

Resolutions 2012

HOME CARE FOR SENIORS

Policy:

That the NPF and its members call on the federal and provincial governments to cooperate, improve, and implement the following programme so as to improve home care for seniors:

- a. provide and improve restive relief for voluntary care givers;
- b. provide paid leave for family care givers when necessary;
- c. provide sufficient home support through federal and/or provincial funding agreements; and
- d. financially support current volunteer programmes and encourage the establishment of new volunteer programmes which have seniors helping seniors with minor home repair programmes, non-medical health promotional programmes and visitations, companionship, and social excursion programmes.

Number:

8

Section:

Health

SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR PORT SECURITY OFFICERS

Policy:

That sensitivity training be compulsory for all people dealing with the public in our nation's ports.

Number:

20

Section:

Transportation

INCREASING THE CURRENT MAXIMUM DEATH BENEFIT

Policy:

That the federal government and Health Canada take immediate steps to increase the current maximum death benefit of \$2500 to a maximum of \$5000 income tax exempt benefit to enable the family of a deceased cover much of the funeral and other related expenses.

Number:

14

Section:

Pensions

HELP FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS

Policy:

That the NPF urge governments to help, financially, low income seniors so they may live with dignity.

Number:

25

Section:

Pensions

HEALTHCARE PREMIUMS AS A TAX DEDUCTION

Policy:

That the NPF urge the federal government to allow seniors to claim all premiums for health care services as a tax deduction.

Number:

21

Section:

Pensions

GST EXEMPTION

Policy:

That the NPF urge the federal government to remove the Goods and Services Tax (GST) from over-the-counter medications.

Number:

22

Section:

Pensions

REFORMING THE PRESENT PENSION SYSTEM

Policy:

That community campaigns (with a national focus) be established to restructure our present pension system in line with the Canadian Labour Congress proposals be initiated and supported to address all shortcomings and inadequacies; and, further, that the provincial and federal governments implement the Canadian Labour Congress's proposals on pension reform.

Number:

15

Section:

Pensions

PRIVATE PORTABLE PENSION PLAN

Policy:

That the NPF lobby the federal government to institute (in addition to the Canada Pension Plan) a private portable pension plan sponsored by the federal government and employees which takes into consideration the movement of Canadian workers from one job or type of employment to another; and that this portable pension plan make special pension provision for parents who elect to stay at home during child-rearing years.

Number:

16

Section:

Pensions

INCREASE OAS AND COST OF LIVING

Policy:

That the NPF urge the federation government to increase Old Age Security by no less than 30% and tie future benefits to the cost of living index.

Number:

8

Section:

Pensions

INCREASE THE GUARANTEED INCOME SUPPLEMENT

Policy:

That the NPF urge the federal government to increase the Guaranteed Income Supplement by no less than 16% in order to give seniors and others on fixed income a decent standard of living and thus raise them above the poverty level.

Number:

7

Section:

Pensions

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ON CHANGES TO OLD AGE SECURITY

Policy:

That the NPF urge the federal government to institute public dialogue and consultation prior to any changes to the status quo Old Age Security benefits.

Number:

1

Section:

Pensions

AGE FOR PENSION ELIGIBILITY

Policy:

That the NPF advise the federal government that our organization is totally opposed to raising the age of eligibility for pensions beyond the present 65 years of age.

Number:

6

Section:

Pensions

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SENIORS

Policy:

That the NPF lobby the federal government and all other levels of government to pass into law provisions for a federal housing policy and provisions for adequate and affordable housing for all Canadian seniors.

Number:

1

Section:

Environment

THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE

Policy:

That the NPF demand of government the implementation of all recommendations of the Royal Commission on the future of Healthcare in Canada, chaired by the Honourable Roy Romanow. (Convention 2012)

Number:

1

Section:

Health

GROUP HEALTH CENTRES

Policy:

That the NPF advocate and support the establishment of Group Health Centres using the Sault Ste. Marie Group Health Centre as a model.

