at risk;

Be It Resolved, that the NDP urge the current federal government to change legislation so that employees' pensions are not at risk when such corporation close their doors

Further resolved, that an NDP federal government will amend legislation to put employees of such corporations first, not last.

1-21-18 Maintaining a class lens approach

Timmins--James Bay

Whereas the ultra-rich have stacked the economic deck in their favour through tax havens, pension theft, privatizing and austerity,

Be it resolved that the NDP stand up for Canadians being written off the political and economic map of our country and maintain a class lens on policy and political strategy.

1-22-18 Protecting Pensions and Benefits

CUPE

WHEREAS workers pensions and benefits are under attack, by both private corporations and governments;

WHEREAS the Liberal government introduced legislation that would permit employers to retroactively convert pension plans and break their contractual promises to workers and retirees.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following clause be added to Section 1.8 of the policy book:

1.8 New Democrats believe in:

(h) protecting workers from any legislation that permits employers to walk away from their defined benefit pension promises, and enshrining in legislation protections against two-tier pension and benefit plans.

1-23-18 Union Management of Pension Funds

Ottawa South, Fredericton, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Selkirk--Interlake--Eastman, Pickering--Uxbridge, Orléans, UONDP

WHEREAS workers rely on private pensions for a dignified standard of living in retirement;

WHEREAS the livelihood and retirement income security of workers is increasingly threatened by bankruptcies of corporations and greater precarity in the job market; and

WHEREAS unions prosper where they can offer services directly to their members;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clauses be added to Section 1.8:

h. Launching union managed pension funds and transferring company-managed retirement funds into them

1-24-18 Canada Infrastructure Bank

CUPE, CUPE Ontario

WHEREAS the Canada Infrastructure Bank will allow corporations, pension funds and the financial sector to profit from public infrastructure;

WHEREAS infrastructure privatization costs more than publicly-delivered projects, fosters inequality and hurts workers;

WHEREAS the Liberal government committed to provide low-cost financing for infrastructure;

WHEREAS public infrastructure belongs to all Canadians.

BE IT RESOLVED that the NDP:

- Campaign against the private, for-profit financing, ownership, development and operation of infrastructure;
- Oppose the use of pension funds in the privatization of public infrastructure, including through the Canada Infrastructure Bank;
- Call for a publicly-financed infrastructure bank that provides low-cost loans to municipalities.

1-25-18 Agriculture - Technology

Québec

WHEREAS Canada's agricultural sector is lagging behind other producing countries in terms of technology; WHEREAS a number of the new technologies focus on sustainable development and green energy use;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP ensure that Canadian farmers have greater financial access to technological and scientific advances.

1-26-18 Access to information on P3s

CUPE, CUPE Ontario

WHEREAS Bill C-58 proposes regressive changes that raise new barriers to accessing information about how public money is spent;
 WHEREAS Section 28 of the Canada Infrastructure Bank Act provides overly broad exemptions from access to information legislation;
 WHEREAS the Liberal government committed to increase, not decrease, government accountability and transparency.

BE IT RESOLVED that the NDP:

- Call for the full disclosure of current and future federal Public-Private Partnerships, including those facilitated by the Canada Infrastructure Bank;
- Demand that any exemptions from access to information be subject to a public interest override and be subject to review by the Information Commissioner.
- Ramp up its opposition to all public-private partnerships.

1-27-18 Tax evasion

Québec

WHEREAS corporate citizens are less and less involved in government funding;
 WHEREAS large transnational companies are engaging in tax evasion and outsourcing of jobs on a major scale; WHEREAS government infrastructure and services are funded by all Canadian taxpayers; WHEREAS government infrastructure and services actively contribute to business prosperity across Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will take the initiative to convene an international conference on tax evasion in order to develop an international strategy to end tax havens. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will launch a tax reform to replace the current income-based system with a socially and environmentally responsible tax system. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will limit assistance to large transnational corporations to the level of their participation in government funding.

1-28-18 Rail Line to Churchill

Churchill--Keewatinook Aski

Whereas Omnie Track the current owners of the HBR line to Churchill have not maintained or fixed the rail line since it was damaged by high water this spring and whereas they also operated the seaport and closed it down in 2016 before the shipping season without advance note and whereas this is contrary to the Letter of intent signed with the government of Canada and Manitoba to operate the line until 2029

Therefore be it resolved that this convention call on the Government of Canada to re-nationalize the HBR line to Churchill
 and Be it further resolved that the Government of Canada work with communities on the line to run and operate the line and seaport in conjunction with the governments of Canada and Manitoba.

1-29-18 Tax on Inequality

Hamilton Mountain

Whereas out of the 64 tax expenditures [tax credits], 59 of them provide more benefit to the top 50% of income earners than the bottom half, with the highest share going to the richest 10%, and Whereas Revenue Canada has considered taxing workplace health and dental plans.

Be It Resolved That the following clauses be added to Section 1.7 in the policy book:

f. Taxing stock options as income and not capital gains g. Ensuring that workplace health and dental plans are not regarded as taxable benefits

1-30-18 Funding of Public Infrastructure and Confederation Bridge

Charlottetown

Whereas the vast majority of Canada's transportation infrastructure – and, in particular, its highways and bridges – are financed from general government tax revenues rather than through tolls or user fees, and
Whereas the use of highway and bridge tolls and/or user fees create barriers to the equal use of, and access to, public facilities, and
Whereas the Confederation Bridge forms a key transportation link between Prince Edward Island and the rest of North America, and
Whereas the current tolls on the Confederation Bridge create additional costs for most of the goods coming to or leaving Prince Edward Island, thus increasing the cost of living for all individuals and families residing in Prince Edward Island, while also putting any goods produced in Prince Edward Island and transported by road at a cost disadvantage when compared to similar goods produced elsewhere, and
Whereas the current tolls on the Confederation Bridge create additional costs for both residents of P.E.I. who travel by road to other parts of North America and those residents of North America who travel to Prince Edward Island for business or pleasure,

Therefore be it resolved that the New Democratic Party of Canada support the removal of tolls on the Confederation Bridge between New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and urge the current government of Canada to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that these tolls are removed as soon as possible.

1-31-18 High-Speed Rail Transportation

Papineau

Whereas the New Democratic Party is a party that is in favour of developing public transit;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT It is proposed that section 1.3(b) of the NDP Policy Book be amended to read "Investing in high speed rail for passengers and goods when possible, in collaboration with local and provincial governments."

1-32-18 Postal Banking

London--Fanshawe

WHEREAS many low-income Canadians and those living in remote communities lack access to banking services, and WHEREAS Canadians are subject to the “bail-in agenda”, which allows failing Canadian banks to seize the assets of their clients, including personal deposits,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP give high priority to working intensely with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers to establish through Canada Post a postal banking system which would provide low-cost banking services wherever needed, and a safe haven for depositors' money.

1-33-18 Expanding Revenue Streams through Increased Taxation on Wealthy Canadians

Guelph, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Selkirk--Interlake--Eastman, Orléans, UONDP

“WHEREAS the ability of Canada’s government to fund social programs and invest in the public interest has been badly impaired by the sale of public assets and the reduction of taxes on the wealthy;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to Section 1.6 of the policy book: f. Expanding and enhancing the revenue streams of government through the introduction of new taxes that target the wealthy, and through the introduction of new crown corporations.”

1-34-18 Job Loss Due to Automation

AFL- Alberta Federation of Labour , Alberta Council of Electoral Districts

Whereas major progress is being made to automate work and these new technologies threaten good jobs in all sectors of our economy.

Whereas companies developing the oil sands are performing automation-related tests with successful results, such as the use of driverless trucks at work sites and the growing automation of warehouse facilities.

Be it resolved that the NDP, as the workers’ party, will play a leading role in proposing solutions to the work automation issue by studying the impact of automation on good jobs and the Canadian economy.

Be it further resolved that the NDP will report on its findings at the next convention and propose policy solutions to address the issue and ensure a fair transition for the workers affected.

1-35-18 Endorsing the Missing Link

Beaches--East York

Whereas following the Lac Megantic disaster the Transportation Safety Board recommended the re-routing of hazardous freight traffic around major population centres; and

Whereas the Missing Link is a proposal to re-route freight traffic around Metro Toronto making it more efficient;

Therefore Be It Resolved that this convention endorse the Missing Link, and that our caucus call on the federal Minister of Transport to take immediate action to implement this proposal in co-ordination with his/her Ontario counterpart, And be it further resolved that we demand that this Minister enable implementation of Missing Link seeking the necessary cooperation of CN and CP ; or, if that is not forthcoming, that the government exercise all powers at its disposal to enforce implementing the Missing Link -- in the interest of public safety, the public purse and lessening congestion and reliance on fossil fuels.

1-36-18 Fair Taxation

Ottawa South, Fredericton, Selkirk--Interlake--Eastman, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Orléans, Ottawa--Vanier, UONDP

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to Section 1.7 of the policy book: f. Taxes that target rich individuals, such as a luxury tax, a wealth tax, a financial transactions tax, and an inheritance tax.

1-37-18 Regulation of Sharing Economy Corporations

Beaches--East York

Whereas the so-called sharing economy isn't about sharing at all, but rather about undermining the regulatory environment, decreasing unionization and reducing wages and avoiding taxes; Whereas the growth of AirBnB is destabilizing neighbourhoods by creating "ghost hotels" and driving up rents by taking critical rental stock out of the market;

Therefore be it resolved that the NDP supports the regulation of so-called sharing economy corporations to ensure regulatory compliance, in the interest of protecting workers rights, good jobs, affordable housing and fair taxation.

1-38-18 Offshore Tax Havens

Coquitlam--Port Coquitlam

BECAUSE Canada has tax treaties with several countries known to be tax havens, allowing people to park wealth in those regions, paying little to no tax, then allowing them to return that money to Canada, without paying Canadian taxes; and BECAUSE the "Paradise Papers" leak of offshore tax haven documents suggests Canada is losing much more money to offshore tax havens than previously estimated. There was \$261 billion of Canadian wealth stashed in the top 10 most popular tax havens at the end of 2016; and BECAUSE "Canadians for Tax Fairness" estimates that Canada's government loses between \$10 billion and \$15 billion annually due to corporate tax dodging using tax havens; and BECAUSE while the use of offshore accounts is not itself illegal, they're are often tied to illegal activities, including failure to report income;

THE NDP WILL demand that the Federal Liberal Government introduce legislation closing the loopholes in Canada's tax laws. Certain countries have passed "economic substance" laws that require a business to prove that a subsidiary is more than a tax shelter, by providing evidence that it has staff and activity. Such a law would allow Canada to recover up to \$400 million in tax revenue every year; and THE NDP WILL demand that The Canada Revenue Agency should immediately begin the work to assess the tax gap from tax havens use and report fully to Canadians; and THE NDP WILL demand that the Federal Liberal Government should commit to renegotiating tax treaties that allow corporations to shift profits and then repatriate that money — untaxed — putting a reasonable floor on tax payments; and THE NDP WILL demand that The Minister of Revenue should present Canadians with a clear action plan to investigate and prosecute corporate tax dodging that involves the use of tax havens.

1-39-18 National Wood Manufacturing Strategy

University--Rosedale

Whereas the Softwood Lumber Agreement continues to be in dispute and we are without a resolution;
And whereas there have been over 100 wood-processing facilities closed in B.C. since 2001;
And whereas value-added remanufacture of domestic wood creates five times as many jobs as simple harvest and export;

Be It Resolved that the NDP will work with the Liberal government to create a National Wood Manufacturing Strategy, which would address the following key policy initiatives: - a reduction in raw log exports - public investment in mill manufacturing technology - just transition initiatives for workers who are losing their jobs as the pulp and paper industry continues to decline - a national jobs protections office to work with industry to keep jobs in Canada - protect working forests in order to provide sustainable jobs for years to come

1-40-18 Ending Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance

Toronto Centre

WHEREAS the federal government is losing about \$10-15 Billion a year in revenue from offshore tax havens alone, not to mention billions more lost due to tax loopholes and gifts to the rich;

BE IT RESOLVED 1) that the NDP actively campaign for the imposition of severe penalties against tax evasion to include confiscation of untaxed profits, seizure of assets of equivalent value held by tax outlaws, along with jail time for the culprits and their accomplices.

2) that the NDP actively campaign for a progressively steep increase in taxation of personal incomes above \$250,000 a year, corporate profits above \$1 million a year, personal inheritances above \$1 million, and all stock market financial transactions, while phasing out exemptions for capital gains and regressive taxes like the HST. 3) That the party moves towards ending tax avoidance schemes and closing tax loopholes. 4) That CRA be adequately funded in order to address these issues. 5) that we work with our international partners to end tax avoidance.

1-41-18 Towards a 32 Hour Work Week

Beaches--East York

Whereas the Canadian work week is among the longest in the industrialized world, a situation proven to cause increased stress, illness and lower productivity; And whereas tens of thousands of new jobs would be created if the work week was reduced appropriately;

Therefore be it resolved that the NDP actively campaign to reduce the work week throughout Canada to 32 hours, without loss of pay or benefits to workers, and to outlaw mandatory overtime.

1-42-18 Income Inequality & LICO

Orléans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 1.7 (d) of the policy book be amended to read: "Targeting the elimination of taxes on the poor as defined by the Low Income Cut-Off calculated by Statistics Canada."

1-43-18 Elimination of offshore tax havens

Beaches--East York

WHEREAS Canada suffers from a \$47 billion tax gap - Tax revenue that should be collected but isn't.

WHEREAS the top 60 public companies in Canada use 1,000 tax haven subsidiaries to avoid paying taxes, resulting in \$15 billion in lost tax revenue.

BIRT Section 1.7 of the policy book be amended to read:

d Renegotiating and eliminating international tax treaties with foreign governments that act as tax havens;

e Working towards the elimination of offshore tax havens;

1-44-18 Small Sustainable Farms

Toronto--St. Paul's

Whereas it is highly desirable for a healthy citizenry and the health of our environment to support a greater number of smaller farms with sustainable goals as their guiding principal,

Be it resolved that policies around food inspection and on farm inspection be adapted to support farmers of 100 acres or less.

