

## **Resolutions 2013**

### **SENIOR INCOME SUPPLEMENTS FREE FROM INCOME TAX**

Policy:

That the NPF lobby the federal government to exempt CPP, QPP, OAS and CPP benefits from income tax.

Number:

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Section:

Pensions

### **RESCIND 67 AS NEW RETIREMENT AGE**

Policy:

That the NPF request of the federal government that the age legislation raising the eligible age to receive pensions to 67 be rescinded before it is enacted and that all private pension plans be required to have adequate funds and be insured by the federal government against bankruptcy.

Number:

19

Section:

Pensions

### **OAS AND GIS INCREASES**

Policy:

That the OAS and GIS be increased significantly to provide for those who have never entered the work force.

Number:

20

Section:

Pensions

### **COST OF LIVING INCREASES FOR SENIORS**

Policy:

That the increases in OAS, CPP and GIS be adjusted so as to more accurately keep up with the actual cost of living.

Number:

2

Section:  
Pensions

### **APPLYING CPP ADJUSTMENT**

Policy:  
That the NPF lobby the federal government – Service Canada to apply the CPP adjustment amount to CPP and supplements every three months.

Number:  
9

Section:  
Pensions

### **RESTORE NATIONAL HEALTH CARE PROVISIONS**

Policy:  
That the NPF urge the federal government to rethink its plans to curtail (or cease funding) health categories presently allocated to the provinces and rescind those parts of any planned legislation detrimental to the overall existing National Health Care provisions.

Number:  
29

Section:  
Health

### **NEGOTIATING A UNIVERSAL DRUG PLAN**

Policy:  
That the NPF call upon all of its members to speak with one voice demanding that the federal, provincial, and territorial governments negotiate a universal drug plan.

Number:  
20

Section:  
Health

### **COORDINATION OF SENIOR HEALTHCARE**

Policy:  
That the NPF support a more wide-ranging and better coordinated systems of home and community care for seniors which can help seniors to live independent and healthy lives in their own homes and communities; and, further, that the NPF lobby for increased access to home and community care services – especially home care and primary care (physician) services for seniors with complex health needs.

Number:  
17  
Section:  
Health

### **DRUG SHORTAGES AND PHARMACEUTICAL STOCKPILES**

Policy:

That concrete steps be taken by the federal government to ensure that doctors and pharmacists are not left scrambling for the appropriate drugs to treat their patients and, further, that there should be a mandatory reporting of impending drug shortages to Health Canada; that the federal government's pharmaceutical stockpiles include more drugs deemed essential to health care; that the federal government establish contingency plans whereby provinces and territories could share supplies across the country and restock from alternate international suppliers if a shortage occurs; and that supply contracts for all essential drugs be made with a minimum of two suppliers.

Number:  
16  
Section:  
Health

### **ELEMENTS OF AN INTEGRATED SENIOR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**

Policy:

That the NPF policy in respect to integrated care include support for an integrated public system which will deliver a seamless continuum of care for seniors which includes:

- (a) The facilitation of policies, procedures, and funding which will allow seniors to age in place.
- (b) Provision of a single and highly coordinated administrative structure with integrated information systems consistent throughout the health authorizes.
- (c) Provision of an integrated full range of health, community and social services commensurate with the diversity of needs of an older population, including addressing preventive health care needs.
- (d) Establishment of a "one stop" programme for seniors and their loved ones when a need arises.
- (e) Establishment of a universal system of 7/24 home support based on need and which will empower individuals to live independently in their homes with dignity and for as long as possible.

(f) Provision of care that is more than medical in nature and realizing that there are many other services that are critical to allowing seniors to stay in their own homes and community, including such services as assistance with laundry, transportation, cooking, socializing and home cleaning and maintenance.

(g) That the NPF urge the federal and provincial governments to retain and improve the Medicare system and prevent private clinics from charging user fees.

Number:

32

Section:

Health

### **MOBILIZING FOR A DAY OF PROTEST**

Policy:

That the NPF and all other seniors organizations mobilize to make the “International Day of Older Persons” (October 1) an annual day of protest to cutbacks that affect our seniors and all Canadians in our communities.

Number:

21

Section:

Transportation

### **LIVING WAGE INCREASES**

Policy:

That the NPF call upon provincial governments and opposition parties to immediately establish a living hourly wage and provide (annually) increases to minimum wage limits which will keep up with inflation.

Number:

13

Section:

Transportation

### **DRIVER COMPETENCY**

Policy:

That the NPF inform governments that the study under the principal researcher Man Song Hing (which concludes that age is not a critical criteria for drivers) that the study is offensive and such areas as physical and cognitive awareness are more important.