Number:

11

Section:

Health

GUIDELINES FOR PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS

Policy:

That the NPF urge the federal government to develop guidelines for the use and administration of psychotropic drugs based on best practices and sound research.

Number:

14

Section:

Health

FEDERAL ANTI-SMOKING EDUCATION

Policy:

That the NPF call on all levels of government to initiate educational programmes that will discourage and prevent youth from starting to smoke.

Number:

13

Section:

Health

FEDERAL CANCER FUNDING

Policy:

That the NPF call on all levels of the federal government to pledge resources to efforts to find a cure for cancer within the next ten years.

Number:

12

Section:

Health

EYE CARE COVERAGE

Policy:

That the NPF urge provincial governments to support regular eyesight examinations for all seniors by a qualified doctor or optometrist and further that the NPF urge the federal government to include eye care coverage for all seniors under the Canada Health Act.

Number:

2

Section:

Health

PHYSICIAN CARE FOR SENIORS

Policy:

That the NPF petition Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons to promote family practice physicians to:

- a. Maintain an updated and accurate listing of physicians who are accepting new patients; and
- b. Encourage family physicians to accept complex cases and ensure responsible continuity for the care of seniors, especially those with multiple and complex needs.

Number:

3

Section:

Health

WAGE ALLOWANCE FOR LIVE-IN HOME CARE WORKERS

Policy:

That the NPF urge both the federal and provincial governments to provide live-in home care and home support workers with a wage allowance which would enable those workers to remain at home to care for seriously disabled or frail elderly relatives in need of extended care.

Number:

7

Section:

Health

ENDING PROVINCIAL MEDICAL PREMIUMS

Policy:

That the NPF call on those provincial governments which still charge medical premiums to seniors to eliminate those premiums.

Number:

10

Section:

Health

NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR HOME CARE AND PALLIATIVE CARE

Policy:

That the lobby efforts of the NPF include pressing for the implementation of national standards for home care and palliative care and ensure adequate hours of care are provided to those in need, permanently eliminating the competitive bidding process, and moving to a

public delivery system with accountability standards that allow seniors to live in their homes as long as possible and with dignity.

Number:

6

Section:

Health

HEALTH CARE PRINCIPLES

Policy:

That the NPF call on the members of this federation to support strongly the protection of all five principles of health care legislation:

- a. Universality
- b. Accessibility
- c. Portability
- d. Comprehensiveness
- e. Public Administration

Number:

5

Section:

Health

NATIONAL PHARMACARE PROGRAMME

Policy:

That the NPF urge the federal government to support the immediate allocation of funding to establish a National Pharmacare Programme.

Number:

4

Section:

Health

BRAND-NAME DRUGS AND CETA

Policy:

That the federal government ensure that the European Union's condition that extends the exclusivity of "brand name" drugs an additional three years is removed from the "Commercial Economic Trade Agreement".

Number:
33
Section:
Health

KITSILANO COAST GUARDS

Policy:
That the NPF urge the federal government to reverse the decision to close the Kitsilano Coast Guard Station.

Number:
11
Section:
Transportation

CANADA'S PEACEKEEPING TRADITION

Policy:
That the NPF urge the Canadian government to return to focusing on being a nation of "peacekeepers"; withdraw from the War on Terrorism; and rebuild Canada's global respect.

Number:
10
Section:
Transportation

"LIVING WAGE"

Policy:
That the NPF call upon governments to amend all labour legislation which refers to "minimum wage" and replace that wording with "living wage".

Number:
9
Section:
Transportation

"DYING WITH DIGNITY"

Policy:
That the NPF urge the federal government to support assistance for "Dying With Dignity" (providing all criteria as outlined in Bills C-497 and C-562 are met) and support the revocation of Section 241(b) of the Canadian Criminal Code.

Number:

3

Section:

Transportation

TRANSPORTATION OF NUCLEAR AND TOXIC WASTES

Policy:

That the NPF urge the Canadian and USA governments and the Ministers of the Environment to ban the transport of nuclear and toxic waste through the Great Lakes.