1-45-18 Implement Social Ownership

Beaches--East York

Whereas large corporations and financial institutions are undemocratic and hierarchical, seeking profits and power over and above the interests of citizens and the environment; And whereas social ownership is a necessary precondition for democratic control of the economy, full employment and an equitable distribution of income and power; And whereas workers' control would contribute greatly to economic justice, greater efficiencies, and most importantly, improve the quality of life of working people and our allies;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the NDP is committed to actively campaign for and implement social ownership, including but not limited to the following industries: banking, manufacturing, communications, energy, health care, insurance, medical drugs, natural resources, and mass transportation;

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that these industries be democratically controlled and managed by their workers, by instituting direct election of plant managers and enterprise directors, with the right of recall by their electors, and integrate significant and meaningful consumer participation in the decision-making process.

1-46-18 Restructuring the Canada Infrastructure Bank

Fredericton, New Democratic Youth of Canada

WHEREAS the Trudeau government has broken its promise and has turned the Canadian Infrastructure Bank to a privatization bank designed to sell off our public infrastructure,

WHEREAS New Democrats believe in keeping our infrastructure public and also using a public infrastructure bank to finance infrastructure projects at rock-bottom interest rates to create jobs and grow the economy,

BE IT RESOLVED that section 1.8 of the Policy Book be amended to add the following clause;

H. Restructuring the Canada Infrastructure Bank to a wholly public model of investment.

1-47-18 Defined benefit pensions vs target pensions

Niagara Centre

Be it resolved that the following clauses be added to Section 1.12 of the policy book: New Democrats believe in: k Defined benefit pensions for risk-free retirement security. l Opposing implementation of pension plans which shift risk from employers to employees/pensioners, such as target pensions.

1-48-18 Public Ownership of Hamilton Works - U.S. Steel Canada

Beaches--East York

Whereas U.S. Steel locked out Local 1005 of the United Steelworkers and forced steelworkers to accept an inferior Pension Plan for all new hires and to put an end to indexing of pensions for present retirees. And whereas U.S. Steel reneged on commitments for production and employment levels it made when it took over the former Steel Company of Canada, Stelco, in 2007.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Hamilton Works-U.S. Steel Canada be put into public ownership, under workers' and community democratic control, and that the Canada Pension Plan divest itself of all U.S. Steel shares it holds, and instead serve as the vehicle for this purchase of U.S. Steel at no more than the price of \$1.2 Billion for which it was sold in 2007.

1-49-18 Port of Churchill and Connecting Rail Line

Dauphin--Swan River--Neepawa

Whereas Omnitrax has shut down the rail line to Churchill and the grain handling facilities at the port of Churchill, and

Whereas the Harper government's arbitrary removal of the CWB single desk selling system has cost farmers billions of dollars and also resulted in the ending of grain shipments to Churchill, and

Whereas a rail line to Churchill is essential for tourism and the supply of goods and services to that region of Canada, and

Whereas shipping grain by rail to Churchill is the lowest cost to any Canadian port and greatly reduces CO2 emissions. Similarly, the flying in of goods to Churchill greatly contributes to increased CO2 emissions.

Therefore be it resolved that the New Democratic Party of Canada call for and actively promote public ownership of the rail line to Churchill and the port facilities at Churchill by the government of Canada, and

Therefore be it further resolved that the New Democratic Party of Canada calls for the reinstatement of the Canadian Wheat Board single desk selling system for wheat and barley, which will provide the needed traffic to have a financially viable rail line to Churchill.

1-50-18 Expanding Public Ownership

Etobicoke--Lakeshore, Guelph, Ottawa South, Fredericton, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Ottawa Centre, Pickering--Uxbridge, Orléans, Ottawa--Vanier, UONDP

WHEREAS the NDP was founded with the goal of affecting fundamental change in Canada; WHEREAS economic decision making is unfairly concentrated in the hands of multinational corporations; WHEREAS the creation of a just society must involve a fair distribution of economic power;

BIRT the following clause be added to Section 1.10 of the Policy Book: ‘f. Expanding public ownership within the economy for the benefit of Canadians.’”

1-51-18 Resolution on Canada Post renewal

Québec

WHEREAS, since the transformation of Canada Post to an agency in 1981, this organization created at the time of Confederation has failed to play its primary role as a democratic instrument for communication and economic inclusion serving all communities in all regions of Canada; AND WHEREAS it is now widening geographic and social gaps in Canada with regard to access to the Internet and local banking services, which are essential to full economic and social inclusion;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP propose that Canada Post return to its historic economic and social integration mandate by developing a local personal banking sector and providing universal and competitive access to the Internet across the country and on a priority basis in rural and northern regions that are currently served privately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NDP advocate for the addition of new innovative and efficient services for Canadians through the public and universal postal service as we know them to date.

1-52-18 Community-Based Economic Development

Notre-Dame-de-Grâce--Westmount

WHEREAS it is longstanding New Democratic Party policy to support and promote cooperatives, social economy initiatives, worker-owned enterprises and other forms of community-based economic development; WHEREAS such models of economic development offer great potential in terms of job creation, democratic control of economic activity, sustainability, the construction of social solidarity and Canadian economic sovereignty; WHEREAS it is necessary to build on and go beyond the provisions of part 1.11 of the Policy Book concerning community economic development and cooperatives;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council, in collaboration with the Leader, shall enquire into and make concrete recommendations for placing cooperatives, social economy initiatives, worker-owned enterprises and other forms of community-based economic development at the centre of the vision, policy and electoral platform of the New Democratic Party

1-53-18 Measures of Economic Growth Study

Toronto--Danforth

Whereas increases in measures of economic growth such as GDP or stock market valuations correlate poorly with improvements in social outcomes; and Whereas the Canadian economy is sufficiently productive to provide for a reasonable minimum standard of living for all Canadians, if appropriate redistribute mechanisms of the kind long championed by the Party were applied;

Be it resolved that a committee be struck to: Identify qualitative and quantitative metrics that strongly correlate to changes in the social welfare, health and security of all Canadians; Examine the policy implications and political consequences of the replacement of references to measures of economic growth that have traditionally been used in Party platforms, policy documents and communications by references to metrics described above; and Prepare a report on these findings together with implementation recommendations for the 2020 party convention.

1-54-18 Investing in Full Employment

Fredericton

WHEREAS the policy of arbitrary balanced budgets which ignore the business cycle is damaging to jobs, wages and economic growth,
WHEREAS leaving the levels of aggregate employment to the level of investor confidence in the private sector gives too much power to the wealthiest members of society,
WHEREAS the NDP should pursue economic and fiscal policies which promote and maintain economic growth and full employment, which empower working people;

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 1.6 A “Finance and Budgetary Policy” of the policy book be amended to;

a. An activist and counter-cyclical fiscal policy that invests to grow the economy in order to achieve and maintain a permanent state of full employment.

1-55-18 Pension Security & Climate Change

Niagara Centre

Pension Security and Climate Change Whereas New Democrats believe in ensuring Canadian financial institutions are sufficiently capitalized and regulated to deal with crises and cyclical fluctuations; and Whereas New Democrats believe in implementing new measures to protect workers’ pensions; therefore

Be it resolved that the following clauses be added to Section 1.8 of the policy book: 1.8 Financial sector and investments New Democrats believe in: h Requiring mandatory disclosure of climate-related risks in corporations’ financial filings.

1-56-18 Widow/Widower Benefit

Haliburton--Kawartha Lakes--Brock

WHEREAS: The Canada Pension Plan exists for the benefit of all Canadians; and
WHEREAS: A Widow/Widower Benefit is payable to the designated surviving spouse of a deceased Canadian; and

WHEREAS: The Widow/Widower Benefit is reduced by the Canada Pension Plan when the recipient of said benefit applies for Canada Pension if the maximum personal eligibility of the survivor applicant is exceeded; and

WHEREAS: The reduction of the Widow/Widower Benefit may cause hardship for the recipient at a time of life when the recipient is least able to make other adjustments to compensate for the reduced benefit; and

WHEREAS: The reduction has a negative impact on quality of life for all Widow/Widower Benefit recipients and particularly on women is unfair, discriminatory and punitive;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The New Democratic Party of Canada present, at its earliest opportunity to the House of Commons, the following recommendations to amend the Canada Pension Plan:

THAT: The Widow/Widower Benefit once granted shall not be reduced; and

THAT: The entitlement to Canada Pension be based solely on the eligibility of the applicant and not affected by other benefits received by the applicant; and

THAT: Qualification for Widow/Widower Benefit and Canada Pension shall not be made further restrictive; and

FINALLY THAT: Any recipient of the Widow/Widower Benefit who has had this benefit reduced may, upon application, have the full value of this benefit restored.

1-57-18 Creation of a National Registry for Artificial Intelligence Control Devices

Niagara Centre

Whereas the trend in growing use of automation and “ AI “ technologies in the workplace is causing job losses and reduced government revenues; therefore

Be it resolved that the NDP actively campaign for the creation of a Federal Registry, with an annual Registration Fee, for automated devices and AI control used in the manufacturing, service and communication industries; and Be it further resolved that this Registry monitor this trend to aid in the formulation of future fees and/or taxes on such devices, to benefit displaced workers and future generations that will not be able to work in disappeared jobs.

1-58-18 Endorse Delivering Community Power

Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, UONDP

WHEREAS the “Delivering Community Power” campaign is endorsed by over 60 labour, environmental, and civil society organizations;

WHEREAS the campaign proposes using the infrastructure of our postal network in the energy transition, while creating thousands of jobs, reducing poverty, and improving quality of life across the country;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP officially endorse the “Delivering Community Power” campaign and commit to utilizing the infrastructure of our public postal service in the just transition off of fossil fuels.

1-59-18 Omnitrax

Charleswood--St. James--Assiniboia--Headingley

Whereas, Omnitrax has miserably failed the people of Churchill, Manitoba and Canada by not repairing the rail line it owns from Thompson to Churchill;
Whereas, this failure has caused a great deal of economic pain the residents of Churchill and other communities along that rail line;
Whereas, the previous Liberal government-under Jean Chretien privatized the Canadian National Railways (CNR) and the previous Conservative government under Stephen Harper did away with the Canadian Wheat Board; Whereas, both these short-sighted decisions by previous Liberal and Conservative governments along with Omnitrax's failure to live up to its obligations as owner of the rail way and Port of Churchill are responsible for the present-day hardships being endured by the residents of northern Manitoba (Churchill and the other communities that are dependent on goods, foodstuffs, building materials and the like being delivered by rail);

Resolved, that the federal NDP urge the current Liberal government to place into public ownership the rail line to Churchill and the port of Churchill;
Further resolved that if the situation remains as is when the NDP form federal government, the public ownership option be acted upon forthwith;
Further resolved, that since Omnitrax has received many millions of dollars from both the federal and provincial governments to keep the rail line in operation, that should the public ownership option be acted up on, no compensation be provided to Omnitrax.

1-60-18 Greater Financial Support for Pensioners and Retirees

Beaches--East York, Beaches--East York

Whereas ongoing pension problems at Nortel and General Motors are indicative of far reaching problems in both the liquidity and accessibility of many private company pension plans in Canada; And whereas sufficient savings to ensure an adequate pension through an RRSP is beyond the capacity of most Canadians, and Whereas the Canada Pension Plan involves the least risk and has the lowest administration cost of any pension plan;

Therefore be it resolved that the NDP actively campaign for:
An immediate doubling of the combined Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement minimum benefit; An increase of 15% to the Canada Pension Plan benefit, phased in over five years; Creation of a Federal Pension Insurance Fund to guarantee pensioners personal benefit income of up to \$2,500 per month; Ensuring that all benefit pension programmes be indexed to the real cost of living; Reform of the Federal Pension Insurance Board to ensure that a majority of the Board members are working class people selected by unions and progressive grass roots community organizations;

1-61-18 National Deficits and Debt

Dauphin--Swan River--Neepawa

WHEREAS many Canadians are reluctant to support the NDP because they fear that if elected the NDP will increase deficits in order to pay for their promises of “free” social services thereby increasing our national debt and interest,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that our NDP address the economic implications of all proposals with the aim of eliminating deficits and paying down our national debt without embarking upon an austerity agenda, AND to help achieve this goal, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our NDP work towards reinstating the former functions of our Bank of Canada, namely, to provide revenue to the Government of Canada at low or no interest and to be the sole authority in the creation of money in Canada, thereby increasing the wealth of all Canadians instead of that of bank shareholders and big investors.

1-62-18 Definition of Privatization

CEDA

Whereas the privatization of public infrastructure and services is increasing rapidly with new forms and names and mechanisms, and opposing privatization in any area of public services is a fundamental value of the New Democratic party,

BE IT RESOLVED that the following clause be added as Section 1.10 of the Policy Book: 1.10 f. Privatization includes social impact bonds, social finance initiatives, grants and other incentives, investment for the creation of profits, and the delegation of accountability, definition of purpose and goals, or regulation, of public infrastructure or services to an entity outside of government.

1-63-18 Social Ownership of Primary Industries

Etobicoke North

Whereas Canada's primary industries such as forestry, mining, and fishing are vital to economic development and job creation, especially in smaller communities; Whereas many of these industries continue to be controlled by small groupings of powerful shareholders who seek profits and power over and above the interests of citizens, workers and the environment; Whereas these industries, under private ownership, threaten smaller communities with de-investment and capital flight;

Therefore be it resolved that an NDP government socialize all major primary industries in Canada, with compensation to the former owners in the form of low-interest, long-term bonds; Be it further resolved that an NDP government place all public enterprises under democratic control by their workers, instituting direct election of plant managers and enterprise directors, with the right of recall by their electors, and have significant and meaningful participation in decision-making by consumers, environmental groups and local communities;

And be it further resolved that public enterprises move towards the use of environmentally friendly forms of energy, build up resource capacities, and move towards ecological principal of steady state economy .

