

## **HOUSING POLICIES**

### **2018**

#### 18.5.10 IMPACT ON SENIORS OF MIXED TENANCY HOUSING

**Policy:** That the National Pensioners Federation urge the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Governments to provide rent-geared to-income housing dedicated for seniors as part of affordable housing strategies and not allocate suites in the same building for tenants who may have serious behavioral issues.

Submitted by COSCO of B C

#### 18.5.9 RESPITE CARE

**Policy:** That the National Pensioners Federation request the Provincial and Federal Governments to fund more respite care.

Submitted By: Club #407 – Unifor Local 444 Retirees, Windsor

#### 18.5.8 HOME CARE AND STANDARDIZATION

**Policy:** That the National Pensioners Federation actively urge and lobby the federal government to have the Canada Health Act cover home care service including respite care,  
And - That this includes a standardization for home care to provide an adequate number of hours to ensure proper care for our Seniors.

Submitted By: Club #407 – Unifor Local 444 Retirees, Windsor

#### 18.5.7 FOREIGN CONTROL OF RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES

**Policy:** That the National Pensioners Federation (NPF) urge the Federal Government to request a full review within the Investment Canada Act of the sale of Retirement Concepts, to Anbang Insurance,

And - That the NPF call on the Federal Government to implement a moratorium on contracting out/contract flipping in the broader residential care sector.

Submitted by b c Forum (B C Federation of Retired Union Members)

#### 18.5.6 EXPENSE DEFERRAL ACCOUNT

**Policy:** That the National Pensioners Federation urge the federal government to set aside funds to create a Homeowners Expense Deferral Account program to allow senior homeowners with low or moderate income to use their home equity to offset unexpected costs such as repairs to a roof or furnace,

And - That the deferred amount becomes due upon the sale of the property, death, or voluntary repayment,

And - That total deferrals be allowed up to 75% of the equity of their home, and be charged simple interest.

Submitted by COSCO of B C

#### 18.5.5 COOP HOUSING SUPPORT

**Policy:** That the National Pensioners Federation encourage the federal government to offer land trust or lease extensions to help co-ops invest in rehabilitation and maintenance of aging structures and construction of new ones.

Submitted by COSCO of B C

#### 18.5.4 TEMPORARY HOUSING PROGRAMS

**Policy:** That the National Pensioners Federation urge the federal/provincial governments to conduct research and share findings on successful models for addressing homelessness among seniors, including Temporary Housing Programs in the transition back to permanent housing.

Submitted by COSCO of B C

### 18.5.3 ANNUAL RENTERS' REBATE PROGRAM

**Policy :** That the National Pensioners Federation urge the federal government to ensure the speedy implementation of the National Housing Strategy portable annual renters' rebate program.

Submitted by COSCO of B C

### 18.5.2 RENT BANKS

**Policy:** That the National Pensioners Federation urge the Federal government to work with provincial and municipal governments to set up "Rent Banks" for renters in crisis.

Submitted by COSCO of B C

### 18.5.1 THE TRAFFIC IN SENIORS' CARE

**Policy:** That the National Pensioners Federation lobby the Governments of Saskatchewan and Canada to stop or at least slow down the privatization of seniors' care.

Submitted by Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated

## 2017

### SENIORS HOUSING

**Policy;** That the National Pensioners Federation lobby the Federal Government to provide funding for additional housing and the maintenance of that project.

Submitted by SASKATCHEWAN SENIORS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

### NATIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY

**Policy:** That the federal government secure the future of affordable housing through a dedicated funding program to protect the existing stock of 600,000 social housing units;

And - That the NPF support the development of a National Housing Strategy that includes incentives to preserve and expand rental housing and co-operative housing, at a cost not to exceed 30% of income, for moderate income earners;

And - That the NPF urge the Federal government to review the mandate of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to determine how a National Housing Strategy can deliver housing projects with accountability and specific timelines for completion;

And - that the National Pensioners Federation (NPF) urge all levels of government in partnership to address the serious housing crisis which is due to long-term underinvestment in affordable housing;

And - That the National Pensioners Federation (NPF) work with our allies to lobby the federal government and all other levels of government to pass into law provisions for a federal housing strategy and provisions for adequate and affordable housing for all Canadians.

Submitted by BC FEDERATION OF RETIRED UNION MEMBERS (BC FORUM) and CONGRESS OF UNION RETIREES OF CANADA

### RESIDENTIAL CARE AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

**Policy:** that the National Pensioners' Federation urge the Federal and Provincial Governments to carefully monitor this situation to be sure the safety, security and well-being of residents of these Residential Care Complex is maintained;

And - That the National Pensioners' Federation urge the Federal and Provincial Governments to carefully monitor the residents of these Residential Care Complex with regard to staffing levels to ensure that those levels are maintained with the goal to provide all residents dignity, respect and well-being, and that British Columbia Standards are enforced;

And - That the National Pensioners' Federation urges the Federal and Provincial Governments to retain public possession and ownership of all care facilities in the province and to block any

future foreign investment or influence by private sector interests wishing to purchase or invest, to any degree, in the ownership or control of said facilities.  
Submitted by OLD AGE PENSIONERS ORGANIZATION of BC

#### CAREGIVER SUPPORT

**Policy:** That the National Pensioners' Federation urges the Federal and Provincial Governments to enable a means-tested allowance, whether through an Employment Insurance or other medium, to be paid directly to these informal caregivers to allow them to care for family members without the stress of financial hardship.