Number:

3

Section:

Income and Taxation

PROTECT THE GREAT LAKES ECOSYSTEM

Policy:

That the NPF demand that the provincial and federal Ministers of the Environment ensure that the eco system of the Great Lakes is protected.

Number:

5

Section:

Income and Taxation

NO NEW PIPELINES

Policy:

That the NPF add its voice in favour of the environment and against any increased construction of pipelines for bitumen and gas.

Number:

4

Section:

Income and Taxation

HARMONIZE AND STRENGTHEN ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS

Policy:

That the NPF urge the federal government to adopt a leadership role to “harmonize” and strengthen environmental standards and regulations; and that effective legislation be passed with adequate staff hired to enforce the enhanced environmental regulations.

Number:

1

Section:

Income and Taxation

HALT NEW PIPELINES

That the NPF urge the Alberta and Canadian governments to put a halt to the Gateway, Keystone, and Kinder Morgan pipeline projects.

Number:

7

Section:

Income and Taxation

DISPOSAL OF USED TIRES

Policy:

That the provincial and federal governments find secure locations (at no cost) where tires can be brought and that governments find ways of disposing of or utilizing old tires.

Number:

2

Section:

Income and Taxation

BAN "FRACKING"

Policy:

That the Canadian and provincial governments ban the practice of "fracking".

Number:

6

Section:

Environment

THE TOBIN TAX

Policy:

That the NPF urge the government of Canada to support the Tobin Tax (a tax on foreign exchange transactions).

Number:

24

Section:
Pensions

TAXING THE WEALTHY AND CORPORATIONS

Policy:
That the federal and provincial governments increase all forms of taxation on wealthy Canadians and that they increase corporate taxes as well.

Number:
23

Section:
Pensions

TAX-FREE FUNERALS

Policy:
That all federal taxes be removed from seniors' funeral expenses.

Number:
13

Section:
Pensions

PENSION PLAN FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Policy:
That the NPF urge the federal government to scrap the current pension plan for Members of Parliament immediately and replace it with a plan that requires the funding to be equitable for both the MPs and taxpayers and that the pension plan be based on sound actuarial principles.

Number:
17

Section:
Pensions

ON PENSION FUNDS AND PRIVATE EQUITY CORPS 2

Policy:
That pension funds not be used to finance private equity corporations.

Number:
5

Section:
Pensions

ON PENSION FUND INVESTMENTS AND PRIVATE EQUITY CORPS 1

Policy:

That the NPF call on all levels of government to investigate the practice of pension fund investment in private equity corporations that benefit from the purchase of other corporations and then subject the employees and retirees to financial hardship.

Number:

4

Section:

Pensions

ON-LINE VOTING SYSTEMS

Policy:

That the NPF actively and vigorously oppose any federal, provincial, municipal, and/or regional attempt to change the secret ballot voting system to an online voting system.

Number:

4

Section:

Transportation

SUPPORTING THE UN RESOLUTION- AGENDA 21

Policy:

That the NPF call upon the federal government to support the right to water and specifically:

(a) Support the UN resolution and declaration “Agenda 21 – the UN blueprint for sustainable development”; and

(b) Support the “General Comment No. 15” adopted by the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.”

Number:

10

Section:

Income and Taxation

RAW MATERIAL PROCESSING

Policy:

That the Canadian government institute a policy that raw materials are processed domestically, thus adding value to exports.

Number:

1

Section:

Transportation

STREAMLINING THE NEW HORIZONS FUNDING

Policy:

That the NPF request those persons in charge of the New Horizons grant applications to speed up the process of requests for grants in order that the clubs approved for funding can rely on the estimates given them by suppliers.

Number:

7

Section:

Transportation

TAXING CROSS-BORDER SHOPPING

Policy:

That the NPF oppose the increase in tax exemptions for cross-border shoppers.

Number:

8

Section:

Transportation

TRADE DEALS WITH JAPAN

Policy:

That the NPF call on our government to put Canadian jobs first in any trade deal(s) with Japan.

Number:

2

Section:

Transportation