1-64-18 Government Borrowing and the Bank of Canada

Ottawa West--Nepean, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Selkirk--Interlake--Eastman, Pickering--Uxbridge, Orléans, UONDP

WHEREAS all levels of government spend billions annually on interest payments to private banks;

WHEREAS the intention of the Bank of Canada was to provide low interest loans to all levels of government;

WHEREAS privately owned banks aim to accumulate profits and have little incentive to favour the public interest;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to Section 1.8 of the policy book:

h. Using the Bank of Canada to provide public financing to the federal government and to extend this opportunity to all levels of government.

1-65-18 Government Use of Bank of Canada

London--Fanshawe, Toronto Centre

WHEREAS Canadian federal, provincial, and municipal governments have been borrowing from private banks and other private money-lenders and paying them between fifty and sixty billion dollars each year in interest, and WHEREAS our publicly owned Bank of Canada could be providing interest-free loans to all levels of government,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be added as clauses 1.8.a and 1.8.b to the Policy Book ahead of presently existing clauses, with the rest of the clauses being appropriately reordered. 1.8.a Using the Bank of Canada, as mandated in the Bank of Canada Act to provide essentially interest-free loans to all levels of government in Canada in order to fund infrastructure, social programs, and debt retirement, thus playing a key role in overcoming the austerity agenda. 1.8.b Re-instating statutory reserve requirements in the Bank Act

1-66-18 Reducing Airline Prices

Fredericton, New Democratic Youth of Canada

WHEREAS Canadian consumers are consistently ripped off by airline companies,

BE IT RESOLVED that section 1.3, article C of the NDP policy book be amended to the following; C. Regulating exorbitant airline prices, hidden fees and reducing costs for airline consumers through market pressure by bringing back an affordable public option.

1-67-18 Auditor General annually report on debt

Peterborough--Kawartha

Whereas the Auditor-General showed in 1992 that all but \$37 billion of the \$541 billion was due to debt service charges (interest) and Whereas debt service charges (\$25 billion) are amongst the highest items in the budget restricting the fiscal room of the government for needed programmes, services and infrastructure

Be it resolved that section 1.5 of the Policy Book be modified to read: The federal NDP will call for the auditor-general to report annually on both the amount of interest paid on the debt and actual programme shortfalls; and Be it further resolved that should the next election raise the balanced budget issue the NDP will pivot to the problem caused by ongoing deficits; and Be it further resolved that the federal NDP will call for an inquiry into possible solutions other than austerity measures to reduce the amount of debt service charges (interest) being paid on the debt.

1-68-18 Public Hi-Speed Rail Infrastructure

Fredericton, New Democratic Youth of Canada

WHEREAS privatization of our rail infrastructure and successive government underfunding has made our rail system inaccessible, expensive, and inefficient, WHEREAS New Democrats believe in easily accessible and affordable systems of public transportation which help those on low incomes travel, and reduce the impacts of travel on the environment,

BE IT RESOLVED that section 1.3, article F of the NDP policy book be amended to the following; F. Building and strengthening a public network of accessible high-speed rail transportation by legislating guaranteed capital & operational funding and taking the Canadian National Railway Company (CN) back into public ownership.

1-69-18 Manufacturing Renewal Strategy

Ottawa Centre

Whereas the Canadian economy continues to lose good paying manufacturing jobs; Whereas Canadian government financial and other support for the manufacturing sector is constrained by silos, poor design and poor delivery; Whereas energy efficiency is a cost effective means of improving productivity and reducing greenhouse gas emissions and Whereas future energy efficiency investment in Canada could generate \$230-\$580 billion in net GDP and 1.5-4 million in additional job-years.

Be it resolved, that an NDP government will establish a national manufacturing renewal strategy, with energy efficiency as a core element, re-setting the context and dynamic of incentives and support by ensuring that Federal government support would be predicated upon:

- performance based partnership agreements requiring industry guarantees for job retention, training, implementation of energy efficiency and
- fiscal and other penalties in the event of industry failure to live up to the terms of the partnership agreements and
- consolidation of all federal industry support programs (R&D, environmental, training) into an integrated one-platform design to eliminate silos and improve effectiveness of delivery.

1-70-18 Restoring the Bank of Canada Act

Hamilton Mountain, Hamilton West--Ancaster--Dundas

Whereas previously through the publically owned Bank of Canada the federal government had the power to borrow money in huge quantities essentially interest free, and to make funds available not only for its own use, but also for provincial, territorial and municipal infrastructure projects and other major "human capital" expenditures.

Be It Resolved That the New Democratic Party is committed to ensure that the Bank of Canada's mandate be restored to its original purpose, including the power to provide interest free loans to federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments for "human capital" expenditures [education, health, housing] and infrastructure expenditures as was done between 1938 and 1974 instead of relying exclusively on borrowing from the infrastructure bank, domestic private banks and other domestic and foreign financial institutions.

1-71-18 Borrowing from the Bank of Canada

Hamilton Mountain

Whereas Whereas the Bank of Canada should be the preferred source for infrastructure and major social projects funding such as health and education; and Whereas borrowing from the Bank of Canada will result in lower interest rates than from the private financial and pension sectors.

Be It Resolved That Section 1.4 c. in the policy book be amended to read:
c. Facilitating access to investment capital from the Bank of Canada, financial institutions, union funds and government agencies

1-72-18 Increasing the Minimum Wage

Mount Royal, Beaches--East York

Whereas the current minimum wage is far too low to support a single person, let alone a family; And whereas the current minimum wage unfairly punishes the young, and food/beverage servers;

Therefore Be it Resolved that the NDP actively campaign for, and seek to legislate, the elimination of distinctions in the minimum wage law based on age or occupation.

Be it further resolved that the NDP actively campaign for, and seek to legislate an immediate increase in the minimum wage to \$20/hour, and include a permanent, annual cost of living adjustment to keep pace with inflation.

1-73-18 Tax on New Technologies for Automation

Hamilton Mountain, Hamilton West--Ancaster--Dundas

Whereas management company McKinsey & Co predict that nearly half of work now done by humans could be displaced by new technologies; and Whereas the incentive for automation is to save money; but it comes at a cost of reduced revenues for government programs, then it only benefits corporations.

Be It Resolved That the New Democratic Party is committed to:

[1] Investigate the impact of new technologies on job loss and the impact on companies future corporate tax rates. [2] Ensuring that government revenues lost by displaced workers salaries shall be compensated by an increased corporate tax rate. [3] Ensuring that government revenues lost by companies that become fully automated shall be compensated by an increased corporate tax rate based upon a formula determined by the number of robots and other AI innovations that have been installed.

1-74-18 replace Infrastructure Bank with use of Bank of Canada

London--Fanshawe

WHEREAS the present government has established an expensive new institution, an Infrastructure Bank, which may be designed to continue burdening taxpayers with unnecessary interest charges, and WHEREAS Canada already has its publicly owned Bank of Canada which could and should be funding infrastructure, interest-free,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP oppose the existing Infrastructure Bank and immediately pressure the government to use the Bank of Canada, as mandated through the Bank of Canada Act, to provide interest-free loans to all levels of government in Canada, not only for infrastructure, but also for social programs, and debt retirement.

1-75-18 Directive on the Bank of Canada

Peterborough--Kawartha

Whereas the Bank of Canada (BoC) holds approximately \$400 million worth of shares in the Bank for International Settlements (BIS); Whereas the senior staff for the BoC sit on committees of the BIS; and Whereas without debate in parliament or by the party membership, the NDP MPPs have agreed to BoC autonomy:

Modifies 1.5, Innovating and Prospering in a New Energy Economy, "Jobs and Monetary Policy"

Therefore, be it resolved that the federal NDP will call for an inquiry into the relationship of the Bank of Canada with the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) including annual detailed reports from senior staff to Parliament; Be it further resolved that the NDP will call for a detailed comprehensive review of Bank of Canada autonomy seeking evidence-based current and historical data; and Be it further resolved that since 2018 marks the 80th anniversary of the nationalization of the Bank of Canada, that a comprehensive review of its role shall be undertaken and debated in parliament after public consultation.

1-76-18 Studying Postal Banking

Notre-Dame-de-Grâce--Westmount

WHEREAS the mandate and health of Canada Post are today in question; WHEREAS postal service remains a crucial public function despite declining mail volumes in an electronic world; WHEREAS consolidating delivery and package services has helped to stabilize Canada Post revenues as it develops new electronic business functions; WHEREAS client fees and levies continue to accumulate at Canada's big banks despite historically high profit levels; WHEREAS the financial services sector offers a proven and practical niche for national postal services, as demonstrated for decades in Europe and Asia, offering savings-counter services in all sizes of markets and for a variety of client age groups;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP continue to insist that federal studies showing a sustainable niche for a postal savings bank be considered again with an honest view to their implementation; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Leader report back to the membership action taken to implement such studies; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the membership be given an opportunity to respond to these proposals in a timely manner prior to the next federal election

1-77-18 Creating a Crown Bank

Pickering--Uxbridge

Whereas the NDP is in principle a social democratic party founded on the belief in democratic control over the economy; • Whereas debt affects a majority of Canadians and is a major expense on our poor; • Whereas debt and credit supply is a major controlling factor of the Canadian economy; o Trapping workers into jobs they don't want; o The ability or lack thereof is a major detriment of being able to grow businesses and maintain success; Whereas the NDP should struggle to create a more democratic economy and not protect "investors rights" • Whereas access to credit is what permits consumers to maintain levels of spending which facilitates our service economy

be it resolved that the entire Section 1.8 of the policy book be replaced in its entirety with the following sections: o A. The NDP will create a Crown Bank with the mandate to provide: loans, lines of credit and credit cards to small businesses for the purpose of investment and hiring □ loans, lines of credit, short term loans and credit cards to all Canadians who have not been bankrupt within the last 5 years □ chequing and saving accounts for Canadians with competitive interest rates □ interest rates which only provide for the cost of administering the loans o B. The NDP will invest in the creation of Credit Unions o C. The NDP will seek to outlaw "payday" or short-term lenders and institute loan forgiveness for their victims o D. The NDP will strive to enforce Canadian laws whenever Banking execs violate them o E. The NDP will work towards a future where all Banks are publically owned

1-78-18 Removing Finance and Budgetary Policy from Policy Book

Pickering--Uxbridge

WHEREAS Canada's government must prioritize the people over any impulse to commit austerity • WHEREAS the NDP appeared to be on the Right of the Liberals in the last election in terms of spending and balancing budgets

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Section 1.6 shall be removed from the policy book

1-79-18 Committee should Split or Rule out of Order

University--Rosedale

Whereas the steel industry, employing 120,000 directly and indirectly, is in unprecedented crisis: threatening Stelco, Essar Steel and Tenaris Steel, with 20,000 retirees already losing healthcare benefits;

And Whereas the cause is bad trade deals, no manufacturing strategy and dumping from countries lacking human rights, environmental and labour standards;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the NDP: - Press the Liberal government to create an emergency fund to backstop the healthcare benefits of retirees affected by bankruptcy and pass legislation which would guarantee healthcare benefits for retirees during the CCAA or the BIA process; - Press the Liberal government to create a manufacturing strategy ensuring infrastructure projects are built with Canadian materials; - Press the Liberal government to amend the Investment Canada Act to benefit Canadian workers, and reject unfair trade deals that flood Canada with steel from countries lacking human rights, environmental and labour standards.

1-80-18 Stock Tax

Mississauga--Lakeshore

We propose to alter the tax structure to lessen the burden on working people of this country and share the obligation with the business community. Therefore, we propose a 1-cent penny per share levy on every stock traded daily on all Stock Exchanges.

We further wish to recommend that any stock traded within 6 months of its initial purchase be subject to a 5-cent per share levy. These pennies and nickels will be multiplied by the millions on a daily basis that will be used to improve the quality of life for every resident in this great country.

1-81-18 Tax Havens 2

University--Rosedale

Whereas that the use of tax havens undermines the government's ability to deliver services to the public and constitutes an unfair benefit to the wealthiest corporations and individuals;

Therefore Be it resolved that an NDP government would renegotiate and eliminate international tax treaties with foreign governments that act as tax havens; Be it further resolved that an NDP government would coordinate action with our allies around the world to work towards the elimination of offshore tax havens; Be it further resolved that the NDP would combat tax avoidance here at home by immediately closing tax loopholes, investing in aggressive efforts to identify and prosecute corporations and individuals engaged in tax evasion, and by overhauling corporate taxation law to crack down on white collar crime.

1-82-18 Penalties for Tax Evasion

University--Rosedale

Whereas, the federal government is losing about \$10-15 Billion a year in revenue from offshore tax havens alone, not to mention billions more lost due to tax loopholes and gifts to the rich;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the NDP actively campaign for the imposition of severe penalties against tax evasion to include confiscation of untaxed profits, seizure of assets of equivalent value held by tax outlaws, along with jail time for the culprits and their accomplices.

1-83-18 Progressive Taxation

University--Rosedale

Whereas, the federal government is losing about \$10-15 Billion a year in revenue from offshore tax havens alone, not to mention billions more lost due to tax loopholes and gifts to the rich;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the NDP actively campaign for a progressively steep increase in taxation of personal incomes above \$250,000 a year, corporate profits above \$1 million a year, and personal inheritances above \$1 million, while phasing out exemptions for capital gains and regressive taxes like the HST.

1-84-18 End Paradise Tax Evasion

Etobicoke North, Hamilton Centre, Thornhill

Whereas the federal government is losing about \$10-15 Billion a year in revenue from offshore tax havens alone, not to mention billions more lost due to tax loopholes and gifts to the rich;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the NDP actively campaign for the imposition of severe penalties against tax avoidance to include confiscation of untaxed profits, seizure of assets of equivalent value held by tax outlaws, along with jail time for the culprits and their accomplices.