Number:

16

Section:  
Transportation

### **DAY OF PROTEST – OCTOBER 1**

Policy:  
That October 1, 2015 be designated as a special day of national protest in order to influence the outcome of the scheduled federal election later in the month.

Number:  
22  
Section:  
Transportation

### **COMPUTER ACCESS PROGRAMMES**

Policy:  
That the federal government fully fund Computer Access Programmes (CAPs).

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14  
Section:  
Transportation

### **“PLANNING WITH SENIORS FOR SENIORS”**

Policy:  
That the NPF demand of the federal government, “planning with seniors for seniors”, a national programme to fill the need in our communities, provinces, and territories so that seniors live out their lives with dignity and respect.

Number:  
12  
Section:  
Transportation

### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FROM RAIL ACCIDENTS**

Policy:  
That the federal government immediately put in place and enforce strict regulations to protect Canadians and the environment from rail accidents.

Number:  
11

Section:  
Income and Taxation

### **ENERGY CONSERVATION AND RETROFIT**

Policy:  
That the NPF actively lobby (provincially and federally) for funding for improved energy conservation and green energy retrofit programmes which include a “Pay as You Save” (PAYS) programme.

Number:

8

Section:  
Income and Taxation

### **ACCESS TO OFFICIAL TAX FORMS**

Policy:  
That the official tax forms provided by the Canadian Revenue Agency be available at post offices and other locales for easier access to citizens.

Number:

18

Section:  
Pensions

### **ON RRIF WITHDRAWALS**

Policy:  
That the federal government treat RRIF withdrawals, up to the amount required by law, in a similar manner as capital gains, with only half of the withdrawal being subject to tax until such time as the economy no longer requires government control at the record low interest rate levels evident over the past five years.

Number:

11

Section:  
Pensions

### **NON-TAXABLE DEATH BENEFIT**

Policy:  
That the NPF urge the federal government to make the CPP lump sum death benefit non-taxable.

Number:

12

Section:

Pensions

### **MINIMUM WAGE EQUIVALENT FOR SENIORS**

Policy:

That the NPF urge governments (provincial and federal) to devise a system whereby no senior's income would drop below what they would make if they were working a 40 hours week at minimum wage.

Number:

10

Section:

Pensions

### **STUDENT AID**

Policy:

That the NPF call on all provincial governments in Canada, through the Minister of Education, to extend financial aid beyond secondary schools to the public college and university levels up to at least the first undergraduate degree for all deserving students.

Number:

23

Section:

Transportation

### **PORT SECURITY**

Policy:

That the NPF urge Transport Canada to ensure that all security personnel at our ports be properly informed about all medical devices (including ostomies) and take individuals to a private area when viewing the devices.

Number:

19

Section:

Transportation

### **PASSENGER RAIL IN CANADA**

Policy:

That the federal government should direct VIA Rail to, at a minimum, reinstate the services recently cut; that the funding for VIA Rail should be increased dramatically to upgrade

infrastructure to ensure safety and responsible environmental practices; and that the federal government study the possibility of instituting high-speed rail service across Canada.

Number:

18

Section:

Transportation

### **NATIONAL LOBBY DAYS FOR GOOD LABOUR LAW**

Policy:

That the NPF join with others to mount a national lobby day with politicians at all three levels of government to tell them that good labour laws are key to maintaining a good community.

Number:

26

Section:

Transportation

### **UN CONVENTION ON DROUGHT**

Policy:

That the NPF call upon the federal government to reinstate Canada's commitment to the United Nations Convention on Drought.

Number:

9

Section:

Income and Taxation

### **STOP TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CROSS BORDER SHOPPERS**

Policy:

That the NPF oppose the increased tax exemptions for cross-border shoppers and send a letter to the federal Minister of Finance advising that at this time of store closings, layoffs, and stores moving to the United States, that his increase is totally irresponsible and will lead to further unemployment in Canada.

Number:

24

Section:

Transportation

### **THE DANGERS OF PAYDAY LOAN OUTLETS**



Policy:

That the NPF oppose the emergence of payday loans and cash advance companies and take steps to inform retirees of the dangers associated with the payday/cash advance system.

Number:

25

Section:

Transportation

### **TRANSPORTATION FOR RURAL SENIORS**

Policy:

That the NPF urge the Canadian government to create a task force to study and report on the lack of public transportation and its serious disadvantages to rural seniors.

Number:

17

Section:

Transportation

### **WEAPONS TO COLOMBIA**

Policy:

That the NPF request the federal government to stop the export of weapons to Colombia.

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Section:

Transportation