And Be It Further Resolved that the NDP actively campaign for a progressively steep increase in taxation of personal incomes above \$250,000 a year, corporate profits above \$1 million a year, personal inheritances above \$1 million, and all stock market financial transactions, while phasing out regressive taxes like the HST.

1-85-18 Bank of Canada working for Full Employment

Fredericton

WHEREAS since the Bank of Canada was made independent, it has aggressively pursued low inflation at the cost of economic growth and employment;
WHEREAS the Bank of Canada's monetary policy should have full employment as its primary goal, rather than an arbitrary 2% inflation target,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Section 1.8 of the policy book, clause B be replaced by the following;

B. Rewriting the mandate of the Bank of Canada to pursue the primary goal of achieving and maintaining full employment.

4-01-18 Canadian Arms Exports 1

Ottawa South, University--Rosedale, Selkirk--Interlake--Eastman, Laurier--Sainte-Marie

WHEREAS Canadian arms exports have nearly doubled over the past decade, and Canada is now the second-largest exporter of arms to the Middle East;
WHEREAS Canadians expect a high standard from their government when it comes to protecting human rights abroad;
WHEREAS Canadians are concerned by arms sales to countries with a record of human rights abuses, including Saudi Arabia, Libya, and Sudan;
WHEREAS Recent reports have indicated Canadian arms have been used in violations of human rights in several countries;
WHEREAS Arms exports to the United States are currently unregulated yet make up over 50% of Canadian arms exports;
WHEREAS There is a need for Canadians, through Parliament, to oversee current and future arms sales;

Be it resolved that New Democrats believe in regulating the international trade in conventional weapons through measures including Canadian accession to the Arms Trade Treaty;

Be it further resolved that New Democrats believe in creating Parliamentary oversight of Canadian arms exports;

Be it further resolved that New Democrats believe in prohibiting the sale of arms to a country unless there is no risk of those arms being used to commit violations of human rights.

Be it further resolved that the NDP should press the Government of Canada to develop a federal manufacturing strategy to ensure Canadian jobs are not at risk by cancellation or suspension of existing contracts that do not meet the high standards of the Arms Trade Treaty.

4-02-18 Regarding NAFTA

Québec

WHEREAS NAFTA allows foreign companies to sue governments if they do not apply the principle of national treatment to foreign investors or require certain results from such companies, without the precautionary principle being taken into account; WHEREAS Ethyl took legal action against Canada in 1997 for banning a product that it was using (MMT) and that was deemed to be hazardous to the environment and health by a number of scientists and auto manufacturers. Canada lost the case against Ethyl and had to remove the ban and attest that MMT did not present environmental or health risks; WHEREAS the Trump administration states that it wants to reopen NAFTA;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP make a review of NAFTA Chapter 11 part of its agenda. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP ensure that the environment, human health and equity take precedence over the right to free trade under NAFTA and any other past or future economic agreement.

4-03-18 Israel/Palestine

Brampton South

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP condemns present violations of United Nations resolutions and international laws by both sides in this conflict. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP condemns President Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel which is divisive, hinders the peace process and runs contrary to international law and numerous UN Security Council and General Assembly resolutions. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the NDP reaffirms its determination to work with partners at home and abroad to achieve peace and justice for Israel and Palestine, within a framework of respect for United Nations resolutions and international law. This includes recognition of the right of both Israelis and Palestinians to live in peace in viable, independent states with negotiated and agreed-upon borders.

4-04-18 Rohingya Peoples

Mississauga Centre

Be it resolved that the NDP recognize that crimes against humanity, as defined in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, have been committed against the Rohingya minority in Myanmar;
Be it further resolved that the NDP call on the UN Security Council to refer the situation in Myanmar to the International Criminal Court;
Be it further resolved that the NDP support all efforts to ensure that those responsible for grave human rights violations in Myanmar be brought to account. Be it further resolved that the NDP call for Aung San Suu Kyi to be stripped of her honorary Canadian citizenship. Be it further resolved that the NDP support increases to Canada's international aid efforts to respond to the humanitarian needs of Rohingya victims, including refugees and internally displaced persons, and the resettlement of Rohingya refugees in Canada.

4-05-18 Ratify the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons 2

London--Fanshawe, Saskatoon West, Ottawa Centre, Elmwood--Transcona

Whereas the threat of use of nuclear weapons has never been higher, and
Whereas the Liberal government has abandoned Canada's traditional leadership role in the movement to abolish nuclear weapons,

Be It Resolved that Canada immediately sign and ratify the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which was adopted in July 2017 in New York, as a first step in resuming a leadership role in the movement to abolish nuclear weapons, and Be it further resolved that Canada immediately assume a leadership role within NATO to develop a clear and timely path to the reduction, non-proliferation, and abolition of nuclear weapons in accordance with NATO's recommitment "to creating the conditions for a world without nuclear weapons" expressed at the 2016 Warsaw Summit.

4-06-18 Condemning States Where Being LGBTQ is Illegal

Saskatoon West

Whereas in 10 countries it is illegal to be an LGBTQ Person,

Be it resolved that the NDP condemn governments around the world who commit egregious human rights abuses against LGBTQ people, including by criminalizing homosexuality, sodomy or through other ways of using the law to persecute members of the LGBTQ community.

4-07-18 Iran

Toronto Centre, Willowdale

Whereas the breaking of diplomatic and economic ties with Iran by the previous Conservative Government harmed the Iranian-Canadian community, deteriorated Canada's international standing, and prevented Canadian companies from trading with Iran;

WHEREAS the closure of the Iranian embassy in Canada and the Canadian embassy in Iran has harmed and continues to harm Iranian-Canadians by depriving them of access to consular services and representation while travelling; WHEREAS the present Liberal Government has promised to re-engage with Iran but has yet to re-establish formal diplomatic relations after 2 years in power;

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Democratic Party strongly believes in reversing the Conservative government's decision that closed all diplomatic ties with Iran and commits to facilitate the process of resuming diplomatic engagement with that country.

4-08-18 Market Access to Supply Management

Essex

Whereas New Democrats support Canada's Supply Management system; and Whereas New Democrats believe in Maintaining supply managed dairy, eggs, and poultry, and the farm incomes they support, ending the work-arounds to supply management by sub-products (diafiltered milk); and Whereas increasingly, foreign markets have requested and been given more market access which endangers and erodes Canada's supply-managed sectors;

Therefore, be it resolved that New Democrats believe in protecting against any increased foreign market access in our supply-managed sectors and ensuring that any new trade agreement upholds our successful system of supply management.

4-09-18 International Trade Agreements

Charleswood--St. James--Assiniboia--Headingley

Resolved, that no federal NDP government will sign any international trade agreement that puts at risk our social and health care programs such as Canada Pension and Medicare;

Further resolved, that no federal NDP government will sign any international trade agreement without a full and open debate within the House of Commons and after full consultation with Canadians;

Further resolved, that the federal NDP urge the current federal government to hold a full- fledged debate on any international trade agreement(s) it is contemplating signing (ie: the TPP, free trade with China, etc), before such agreements come into effect.

4-10-18 Federal Commission of Inquiry into Transfer of Afghan Detainees

Ottawa--Vanier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Early in its first mandate, an NDP government will establish an independent judicial commission of inquiry into the question of transfer of detainees in Afghanistan to other states, notably Afghanistan and the United States, despite the risk of torture and other human rights abuses.

4-11-18 Combatting Forced Labour

Beaches--East York

WHEREAS according to the International Labour Organization (ILO) has estimated that 40.3 million people subjected to some form of modern slavery last year; WHEREAS governments in the UK, France, the Netherlands and others have established due diligence and transparency requirements for global businesses that operate in their jurisdictions;

Be It Resolved that the following clause be added to Section 4.2 of the policy book: k. Establishing legislation requiring any large business operating in Canada to develop effective due diligence mechanisms to identify and address any instances of forced labour in its global operations or supply chains.

4-12-18 Combatting Investor-State Dispute Settlements

Davenport

Whereas many bilateral and international trade agreements, such as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA), grant private investors from one country the right to sue the government of another country, known as the Investor-State Dispute Settlement, if the state introduces new laws, regulations or practices that protect public interests and that cause corporations' investments to lose money,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the NDP actively campaign against the Investor-State Dispute Settlement by removing free trade agreements' ISDS provisions, such as in NAFTA's Chapter 11.

4-13-18 Canadian Arms Exports 2

Guelph, Ottawa West--Nepean, Fredericton, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Selkirk--Interlake--Eastman, Pickering--Uxbridge, Orléans, New Democratic Youth of Canada, UONDP, Ottawa South

"WHEREAS the Canadian arms industry currently exports arms abroad and profits from the consequent proliferation of violence and instability, such as in the case of the recent Saudi arms deal; and WHEREAS society would be better served by a manufacturing industry that transitions towards more socially useful production,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to Section 4.1 of the Policy Book: h. Withholding approval of any deal or transaction that would involve the export of arms or other military equipment that have been determined to have a high likelihood of involvement in human rights violations."

4-14-18 Opposing NATO's Nuclear Doctrine

Niagara Centre

Whereas New Democrats believe in actively supporting international efforts to promote nuclear disarmament; and Whereas NATO has adopted a dangerously provocative and counterproductive nuclear posture; and Whereas Canada has joined other NATO nations in refusing to sign the Nuclear Ban Treaty, thereby lending support to the nuclear arms build-up; therefore

Be it resolved that Canada's NDP will call upon the government to absent Canada from NATO's dangerous nuclear posture; and Be it further resolved that the NDP will also call upon the government to begin the process of signing and ratifying the Nuclear Ban Treaty.

4-15-18 Fair Trade

Essex

Whereas the NDP believes in advancing a real progressive trade agenda and promotes advancing human, gender, Indigenous, labour, and Intellectual Property Rights; and Whereas the NDP is increasingly concerned about the potential dangers of foreign countries buying and selling currency with the intention of influencing the exchange rate and trade policy; and Whereas the NDP believes that transparency in trade negotiations is crucial; and Whereas the NDP believes in net neutrality; and Whereas the NDP believes in the importance of localization storage of domestic data and ensuring privacy rights; and

Therefore be it resolved that the following clauses be added to our fair trade policy to show that New Democrats believe in: a. Commissioning independent studies of trade agreements expected costs and benefits, ensuring that gender-based analysis is applied and that a gender impact assessments are undertaken. b. Providing greater transparency during trade negotiations by directly engaging Canadians through consultations and providing regular briefings to Parliamentarians between/during all negotiating rounds. c. Defending against changes in trade agreements to Intellectual Property laws including patent laws that will increase the cost of pharmaceuticals, our cultural protections and our copyright regime that could undermine Canadian sovereignty and provisions that challenge the localization of personal data storage and privacy rights. d. Retaining Canada strong net neutrality regime, and rejecting all attempts to weaken net neutrality in Canada. e. Committing to strong and enforceable currency disciplines within all trade agreements. f. Ensuring that all trade agreements are consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and before agreeing to any trade agreement or provisions that could affect Indigenous peoples, the government obtaining their unqualified, free, prior and informed consent.

4-16-18 Energy Security and NAFTA

Niagara Centre

Whereas New Democrats believe in ensuring better energy security; and Whereas under the terms of the current NAFTA agreement Canada is required to export its non-renewable energy even if it has insufficient supplies; therefore

Be it resolved that the New Democratic Party will advocate for the removal of the energy proportionality clause in NAFTA.

4-17-18 Agriculture & Fisheries

Essex

Whereas in the U.S. if a produce buyer goes bankrupt, a grower or seller can rely on the deemed trust provision under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA) to ensure they receive payment. Canadian growers and sellers have no such protection; Whereas, the U.S. withdrew Canada preferred access to that PACA payment dispute arbitration mechanism due to Canada's lack of protection during bankruptcies. This means that instead of a small fee, companies must now post a double bond to access that protection; Whereas 75% of Canada 20,000 fruit and vegetable producers are small businesses; Whereas current rules severely limit the ability for produce growers and sellers to collect payment in the event their buyer declares bankruptcy and this has cost Canadian and U.S. firms operating in Canada on average \$19 million per year; Whereas a deemed trust would also meet U.S. requirements for a comparable Canadian system and would restore Canada's preferred access to PACA programs; Whereas, the need for a PACA-like trust in Canada has been endorsed by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Food Processors of Canada; and Whereas the NDP believes Canadian farmers must have access to cost-efficient business risk management programs;

Therefore, be it resolved that the NDP support the establishment of a limited statutory deemed trust that protects produce growers and sellers during bankruptcy in Canada and the re-establishment of Canada's preferential access to the protections under the United States Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA); and Be it further resolved that the trust would cover only accounts receivable, cash, and inventory of the buyer stemming from the sale of produce on short term transactions with payment terms not exceeding 30 days.

4-18-18 Renegotiating NAFTA

CUPE

WHEREAS the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement is ongoing, and these negotiations present an opportunity to fundamentally change NAFTA to work for all citizens of Canada, the US and Mexico.

BE IT RESOLVED that article 4.5 of the policy book is amended by: Inserting the word "Indigenous," in 4.5 (b) after the word "human," and Amending 4.5 (e) to read "Renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to create an alternative model of continental integration and cooperation that works for all peoples of North America, and to protect Canadian sovereignty, especially in investment and energy security."

4-19-18 Enforceable Labour Standards and Free Trade Deals

Niagara Centre

Whereas New Democrats believe in promoting trade agreements that include enforceable standards for human, workers', and women's rights; therefore

Be it resolved that the New Democratic Party will not support or ratify trade agreements (example TPP, TiSA) that allow foreign investors to bring exploitable workers into Canada by circumventing Canada's immigration laws, and who are not protected by Canada's labour laws; and

Be it further resolved that Canada's NDP would only sign or ratify trade agreements with countries that have human rights protections equal to or greater than Canada's, including but not limited to women's, indigenous, LGBT, and workers' rights.

4-20-18 Status of Jerusalem and Palestine Delegation in Canada

Hamilton Mountain, Burlington, Hamilton West--Ancaster--Dundas

Whereas United Nations resolutions 181 and 194 created a special status for Jerusalem in 1947; Whereas the Trump Administration has upset the long-standing international consensus not to alter Jerusalem's special status unless a comprehensive peace agreement on Israel/Palestine were achieved; Whereas the unilateral US action to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the the State of Israel is an impediment to peace and an obstacle to the self-determination of the Palestinian people; Recognizing that the NDP and the Canadian government officially endorse a two-state solution; Noting that 138 countries have recognized the State of Palestine;

Be it Resolved that the NDP 1) condemns the US move to alter the special status of Jerusalem; 2) calls on the Canadian government a) to recognize the State of Palestine and; b) to upgrade the status of the Palestinian General Delegation in Ottawa to the General Delegation of Palestine, with full immunities.

4-21-18 Banning Arms Exports to Saudi Arabia

Willowdale, Hamilton Mountain, Burlington

Whereas Saudi Arabia has committed war crimes in Yemen, one of the poorest countries in the world;

WHEREAS the Federal Government has allowed the sale of arms by Canadian companies to the Saudi Arabian government;

WHEREAS Saudi Arabia has possibly used Canadian-sold weapons to commit human rights violations;

Be It Resolved that the New Democratic Party commits to banning arms exports to Saudi Arabia.

4-22-18 Regulatory Framework for Foreign Corporations

Saskatoon--Grasswood

WHEREAS, foreign corporations doing business in Canada and abroad are often not subject to a meaningful regulatory framework; and
WHEREAS overseas operations of Canadian companies are often not subject to the same regulatory standards in place in Canada to protect the rights of workers, communities and the environment; and
WHEREAS invaluable work has been done to ensure that such corporations are subject to effective regulatory regimes aimed at protecting the environment, civil society, health and safety and labour standards;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to Section 4.2 of the policy book:

4.2(k) developing regulatory mechanisms to hold:

- (i) corporations based outside Canada with operations in Canada and in foreign jurisdictions; and
- (ii) Canadian based corporations with operations in foreign jurisdictions, legally accountable in Canada for the impact their activities have on human rights, the environment, local cultures, health and safety and labour standards, both in Canada and in foreign jurisdictions.

4-23-18 Oppose the Trade in Services Agreement (TISA)

Niagara Centre

Whereas New Democrats believe in promoting trade agreements that protect public services; and Whereas Canada is one of fifty developed countries currently negotiating a Trade In Services Agreement that threatens public services, including healthcare, broadcasting, public transportation, and water and waste-water services; therefore

Be it resolved that Canada's New Democrats will oppose signing and ratification of the Trade in Services Agreement (TISA).

4-24-18 Opposing Lethal Autonomous Weapons

Spadina--Fort York

WHEREAS innovations in machine learning and artificial intelligence have allowed for the production of autonomous cars, planes, and other devices; WHEREAS these innovations have deeply troubling implications with regards to the future of law enforcement and warfare; WHEREAS lethal autonomous weapons are currently under development in Russia and Israel;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following clause be added to Section 4.1 of the Policy Book: h. Opposing the development and use of lethal autonomous weapons (i.e. machines designed to lethally attack targets without requiring a human operator) within the Canadian Armed Forces, and working with our allies to create and enforce an international ban on such technology.

4-25-18 Honest labelling of Settlement goods

Outremont

WHEREAS UN SC Resolution 2334, section 5. calls upon “all States [...] to distinguish, in their relevant dealings, between the territory of the State of Israel and the territories occupied since 1967”, and WHEREAS Canadian food inspection legislation requires accurate country of origin labelling for all consumable products sold in Canada.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be added to the Policy Book under 4.1 Human rights and World Peace: New Democrats believe in: z. calling on all relevant federal and provincial agencies to require accurate country of origin labelling of settlement products imported and marketed in this country (showing for example “product of Occupied Palestinian Territories” or “Product of Occupied Syrian Territories”), until such a time as a full ban on the import of good produced in territories militarily occupied by Israel can be implemented.

4-26-18 The arms trade and human rights

Québec

WHEREAS this Liberal government continues to approve licences to sell arms to countries that are in conflict and where human rights are violated; WHEREAS the RCMP has decided to look at the sale of armoured vehicles in Libya and South Sudan by a Canadian company in violation of international law and the prohibition on the sale of arms in these war-torn countries; WHEREAS Canada is now the second largest exporter of arms to the Middle East; WHEREAS exports of military equipment to countries in which major human rights violations continue to be committed are contrary to the values of Canadians; WHEREAS, despite the Liberal government’s assertions, the rules established in Canada for the export of military equipment are not enforced with sufficient oversight and diligence;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP call on the government to:

- rectify the loophole in the legislation allowing Canadian military companies to circumvent restrictions on the export of weapons by creating foreign entities.
- establish a special committee on arms exports reporting to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, which would consist of representatives from all federal parties represented in the House of Commons and would examine all aspects of Canadian policy on the export of arms and military equipment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP call for a freeze on the awarding of permits for arms exports to Saudi Arabia pending an in-depth study of the human rights situation in Saudi Arabia.

4-27-18 Israeli Nuclear Program

Hamilton Mountain

Whereas Israel is one of only four countries with nuclear capability which are not members of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NNPT), and given the volatility of the Middle East;

Therefore be it resolved that the NDP call on Israel to join the NNPT, to open its nuclear program to inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency, and pledge to work towards a nuclear-weapons-free Middle East.

4-28-18 Review of NDP Foreign Policy Policies

Hamilton Mountain, Burlington

WHEREAS long-standing policies on withdrawing Canada from NATO and NORAD were quietly removed without broad discussion/debate; WHEREAS the NDP lacked policies on other important international issues such as Libya; WHEREAS it isn't possible to formulate party policy on complex foreign matters within the limited time allowed for at convention;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NDP conduct a thorough review of its policies and positions on international issues to ensure that they are consistent with NDP principles for peace and social justice; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this review be conducted with broad input and participation from the peace and social justice movements

4-29-18 Campaign Against CETA & TPPA

Etobicoke North, Beaches--East York

Whereas the latest proposed so-called 'free trade' deals, like their predecessors, would privatize and de-regulate the economy, worsen labour conditions, empower corporations to sue and obtain compensation from Canadian governments that 'interfere' in their ability to maximize profits, and would place more obstacles in the path of social ownership and public spending;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the NDP actively campaign against the Canada-European Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA).

4-30-18 Supporting UN Sustainable Development Goals in Canada

Etobicoke--Lakeshore

WHEREAS The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals emerged from broad community-based consultations identifying the most critical issues for the next thirty years, and

WHEREAS These 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide targets covering social development issues— poverty, hunger, health, education, climate change, gender equality, water, sanitation, environment and social justice,

BE IT RESOLVED That Section 4.2 Aid and Development of the policy book include the following:

k. supporting the United Nations' seventeen Sustainable Development Goals in Canada and abroad, working towards implementing the Goals, relevant both in Canada and in all of the United Nations, and reaching the targets to accomplish the goals.

4-31-18 Opposing Israeli Military Detention of Palestinian Children

Charleswood--St. James--Assiniboia--Headingley, Toronto--St. Paul's

Whereas, Israel is the only country in the world that systematically prosecutes children in military courts lacking fundamental fair trial guarantees, and;

Whereas, Canada's foreign policy indicates a priority commitment to protection of the rights of children around the world, particularly children living in conflict-affected areas;

Be It Resolved, that the following be added to section 4.1 Human Rights and World Peace of the policy book: New democrats believe in: x. in calling on the Government of Canada, through the Department of Global Affairs, to closely monitor and report on the situation of Palestinian children arrested by Israeli forces and prosecuted in the Israeli military court system, and to take concrete steps to promote greater respect for human rights, increase protections for Palestinian children, and hold Israeli authorities accountable to their obligations under international human rights law and international humanitarian law.

4-32-18 Recognition of Genocide against the Rohingya People

Scarborough Southwest

Whereas the horrific killings and oppression of the Rohingya people warrant the term 'genocide', and international law requires intervention when systematic oppression of a people is labelled an act of 'genocide' rather than 'ethnic cleansing',

Be It Resolved that the New Democratic Party take an immediate position stating that what is happening in Burma is an act of 'genocide', which urgently requires international intervention to stop the killing of the Rohingya people.

4-33-18 Condemning Israel's Settlements

Orléans, New Westminster--Burnaby

Whereas According to the vast majority of United Nations members Israel is illegally building Settlements in occupied Palestinian Territory in violation of international law under the Fourth Geneva Convention,
AND WHEREAS: According to the United Nations 'all settlement activity in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, is illegal under international law.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NDP: Oppose and condemn Israel's settlements in Palestine as illegal under the norms of International Law
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE NDP: Implement economic sanctions against the state of Israel and illegal Israeli settlements in Palestinian territory until they are dismantled , as the European community has.

4-34-18 Arms Embargo to Conflict Areas and Illegal Occupations

Charleswood--St. James--Assiniboia--Headingley

Whereas, the NDP supports human rights and a principled foreign policy;
Whereas, the military occupation of the Palestinian Territories has lasted for 50 years;
Whereas, recent Saudi aggression against Yemen has led to widespread civilian casualties and suffering;

Be It Resolved, that the following be added to the Policy Book under 4.1 Human rights and World Peace: New Democrats believe in: zz. Banning all trade in military equipment or technologies and all military cooperation between Canada and countries engaged in military occupations contrary to international law (including but not limited to Israel) or engaged in aggression against other states (including but not limited to Saudi Arabia), and working towards a plan to convert military industries in this country towards peaceful, sustainable production for human use. And that others sections be renumbered accordingly as needed.

4-35-18 Supporting freedom of movement and maritime access for Palestinians

Outremont

WHEREAS the blockade of Gaza violates the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international law, and WHEREAS the blockade and targeting of fishers and farmers has led to a near economic collapse with high unemployment disproportionately affecting women and youth, and WHEREAS UN agencies say Gaza will become unlivable by 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be added to the Policy Book under 4.1 Human rights and World Peace New Democrats believe in: y. Supporting nonviolent direct actions that aim to challenge and end the blockade of Gaza and to ensure freedom of movement for Palestinians, including peaceful civilian shipping and free, safe access to their maritime resources.

4-36-18 Solidarity with Palestine 2

Hamilton Mountain

Whereas Israeli Human Rights Violations Whereas Israel has consistently violated the Geneva Convention, hundreds of UN resolutions and International Law in its treatment of Palestinians, both adult and children:

Therefore be it resolved that the NDP endorse and support the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel as called for by Palestinian Civil Society and other Human Rights groups, until it complies with International Law, applicable and specific United Nations resolutions and Universal Principles of Human Rights.

4-37-18 Peace in the Middle East 1

Regina--Qu'Appelle, London--Fanshawe, Winnipeg Centre, Oshawa, Halifax, Ottawa South, Guelph, Etobicoke North, University--Rosedale, Spadina--Fort York, Ottawa South, Toronto Centre, Willowdale, York South--Weston, Rosemont--La Petite-Patrie, Fredericton, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, London West, Selkirk--Interlake--Eastman, Willowdale, Ottawa Centre, Mississauga Centre, Don Valley East, Orléans, New Democratic Youth of Canada, Mississauga Centre, Ottawa Centre, Charleswood--St. James--Assiniboia--Headingley, JNDQ (Jeunes néodémocrates du Québec), UONDP

WHEREAS the NDP supports human rights and a principled foreign policy;
WHEREAS the military occupation of the Palestinian Territories has lasted for 50 years;
WHEREAS 84% of New Democrats and 66% of Canadians believe it is reasonable to sanction Israel for its military occupation and settlement program;

Be it resolved that the following text replace Policy Manual's Clause 4.1.f: f. Pursuing peace in Israel/Palestine by: — Urging all parties to abandon violence and negotiate a resolution grounded in international law, particularly UNGA Resolution 194 and UNSC Resolution 242; 5 — Calling upon Israel to end its occupation and settlement program, lift the Gaza blockade, recognize its Arab-Palestinian citizens' right to full equality, and address refugee claims fairly; — Banning settlement products from Canadian markets, and using other forms of diplomatic and economic pressure to end the occupation; — Opposing parliamentary efforts to undermine non-violent movements seeking a just resolution.

4-38-18 Peace in the Middle East 2

Etobicoke--Lakeshore

WHEREAS the NDP supports human rights and a principled foreign policy; WHEREAS the military occupation of the Palestinian Territories has lasted for 50 years; WHEREAS 84% of New Democrats and 66% of Canadians believe it is reasonable to sanction Israel for its military occupation and settlement program;

BIRT the following text be added to the Policy Manual's Clause 4.1: 'f. Pursuing peace in Israel / Palestine by: i) Urging all parties to abandon violence and negotiate a resolution grounded in international law, particularly UNGA Resolution 194 and UNSC Resolution 242; ii) Calling upon Israel to end its occupation and settlement program, lift the Gaza blockade, recognize its Arab-Palestinian citizens' right to full equality, and address refugee claims fairly; iii) Supporting forms of diplomatic and economic pressure to end the occupation; iv) Opposing parliamentary efforts to undermine non-violent movements seeking a just resolution.

4-39-18 Hands Off Venezuela

Etobicoke North, Scarborough Southwest

Whereas the NDP stands for peace, social justice and non-interference in the affairs of other countries; And whereas NDP Foreign Affairs Critic Helene Laverdiere attacked the progressive government of Venezuela following its successful Constituent Assembly vote, spoke to the anti-Palestine lobby group American Israel Public Affairs Committee and went on an AIPAC-funded visit to Israel where she participated in a ceremony hosted by the racist Jewish National Fund, supports more sanctions against Moscow and sending more Canadian troops to the Russian border, urges the U.S. to impose a no-fly zone over Syria, and backs the White Helmets, a propaganda tool of the western-backed war against Syria;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the NDP actively oppose foreign interference in Venezuela, defend Venezuela's right to self-determination, reject alignment with U.S. policy in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and beyond, and request the immediate removal of MP Helene Laverdiere as NDP Foreign Affairs Critic.

4-40-18 Honest Labeling of Settlement Goods

Charleswood--St. James--Assiniboia--Headingley

Whereas, UN SC Resolution 2334, section 5. calls upon "all States [...] to distinguish, in their relevant dealings, between the territory of the State of Israel and the territories occupied since 1967," and; Whereas, Canadian food inspection legislation requires accurate country of origin labelling for all consumable products sold in Canada;

Be It Resolved, that the following be added to the Policy Book under 4.1 Human rights and World Peace: New Democrats believe in: z. calling on all relevant federal and provincial agencies to require accurate country of origin labelling of settlement products imported and marketed in this country (showing for example "product of Occupied Palestinian Territories; or "Product of Occupied Syrian Territories."), until such a time as a full ban on the import of good produced in territories militarily occupied by Israel can be implemented.

4-41-18 Solidarity with Cuba

Beaches--East York

Whereas the United States government continues to enforce its war-like economic embargo of Cuba, causing increased suffering to the population; And whereas Cuba's socialized economy, extensive social equity achievements and quality social services ensure that human needs are put first, in stark contrast to rapacious global capitalism; And whereas the loss of the Cuban socialist project would constitute an historic setback for working people everywhere;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the NDP express its solidarity with Cuba, encourage party members to visit the island, celebrate the release of the anti-terrorist Cuban Five, demand an end to the U.S. embargo, an end to the U.S. occupation of Guantanamo, and an end to U.S.-backed efforts to destabilize and sabotage Cuba's socialist gains and national sovereignty.

4-42-18 Canada Out of NATO

Etobicoke North, Mount Royal, Thornhill

Whereas the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is a relic of the Cold War and a tool of US aggression in pursuit of corporate interests and militarism; And whereas Canadian forces in Afghanistan engaged in propping up a US-puppet government of human rights abusers, drug traffickers and warlords, wasting money and lives to further a western agenda of geo-political power and plunder of resources;

Therefore be it resolved that the NDP actively campaign to get Canada out of NATO, to get NATO out of Afghanistan, and to disengage Canadian forces from any support role for the U.S. and its client regimes in Iraq, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf states, Israel and Ukraine, and remove its military trainers and combat forces from Jordan, Iraq, Syria and Ukraine, and remove its ships from the Persian Gulf.

4-43-18 Blockade of Gaza

London West, Charleswood--St. James--Assiniboia--Headingley, Toronto--St. Paul's

WHEREAS the blockade of Gaza violates the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international law. WHEREAS the blockade and the targeting of fishers and farmers has led to a near collapse of the economy with high unemployment disproportionately affecting women and youth. WHEREAS UN agencies say Gaza will become unlivable by 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be added to the Policy Book under 4.1 Human Rights and World Peace: New Democrats believe in: g. Supporting nonviolent actions to end the blockade of Gaza and to ensure freedom of movement for Palestinians and peaceful civilian shipping, including supporting the international Freedom Flotilla Coalition and the Canadian Boat to Gaza And that the former 4.1. section g. Be renumbered h.

4-44-18 Campaigning Against Saudi Arabia

Notre-Dame-de-Grâce--Westmount

WHEREAS Saudi Arabia bombs Yemen and has killed non-military citizens especially children; WHEREAS the Saudi Arabian government suppresses its Shia minority population; WHEREAS Saudi Arabia does not respect human rights by any means; WHEREAS Saudi Arabia interferes in other countries' affairs aimed at disrupting the democratic process;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP will use any means including but not limited to practicing the parliamentary power, and launch a campaign or petition to convince the Canadian government forcing Saudi Arabia to stop violating Human Rights and International law by canceling the arms deals and reducing the diplomatic relation as well as imposing sanctions; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Leader will report back to the membership on actions taken to implement this resolution.

4-45-18 Solidarity with Palestine

Etobicoke North, University--Rosedale, Toronto--Danforth, Scarborough Southwest, Beaches--East York, Mount Royal

Whereas over 2,000 residents of Gaza were slaughtered by Israeli forces in August 2014; And whereas Benjamin Netanyahu and his racist Likud coalition were re-elected after promising there will never be a Palestinian state; And whereas the two-state solution is dead and the only alternative is a one-person, one-vote, democratic secular Palestine; And whereas, when the 2015 NDP federal election campaign blocked or removed NDP candidates who merely mentioned Israeli state crimes against Palestinians, it was a gross disservice to social justice;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the NDP actively campaign in support of the demand of Palestinian unions, civil society and unions across Canada and around the world which call for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against the Israeli state until it dismantles the apartheid wall, allows refugees to return home, ends its demolition of Palestinian homes and olive groves, lifts the siege of Gaza, ends its occupation of Palestinian lands, and terminates its apartheid practices.

7-01-18 Fund for Racial Justice and Equity

POVM committee

Whereas New Democrats are committed to standing up to hatred and those who peddle the politics of fear and division;

Whereas in 2017, one-quarter of Canadians report having been a victim of racism, and racism has a significant impact on the wellbeing of individuals and communities;

Whereas 14.5% of MPs in Canada's 42nd Parliament are visible minorities, a figure less than the 19.1% of Canadians who self-identify as visible minorities;

Whereas only 4.5% MPs in the current NDP caucus are visible minorities (not including 2 Indigenous MPs)

Be it resolved that the NDP establish a Fund for Racial Justice and Equity to support candidates of colour in future federal elections;

Be it further resolved that fundraising for the Fund for Racial Justice and Equity be coordinated by the Federal NDP Participation of Visible Minorities Committee with all necessary additional support provided by the federal party.

7-02-18 Financial Support for Equity Candidates

University--Rosedale, Spadina--Fort York, Toronto Centre, Parkdale--High Park, Scarborough Southwest, Battlefords--Lloydminster, Etobicoke--Lakeshore, York South--Weston, Fredericton, Ottawa Centre, Orléans, New Democratic Youth of Canada , JNDQ (Jeunes néodémocrates du Québec)

Whereas the NDP has long fought for a Parliament that is more reflective of Canada;

Whereas our caucus needs more representation from persons living with disAbilities, youth, women, and LGBTQ+, racialized, and Indigenous individuals;

Whereas more candidates from these equity-seeking groups will run if they know they will have support;

Therefore Be It Resolved that Federal Council be directed to work with the YND, POVM Commission, Aboriginal Peoples Commission, LGBT Commission, Women's Council, and Persons Living with disAbilities Commission to set up funds to support candidates from these equity seeking groups;

Be It Further Resolved that the Women's Council's existing Agnes McPhail fund, the Aboriginal Commission's existing Victory Fund, and all other funds are to be financed at least in part with direct funding from the federal party;

Be It Further Resolved that Federal Council work with the equity commissions to set up these funds for the 2019 Federal Election.

7-03-18 Anti-Harassment Policy

Ottawa--Vanier

Whereas: Activists and allies have and continue to fight long and hard for the enumerated grounds in the Canadian Human Rights Act:

Whereas: Having an anti-harassment policy on the website speaks to transparency, consistency, accountability, leadership by example, safety, and confidentiality by not “outing” oneself implicitly or explicitly.

Be it Resolved that: the federal NDP have a full anti-harassment policy, based on all of the enumerated grounds of the Canadian Human Rights Act, on its website, alongside the mission statement and that the Federal NDP instruct all EDA's (Electoral District Associations) to include the same policy in their by-laws and their respective web-sites.

7-04-18 Resolution to remove the term “race” from the NDP Constitution and Policy Book

Québec

WHEREAS it has been scientifically established that all human beings are members of a single species (Homo sapiens) and there is not more than one human race; WHEREAS the concept of race is the basis of racism, an ideology that the NDP fights against; WHEREAS eliminating the term “race” will show that the NDP is a progressive party that plays a leadership role in promoting equality and combatting systemic racism;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the word “race” be replaced by the word “ethnicity” in the NDP Constitution.

7-05-18 Federal Policy Forum

University--Rosedale, Brampton South

Whereas the policy direction of the NDP is driven by both leadership elected by party members and the social democratic values upon which our party was founded;

And whereas lengthy policy discussions at NDP convention often only draw participation of a small number of speakers passionate about a single issue without making a meaningful impact on party policy, while taking up a considerable amount of delegates valuable time;

And whereas input from the membership into policy development is a vital aspect of the parties democracy that should not just occur once every 24 months;

Therefore be it resolved that policy discussion be limited to a maximum of one single day of convention to allow more time for delegates to participate in a program of capacity building, organizing training and political education to strengthen our movement;

And be it further resolved that federal council explore the creation of a separate Federal Policy Forum composed of expert delegates elected by the membership, federal caucus, trade unions and affiliated organizations, with a membership reflective of Canada's diversity and inclusive of voices from equity seeking groups, to advise the leadership on policymaking year-round.

7-06-18 Changing the Name of Young New Democrats of Canada

New Democratic Youth of Canada

Whereas Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution states “There shall be an autonomous youth section of the NDP of Canada whose name shall be the New Democratic Youth of Canada...”, Whereas the “New Democratic Youth of Canada,” name is difficult to remember and to market,

Be it resolved that Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution be amended by striking “New Democratic Youth of Canada” and replacing this name with “Young New Democrats”; Be it further resolved that this change be made throughout the document wherever “New Democratic Youth of Canada” appears

7-07-18 Expanding Young New Democrats of Canada Representation on Federal Council

New Democratic Youth of Canada

Whereas the executive body of the New Democratic Youth of Canada is comprised of more than 11 people

Be it resolved that Article VIII, Section 1(h) of the Constitution be amended by striking “11 youth representatives”, and replacing it with “14 youth representatives”.

7-08-18 Renaming the Participation of Visible Minorities Committee

POVM committee , University--Rosedale

Whereas the “Participation of Visible Minorities” Committee’s current name is confusing and controversial to members and delegates; and Whereas this body was intended to 1) represent voices of members who face systemic oppression and/or discrimination on the basis of race, national/ethnic origin, colour, or religion, and 2) elect representatives to Federal Executive and Council to speak on their behalf; and Whereas the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination has denounced the phrase “visible minority” as “racist” and “discriminatory,” recommending since 2007 that the Government of Canada reconsider use of this term;

THEREFORE BIRT Canada’s NDP amend its Constitution and all other official Party documentation to replace “Participation of Visible Minorities” with “Racial Justice and Equity,” including in reference to its members, Committee, or elected Representatives to Executive and Council (en français, “Comité pour la justice raciale et l’équité”). BIFRT Canada’s NDP will make reasonable efforts to avoid referring to members who face systemic oppression and/or discrimination on the basis of their race, national or ethnic origin, colour, or religion as “visible minorities”.

7-09-18 Mandatory EDA Executive Training

Guelph, Ottawa South, Pickering--Uxbridge, Orléans, UONDP

WHEREAS the New Democratic Party as a people-driven, anti-establishment party needs to develop alternative campaign strategies in order to win;
WHEREAS the Party is full of talented activists and passionate members;
WHEREAS the ridings of this party are underutilized and under-capacity;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this convention support the implemented of mandatory riding executive training and the creation of a platform for riding executives to strategize, plan, set targets, manage, and execute the work of the riding."

7-10-18 Increasing Convention Delegate Entitlement for EDAs

Essex

Whereas the NDP currently requires that all convention delegate credential be allocated based on the following: (b) Electoral District Association Delegates Each electoral district association shall be entitled to: i one (1) delegate for 50 party members or less; ii one (1) additional delegate for each additional 50 party members or major fraction thereof; and iii one (1) additional credential reserved for a youth delegate. Whereas the NDP does not have a policy to allow the President of a Federal Riding Association an automatic delegate status for convention (e) Delegate Entitlements The following shall be entitled to delegate credentials: i All former federal leaders of the Party; ii All members of the federal Caucus; iii All members of the Council; iv The Canadian Labour Congress shall be entitled to four (4) delegate credentials; v Each national labour organization with at least one affiliate to the party shall be entitled to two (2) delegate credentials; vi Each affiliated provincial and territorial federation of labour with at least one affiliate to the party shall be entitled to two (2) delegate credentials; and vii Each affiliated labour council with at least one local affiliated to the party shall be entitled to two (2) delegate credentials

Therefor Be it resolved that the number of members needed for credential allocation should be changed to 1 credential for every 25 members. Also therefore Be it resolved that federal riding association presidents should be given automatic delegate status.

7-11-18 Increasing Women Commission Representation on Federal Council

Federal Woman's Council

WHEREAS, Article VIII Council, 1. Composition, (g) states there are Six regional Women Commission representatives, and WHEREAS the only place the regions are defined in the constitution is in Article VIII Executive (3) (a)(b) “eleven regional representatives. For the purpose of representation on Executive and Council, the regions defined as: British Columbia, Ontario, Québec and the Atlantic provinces shall be entitled to two representatives...(t)he regions defined as: Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba shall each receive one representative. The Northern Caucus shall elect one regional representative on Executive. The Northern Caucus at Convention shall consist of delegates from the Yukon, the Northwest Territories, and Nunavut THEREFORE, In order to fully represent these regions there is a requirement for 12 Regional Women Commission representatives on Council.

BE IT RESOLVED that Article VIII Council, 1. Composition, (g) be amended to state: Twelve regional Women Commission representatives, to be elected by the respective regional caucus of women delegates at Convention and ratified by Convention;

7-12-18 Gender Parity at Convention

Toronto Centre

WHEREAS the New Democratic Party is proud of its long tradition in championing the advancement of women and equity seeking groups; WHEREAS Conventions are the supreme governing body of the Party;

BE IT RESOLVED 1) that Article V, Section 6 (Delegates to Convention) of the Constitution be amended to include 6 (b) iv. Gender parity shall apply when electing or appointing delegates. 6 (c) iii. Gender parity shall apply when electing or appointing delegates. 6 (d) iv. Gender parity shall apply when electing or appointing delegates. 6 (e) viii. Gender parity shall apply when electing or appointing delegates under subsections 6 (e) iv - vii.

7-13-18 Resolution to support candidates in federal election campaigns

Québec

WHEREAS running for office is a high-risk undertaking for professionals with a prior public career; WHEREAS certain financial assurances make it easier for women or individuals from minority groups (cultural communities, LGBTT, youth, Indigenous people, etc.);

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP Federal Council establish a strategy for supporting candidates during and after an election campaign, for unsuccessful candidates in particular.

7-14-18 Member Engagement

Orléans, Regina--Qu'Appelle, Davenport, Etobicoke North, Ottawa South, Vancouver Granville, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Ottawa--Vanier, Thornhill, UONDP

Whereas the Party seeks to promote internal democracy and grassroots leadership;

Whereas members wish to convey their views to each other on a range of issues;
Whereas knowing the views of the membership will provide useful information to party leaders;

Be it resolved that the Constitution be amended to include the following article:
Article XVII Member Engagement (1) Members shall be surveyed annually for their views regarding Party direction. (2) Questions to the survey endorsed by five or more Electoral District Association Presidents must be added to the annual survey. (3) Survey responses shall be summarized in a report within a reasonable timeframe and shared with all members. (4) It is the responsibility of the President to ensure the obligations of this clause are fulfilled.

7-15-18 Single, Integrated National Membership List

North Island--Powell River

WHEREAS the disparity between the Federal and Provincial parties' methods for confirming and updating membership results in confusion as to which lists are accurate;

WHEREAS this erodes members' confidence and undermines efforts to effectively engage members at the Federal and Provincial level;

AND WHEREAS the Federal NDP has invested heavily in using Populus to maintain its national voter database for membership and outreach;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal Party work with the Provincial Parties to create a single, integrated national membership list using Populus;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal Party make this a priority to ensure that an integrated national membership list can be implemented ahead of the next federal election.

7-16-18 Publicly-Accessible Policy Book

Charlottetown

Whereas the Policy Book of the New Democratic Party of Canada represents the democratically-determined policies and positions of the party and its members, and

Whereas the Policy Book of the New Democratic Party of Canada is a source of constant pride and public information, as well as illustrating the respect for the decisions of the members of the party,

Therefore be it resolved that the New Democratic Party of Canada make all necessary efforts to ensure that the party maintain a current version of the Policy Book on its website at all times, as well as taking all other steps to ensure that party members, candidates and elected officials and members of the public have access to the current Policy Book at all times.

7-17-18 Member Engagement

Outremont

WHEREAS the Party seeks to promote internal democracy and grassroots leadership; WHEREAS members wish to convey their views to each other on a range of issues; WHEREAS knowing the views of the membership will provide useful information to party leaders;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Constitution be amended to include the following article: Article XVII. Member Engagement (1) Members shall be surveyed annually for their views regarding Party direction. (2) Questions to the survey endorsed by five or more Electoral District Association Presidents must be added to the annual survey. (3) Survey responses shall be summarized in a report within a reasonable timeframe and shared with all members. (4) It is the responsibility of the President to ensure the obligations of this clause are fulfilled.

7-18-18 Banning Unpaid Interns within the NDP

Guelph, Saskatoon--University, Pickering--Uxbridge, Orléans, New Democratic Youth of Canada , JNDQ (Jeunes néodémocrates du Québec) , UONDP

WHEREAS, the NDP, during its 2016 convention in Edmonton, passed a resolution banning unpaid internships in all its forms. WHEREAS, even after this, certain MP offices still continued to post notices of unpaid placements in their offices. WHEREAS, the NDP, as the party of fair and equal labour must lead by example during this time of rising worker precarity, particularly among young people.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP recommend to its caucus to not have any placements within their offices that are unpaid including ones for academic credit. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP recommend to its caucus to work out a clear and non exploitative definition of a volunteer in the next collective agreement so that volunteers are rightfully protected from potential exploitation and do not displace existing staff or be forced to do work that paid staff might otherwise do. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP recommend to its instances and to caucus to replace any contract or precarious work positions within the party with full-time/part-time fully benefited positions.

7-19-18 Amendments to the New Democratic Party of Canada Constitution to facilitate discussions at federal policy conventions

Richmond--Arthabaska

Whereas Conventions are the supreme governing body of the Party (see: Constitution of the New Democratic Party of Canada, April 2016, Article V, 5.)
Whereas these Conventions are the only opportunities where members/delegates can present and discuss resolutions.

Be it resolved to add to Article V, 7 of our Constitution (NDP): (c) The period for the re-prioritization of resolutions and amendments will last a minimum of 180 minutes. (d) The periods of debates (for each resolution group), will last a minimum of 90 minutes.

Be it further resolved that point 3 of the Appendix: Rules of procedure for plenary sessions be amended as follows: Speeches shall be limited to two minutes. (...)

Be it further resolved that point 17 of that appendix be repealed.

7-20-18 Modifications to the Constitution of the New Democratic Party of Canada to amend Article XIII (Québec)

Richmond--Arthabaska

Whereas the NDP (Québec) holds from one to two General Councils and / or Conventions per year.

Whereas a greater participation of members in the election of their representatives on federal bodies will improve their interest and our internal democracy.

Be it resolved to amend Article XIII of our federal (NDP) Constitution by adding the following item 3 (d): (d) Members of the NDP Canada (Quebec) may democratically elect their representatives to the Federal Executive and to the Federal Council either at a Federal Convention or a Federal Council, or at a Convention of the NDP Canada (Quebec) or at a General Council of the NDP Canada (Quebec).

7-21-18 Modifications to the Constitution of the New Democratic Party of Canada to amend Article VIII (Council)

Richmond--Arthabaska

Whereas the Council plays an important role (see: Constitution of the New Democratic Party of Canada, April 2016, Article VIII.).

Be it resolved to amend Article VIII by replacing point 1 (c) with the following: (c) one representative per NDP riding Association (duly registered with Elections Canada).

Be it further resolved that the following be added at the end of point 2 of the same article: (h) May pass resolutions for the NDP policy book which may be approved upon request by the next federal Convention. (i) Must draft internal operating rules and distribute them to its members. These rules may be ratified upon request by the next federal Convention.

7-22-18 Modifications to the Constitution of the New Democratic Party of Canada to amend Article VII (the Executive)

Richmond--Arthabaska

Whereas the Party Executive plays an important role (see: Constitution of the New Democratic Party of Canada, April 2016, Article VII.).

Whereas within our Party there are specificities proper to each province. Whereas a limited number of members can attend a Federal Convention.

Be it resolved to amend Article VII of our Constitution (NDP) by replacing point 3 (a) with the following:

(a) twenty provincial representatives, two by province. This representation must follow the rule of gender parity. It will be the responsibility of the provincial parties (or provincial sections) to elect democratically, for a two-year term, their representatives, either at a federal Convention or a federal Council, or at a Provincial Convention or a provincial general Council.

7-23-18 Communication of voting results

Richmond--Arthabaska

WHEREAS there are six (five and a half) time zones in Canada.

WHEREAS during the last federal general election in Canada (2015), the first results of the eastern polls were released before the polling stations in the west closed.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT be added to the NDP policy book, in section 5.2;

(g) To defend the fairness of the vote of all Canadians by prohibiting the unveiling by Elections Canada of any electoral results before the closing of the last polling stations in Canada.

7-24-18 Parity within Electoral District Associations or between co-chairs

Québec

WHEREAS the NDP has a policy (6.1(h)) of eliminating obstacles to women's political participation by reforming the electoral system, improving political civility and ensuring consultation with women's groups in public policy development; WHEREAS the NDP should reflect this policy in our own party;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP strongly recommend that each Association introduce parity in its constitution and bylaws and within the executive.

7-25-18 Transmission of Membership Information

Alberta Council of Electoral Districts

WHEREAS membership and private information is often transmitted in an unsafe manner,

Be is Resolved that the NDP will only transmit membership or private information in a secure format and that the passwords to access any of this information be shared separately.

7-26-18 Grassroots Participation

Thornhill

Whereas many political parties, and the NDP, owe their existence to grassroots movements. Whereas before they become laws or platform planks, the party's most transformative policies are generated and popularized by grassroots activism and organizing, usually outside the party. Whereas if it's the labour movement, feminist groups, Indigenous mobilizations, LGBTQ2 advocacy, environmental direct action or others, the NDP owes much to movements. Whereas the NDP's many political victories are the blossoms, but movements are the roots, and to keep it growing, the NDP must nourish the roots that it comes from. Whereas If the NDP can keep it roots healthy, it can extend its reach and resonance, and speed up positive transformations of our society and economy.

Be it resolved that the New Democratic Party will:

Mobilize its members between elections in support of non-electoral campaigns, including campaigns that are not lead by the NDP itself; Hold trainings (from online workshops to training camps) in a variety of skills for organizing and campaigning; Allow and encourage use of mailing lists to promote regional and local movement activity that broadly aligns with the party's platform; Sponsor speaking tours of grassroots activists, inviting its members and supporters into dialogue about cutting-edge issues; Recognizing that different currents of thought exist within the party, allow and encourage tendencies to form, so long as they respect some basic rules; and Commit resources to the equitable participation and political advancement of women, people of colour, LGBTQ2, Indigenous, disabled and otherwise vulnerable or stigmatized communities and peoples both within the NDP ranks and as part of all the activities listed above.

7-27-18 Democratization of Policy and Platform Development 2

Toronto--Danforth

WHEREAS the health of Canadian democracy is enhanced by meaningful and effective internal democracy within political parties including participatory policy-making; and

WHEREAS the NDP must shift to greater online engagement with party members in advance of policy conventions including because costs of attending conventions seriously limits those who can attend

Be It Resolved that (1) within six months after the 2018 NDP convention, Federal Council issue a report on internal party democracy containing options for better use of online platforms that permit meaningful opportunity for members' and riding associations' presentation, discussion, and prioritization of policy proposals.

(2) the report must also contain principles for online interactions as safe space and as inclusive opportunities for all members.

(3) by six months before the 2020 convention, the party operationalize an online mechanism for presentation, discussion, and prioritization of policy proposals before that convention.

(4) Federal Council consider technologically-assisted participation to help decide policy directions and electoral commitments for the 2019 election platform.

7-28-18 EDA Engagement in Council Proceedings

Regina--Qu'Appelle, Halifax, Etobicoke North, Ottawa South, Toronto Centre, Vancouver Granville, Fredericton, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Selkirk--Interlake--Eastman, Pickering--Uxbridge, New Democratic Youth of Canada , Thornhill, Guelph, UONDP

Whereas the Party seeks to promote internal democracy and grassroots leadership;

Be it resolved that the following be added to Section 2.a of Article VI of the Constitution:

(iv) notifying all EDA Presidents of an upcoming Council meetings and its subject matter; (v) circulating Council minutes to all EDA Presidents; (vi) adding to Council's agenda any item that three or more EDA Presidents wish discussed or voted on; (vii) ensuring that Party members have access to the names and emails of all members of Federal Council, and that the Policy Manual is available to the public, at all times.

7-29-18 Campaign to Increase NDP Affiliates

Beaches--East York, Hamilton Centre

Whereas the NDP must restore and expand its links to the working class, including the unemployed, the under-employed, and the non-waged workers, and to the social protest movements that battle the depredations of globalized capitalism; And whereas NDP links to labour unions, including its receipt of their financial contributions, proudly distinguish the NDP, like its Cooperative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) predecessor, from the parties of big business as the democratic political expression of the workers' movement in this country;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the NDP actively campaign to increase union affiliation to the party and invite progressive social movements and groups of activist individuals to form clubs and to affiliate to the party. The party actively promotes the idea of an expanded movement of affiliates which would enjoy direct in-put to conventions and councils of the NDP, and which would constitute an expanded working class and activist base on which to build the party as an instrument for democratic socialist transformation of society.

7-30-18 Less Cost & More Debate for Conventions

Beaches--East York

Whereas substantially greater democracy and political pluralism are an urgent necessity within the NDP;

Therefore Be It Resolved that this convention mandate and ensure more accessible, more democratic, membership-driven party conventions, with low/minimal registration fees, and with at least 80% of convention time dedicated to debate and voting on resolutions from grassroots organizations.

7-31-18 Equity Mandate

Burnaby South, South Surrey--White Rock, Aboriginal Commission, Esquimalt--Saanich--Sooke, Aboriginal Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that ARTICLE XV of the Constitution be amended by adding "3. The pool of candidates selected to stand in the 2019 and each General Election thereafter must contain a proportion of (a) Indigenous Peoples; (b) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Community Members; (c) People Living with Disabilities; (d) Visible Minority Community Members; and, (e) Women; equal to each of these named groups' proportion of Canada's population subject to an allowed variance of up to ten percent of each named groups' proportion of the total population when used as a base."

7-32-18 Encouraging Local Involvement

Toronto--St. Paul's

Whereas: In the course of 2015 The New Democratic Party ran a highly centralized national campaign one that failed to pivot effectively in the face of tactical and strategic challenges (most obviously on the issue of deficit spending).

Whereas: During the last federal election campaign the central administration of the NDP campaign sought in some ridings to actively infringe the right to free speech of both the riding association and the local campaign. Whereas: The NDP is the only national party that has as a matter of historical record countenanced genuinely free and open debate in pursuit of national political power.

Whereas: It is understood that national campaigns can benefit from communications generated at both the riding and the national level.

Be it resolved that: the New Democratic Party respects and encourages local participation and action as it relates to the crafting and drafting of specific messages aimed at the interests of local campaigns, provided that there is adherence to adopted party platform and policy.

7-33-18 Candidate Withdrawal Procedures

Charleswood--St. James--Assiniboia--Headingley

Whereas, during the 2015 federal election, an obscure blogging site quoted completely out of context a social media post the NDP candidate for Charleswood - St. James - Assiniboia - Headingley had written years before he was the nominated NDP candidate, causing the federal campaign to ask for the candidate's withdrawal without input from the local campaign;

Whereas, the Guidelines for Candidates on Adherence to Party Policy provide that, "It is understood that the decision to strip a person of candidate status will be viewed as a last resort, and will be considered only after all other methods of resolving the problem have failed.";

Be It Resolved, that the central campaign consult with the relevant local campaign officials before asking a nominated candidate to withdraw from a federal election.

7-34-18 Council Representatives Accountability to CEDAs

Saskatoon--Grasswood

WHEREAS there are representatives from the provinces and territories to Council who do not participate in the affairs of their provincial or regional Council of Electoral District Associations; and WHEREAS there is a lack of accountability on the part of some categories of representatives to Council

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the constitution of the New Democratic Party of Canada be amended by adding the following words to Article VIII at the end of subsection 1(c):

Representatives to Council provided for by this subsection are responsible to, shall report to and participate in the meetings and affairs of their regional Council of Electoral District Associations.

7-35-18 Resolution to amend the federal statutes to allow the participation of all members in the vote of confidence on the leadership

Richmond--Arthabaska

WHEREAS the NDP Constitution provides that the leader is elected by all members.

WHEREAS the NDP Constitution provides that at each federal Convention, only delegates are called upon to vote on the desirability of holding a leadership election.

BE IT RESOLVED to amend Article VI of our Federal (NDP) Constitution, modifying point 3 (a) Leader (v) as followed:

v At every Convention immediately following a general election, a pan-Canadian secret ballot shall be held by electronic voting and / or mail to determine if a leadership election is required. If the majority of the members of the party support a leadership election, the said election shall be held within one year after the said election.

7-36-18 Election of Regional Executive Members

Cypress Hills--Grasslands, Prince Albert

Where as: not all electoral districts may financially be able to send representatives to convention and yet desire to still have a voice on representative selection:

Be it resolved that Article VII EXECUTIVE subsection 3(a) be amended by striking out the words "Each region shall elect these representatives at a Caucus of delegates from the said region, and submit them to Convention for ratification."

Be it further resolved that the following subsection be added immediately after Article VII EXECUTIVE subsection 3(a):(b) Where a region, described in the above subsection (a), has a corresponding Council of Electoral District Associations, recognized by the Council under Article VIII subsection 2(a), the Council of Electoral District Associations for that region shall elect the regional representative(s) to which the region is entitled and submit them to convention for ratification. Where a region does not have a recognized Council of Electoral District Associations that corresponds geographically to that region, that region shall elect its regional representatives at a Caucus of delegates from the said region, and submit them to convention for ratification. The remaining subsections of section 2 shall be re-numbered accordingly.

And Be if further resolved that Article IX ELECTORAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS subsection 2(b) be amended by adding the following additional paragraph: v. Elect representatives to the Executive in accordance with Article VII EXECUTIVE subsection 3(b) and submit them to convention for ratification.

7-37-18 Resolution #2: on the names of federal Party donors

Sherbrooke

WHEREAS NDP riding associations do not receive the names of federal Party donors;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT henceforth the federal NDP will automatically and at regular intervals forward the names and contact information of federal Party donors, by riding, to the riding associations.

7-38-18 Democratization of Policy and Platform Development

Bruce--Grey--Owen Sound

Whereas effective policy development process should be ongoing and responsive, and

Whereas direct involvement of the membership in policy development would be attractive to current and prospective members, and

Whereas technological advances have made possible direct membership participation, and

Whereas direct involvement in developing election platforms would be equally beneficial;

Be it resolved that the Federal NDP immediately set in place a consultative process which would arrive at a model for direct membership involvement in ongoing policy development, and that,

Be it further resolved that election platform development should be part of this membership-driven initiative, and that,

Be it further resolved that a proposal for implementing membership-driven policy development and election platforms be ready for membership consideration by January 1, 2019 and presented in final form at the next NDP policy convention.

7-39-18 Council Oversight of Campaign Platform

New Democratic Youth of Canada

Whereas Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution states that Federal Council “ is the governing body of the Party between Conventions”,

Whereas Article V, Section 5 of the Constitution states “Conventions are the supreme governing body of the Party and shall have final authority in all matters of federal policy, program and constitution”,

Be it resolved that Federal Council will review the party’s electoral platform before it is released and ensure that it is in accordance with party policy, suggesting changes if need be.

7-40-18 Seek the Nomination

Papineau

Whereas in 2015 there was some confusion regarding eligibility for becoming a member in good standing seeking a nomination;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT It is proposed that an item 3 be added to Article XV (Candidates) of the Constitution: "3. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 2, any person who wishes to seek the nomination at a nomination meeting must have been a member in good standing for long enough to be able to vote at such a meeting. In the event of a sudden election or byelection in a district in which the candidate has not yet been chosen, the Party may decide to waive this rule."

7-41-18 Amendments to the Constitution of the New Democratic Party of Canada to encourage debate at federal conventions

Québec

WHEREAS federal conventions are the supreme governing body of the Party (see Constitution of the New Democratic Party of Canada; April 2016, Article V, 5.); WHEREAS these conventions are the only opportunity for members/delegates to present and debate resolutions.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following wording be added to Article V, 7 of the Constitution: (c) The period for re-prioritization and amendments to resolutions shall last a minimum of 180 minutes. (d) Debate periods (for each group of resolutions) shall last a minimum of 90 minutes. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT item 3 of the Appendix: Rules of Procedure for Plenary Sessions be amended as follows: Speeches shall be limited to two minutes. This shall not apply to (...) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT item 17 of this same appendix be repealed.

7-42-18 Resolution Ranking via Digital Secret Ballot

New Westminster--Burnaby, Orléans

Whereas new technologies can be used to increase grassroots participation and make more efficient use of delegates' time at convention

Be It Resolved that the NDP federal council implement a ranking process via secret online ballot to occur prior to convention. Each party member will choose a limited number of resolutions to prioritize from among all resolutions passed by electoral district associations, affiliated unions and youth clubs for consideration at the 2018 convention.

7-43-18 Nominated Candidate Procedural Guidelines

Orléans, Regina--Qu'Appelle, Halifax, Etobicoke North, Ottawa South, Vancouver Granville, Fredericton, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Selkirk--Interlake--Eastman, Ottawa Centre, Pickering--Uxbridge, New Democratic Youth of Canada , Ottawa--Vanier, Guelph, UONDP

Whereas the Party seeks to promote internal democracy and grassroots leadership;

Be it resolved that the following be added to Article XV of the Constitution:

(3) Once nominated by an EDA, a candidate may only be barred or removed from candidacy if one or more of the following is true: (a) The candidate resigns of their own accord. (b) The candidate violates civil or criminal laws, or Elections Canada's regulations, in such a way that would prevent them from continuing as a candidate. (c) Council resolves, after hearing from the candidate, that the candidate has committed acts or made statements in violation of the Party's Constitution or core values.

7-44-18 Allowing all members to participate in the vote of confidence on the leadership

London--Fanshawe, Vimy, South Shore--St. Margarets, Québec

WHEREAS the NDP Constitution states that the Leader shall be elected by all members; WHEREAS the NDP Constitution states that, at every federal convention, only delegates shall be called upon to vote on whether a leadership election should be held;

Be it resolved that: Article VI 3(a) v of the party constitution be amended be amended to read: For every convention that is not a leadership convention, a secret ballot vote, open to all members in good standing, will be held to determine whether or not a leadership election should be called. Ballots will be mailed to all members in good standing six weeks ahead of the convention. Results will be tabulated so that the result can be announced at the convention. Members may vote either on line or by regular mail. If 50 percent plus one of the total cast votes cast by the end of the balloting process support the calling of a leadership election, such an election will be held within one year of the convention vote.

7-45-18 Modernization and Democratization of Convention Resolution Process

Etobicoke--Lakeshore, Ottawa South, Skeena--Bulkley Valley, Ottawa West--Nepean, Fredericton, Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, Ottawa Centre, Pickering--Uxbridge, Orléans, Ottawa--Vanier, UONDP

WHEREAS digital access to decision making processes empowers members to participate in a way that helps overcome geographic, socioeconomic, and language barriers; WHEREAS the New Democratic Party is, foundationally, a grassroots democratic party;

BIRT the New Democratic Party's Federal Council conduct research into methods of modernizing and democratizing the resolution prioritization process using an accessible online platform; BIFRT Federal Council disseminate a proposal at least 10 months prior to the next convention via email to local EDAs and directly to members eliciting feedback; BIFRT within four months of that convention, the National Director operationalize an online mechanism for presentation, discussion, and prioritization of policy resolutions, ensuring democratic access to resolution prioritization for the Party's membership in time for the next convention, and accounting for those who cannot access the internet regularly.

7-46-18 Socialism Back in the NDP Constitution

Beaches--East York, Etobicoke North

Whereas reduction of the term "socialism" in the federal NDP Constitution preamble in 2013 to a mere background reference concerning the roots of the CCF-NDP implies that the party today uncritically embraces the capitalist system, which is characterized by growing inequality, waste, environmental destruction, war and economic chaos;

And whereas the 2015 NDP federal election campaign, which focused on non-mandated policies calling for a balanced budget at all costs, and no major new taxes on corporations and the rich, represented a further shift away from traditional NDP values;

Therefore Be It Resolved that this convention amends the federal NDP Constitution to include in its preamble the following: "Socialism, a cooperative commonwealth in which public ownership and democratic control by working people of the major means of production, distribution and exchange, is the goal of the New Democratic Party."

7-47-18 Leadership Accountability

Mount Royal

Whereas the NDP suffers from the legacy of federal and provincial NDP leaders who violated NDP policies and principles adopted at conventions; And whereas no party convention mandated the "balanced budget" major theme of the 2015 NDP federal election campaign, which had disastrous consequences;

Therefore Be It Resolved that adopted policies and priorities are binding on party elected officials and staff for implementation, and that NDP leaders be subject to recall and replacement for violation of party principles, and for failure to implement policies and priorities democratically adopted by convention or federal council.

7-48-18 Candidate Approval Process

Notre-Dame-de-Grâce--Westmount

WHEREAS recent elections have made it apparent that there are problems with the NDP candidate selection process; WHEREAS the NDP prides itself on internal party democracy; WHEREAS the party's electoral district associations (EDAs) are the bedrock of its organizational structure;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT for all future elections the NDP will have a green light committee in each province and territory. This committee will be drawn from volunteers from the EDAs in that province or territory. The committee in each province/territory will be sufficiently large to ensure that a candidate will be given a response to her/his application within 21 days of its receipt. Each green light committee is obliged to inform the executive of each EDA of any prospective candidates from whom it has received an application for the nomination in that EDA and seek the opinion of the EDA on the suitability of the candidate. The green light committees will be created by Dec. 1 of the year preceeding a general election; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the date for a candidate selection meeting will be agreed to by the party and the EDA. However, if no nomination meeting has been held 90 days before the election date, the EDA is authorized to proceed and organize a nomination meeting on a date it judges to be appropriate; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT as a matter of course the party and EDAs will organize candidate selection meetings in the month of May or earlier, in a year when there is a general election. The date of the candidate selection meeting will be advertised by the EDA to its members at least 90 days prior to the candidate selection meeting.

7-49-18 Directive on Candidate Nomination and Approval

Kings--Hants

WHEREAS the Party seeks to promote internal democracy and grassroots leadership;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following direct Council to change the Rules Governing the Nomination Process of Candidates for the New Democratic Party of Canada as found in the Renewal Guidebook Toolkit, 2016. Remove the current 2b) Approval to stand for nomination and 2c) Appeals and replace with the following: 2b) Approval to stand for nomination. 1. The National Director shall receive all applications to seek a nomination. (The following process may be followed electronically to facilitate speedy process as required during a writ period.) 2. The National Director may approve prospective candidates. The National Director may not reject potential candidates. Only Council, after following the process below can decide to reject a candidate. Reasons for considering denial of potential candidates are: breach of the NDP constitution, these regulations or any other duly enacted requirement or policy of the NDP.

The National Director should have sufficient support to make a turn-around in good time. The National Director follows the process below if they believe there are sufficient reason to reject a potential candidate. 2a. If the Director is not willing to approve the candidate, he/she/they shall forward the application to the Candidate Review Committee with reasons for not wishing to approve within two business days, with a copy of the application and information. 3. Outside of a writ period this process may take a maximum of 10 business days. The National Director may extend this deadline in extenuating circumstances. If the deadline is extended beyond 10 days, the National Director or a designated staff member will communicate to the EDA, immediately following the 10 days, that the deadline has been extended due to extenuating circumstances. (copied from the current rules).

1. Council may revoke approval of a prospective candidate for nomination by striking an ad hoc Candidate Review Committee. A candidate may only be barred or removed from candidacy if one or more of the following is true: (a) The candidate resigns of their own accord. (b) The candidate violates civil or criminal laws, or Elections Canada's regulations, in such a way that would prevent them from continuing as a candidate. (c) The Candidate Review Committee resolves that the candidate has committed acts or made statements in violation of the Party's Constitution or core values. In order to make this determination the Committee shall hear from: (i) One or two persons designated by the National Director. (ii) The candidate and a support person identified by the candidate. (iii) Any other persons the Committee may choose to hear. 2c. Appeals: The Candidate or National Director can appeal the decision to full Council in a session held in camera. In order to maintain time limits, Council should have a meeting to hear any potential appeals set sufficiently ahead of the date named that Elections Canada closes nominations. This would allow time to find a new candidate if the appeal fails. Should the candidate be removed, the EDA shall be given sufficient support by central office to elect another candidate.

2. Only if the determination to bar or remove the candidate has been made shall the activity of such hearing and rationale be shared publicly by the Candidate Review Committee.

3. Once the candidate has been nominated by the EDA, should concerns about the candidate arise, the process as stated above should occur before a decision is made to remove the candidate. The National Director, council executive or EDA can trigger this process.