Submitted by OLD AGE PENSIONERS ORGANIZATION of BC

#### HOME CARE

**Policy:** That the National Pensioners' Federation urge both the Federal and Provincial Governments to expand funding to 'at home' personal health care.

Submitted by OLD AGE PENSIONERS ORGANIZATION of BC

#### DIRECT FUNDING TO COUNTER HOMELESSNESS

**Policy:** That the National Pensioners Federation urge the Federal Government to increase direct funding for affordable housing programs, to invest in targeted programs to house homeless people.

Submitted by COUNCIL OF SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATIONS of B C

#### AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDING & GUIDELINES

**Policy:** That the National Pensioners Federation call on the federal government to work with the territorial and provincial governments and their municipal counterparts to provide funding and guidelines for the immediate construction of affordable (that is 30% of family income) rental housing in areas of the country with the most pressing need;

And - That the National Pensioners Federation call on the federal government to work with said groups to develop a plan for affordable housing provisions and roll out that plan across the country;

And - That the National Pensioners Federation call on the federal government to insist that territories and provincial governments set guidelines in place and organizations staffed to enforce those guidelines to protect the interests of tenants and landlords.

Submitted by COUNCIL OF SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATIONS of B C

#### EQUITABLE COMPENSATION FOR HOME-OWNERS

**Policy:** That the NPF urge the federal government of Canada to amend the housing laws so that fair and equitable compensation is provided to manufactured home owners who are required to leave their home as a result of the sale or development of property.

#### WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPLEMENT RENT CONTROLS

**Policy:** That the NPF work with other national and provincial seniors/retirees organizations and other allies to lobby federal, provincial and territorial governments to implement rent controls in provinces and territories where there are currently none in place.

#### INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE CARCINOGEN EXPOSURE

**Policy:** That the National Pensioners Federation call upon the Minister of Labour and the Minister of Health, if deaths are determined to be due to carcinogens in the workplace, to ensure that those deaths are recorded and investigated;

And - That legislation be put in place to banish all materials or sources of carcinogen exposure from the workplace.

Submitted by TORONTO AREA RETIRED WORKERS COUNCIL

#### NATIONAL DEMENTIA PLAN

**Policy :** That the National Pensioners Federation urge the federal government to establish a National Dementia Plan.

Submitted by USCO

#### ALZHEIMER AND DEMENTIA

**Policy:** That this National Pensioners Federation Convention 2017 encourage Provincial and Federal Governments to increase research funding to find a cure.

#### NATIONAL DEMENTIA PLAN

**Policy:** That National Pensioners Federation (NPF) work with our allies to demand that the Federal Government develop a national dementia plan which will focus on: – Increasing funding for research into all aspects of dementia – Promoting earlier diagnosis and intervention – Strengthening the integration of primary, home and community care – Enhancing skills and training of the dementia workforce – Recognizing the needs and improving supports for caregivers

Submitted by BC FEDERATION OF RETIRED UNION MEMBERS (BC FORUM)

#### NATIONAL PUBLIC DRUG PLAN

**Policy:** That the National Pensioners Federation (NPF) continue to demand that the Federal Government pass legislation to provide a National Public Drug Plan (Universal Pharmacare program),

And - That the National Pensioners Federation (NPF) write directly to Canadian Minister of Health, Dr. Jane Philpott, requesting she take a positive stance towards promoting a National Public Drug Plan and advocate for such a plan to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health Study on the Development of a National Pharmacare Program.

Submitted by BC FEDERATION OF RETIRED UNION MEMBERS (BC FORUM) and CONGRESS OF UNION RETIREES OF CANADA

#### NATIONAL PHARMACARE PROGRAM

**Policy :** that the National Pensioners' Federation urges the Federal Government to enter into meaningful discussions with the Provinces to provide a National Pharmacare Program so that all Canadians have equal access to prescription drugs at a reduced cost.

Submitted by OLD AGE PENSIONERS ORGANIZATION of BC

#### HOSPITAL PARKING FEES

**Policy:** That the National Pensioners Federation call on all levels of Government to stop charging parking fees at Canadian Hospitals, and work with other organizations such as Unifor Retirees, Senior Citizens in each province, the Council of Canadians, and others to reach this effort for free parking at hospitals.

Submitted by USCO

#### ELIMINATE PARKING FEES AT CANADA'S HOSPITALS

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Submitted by UNIFOR LOCAL 524 AJAX, OSHAWA AND PETERBOROUGH AREA COUNCIL

#### 2015

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## UNIVERSAL PROGRAMME OF HOME SUPPORT AND HOME CARE

**Policy:** That the NPF support a Universal Programme of Home Support and Home Care based on need, available seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day, for seniors and that this policy should become part of any election platform and further that the NPF urge the federal government to make implementation of this policy a priority.

## 2014

### FIRE SAFETY IN SENIOR RESIDENCES

**Policy:** That the federal, provincial, and territorial governments accelerate plans to ensure that all seniors' residences are equipped with the necessary systems and adequate staff in order to provide an efficient and timely evacuation and that any residences constructed in the future have a method of closing off sections of a building when fire occurs (e.g. a fire wall) as well as adequate staff on duty (especially during the evening hours) to assist in a speedy evacuation.

### FINANCIAL OPTIONS TO STAY IN THE HOME

**Policy:** That the federal and provincial governments assist with financial options to allow seniors to be able to afford to stay in their residences.

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## 2012

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SENIORS

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### CAR TAIL LIGHTS

**Policy:** That the federal government make it mandatory that car manufacturers ensure that car tail lights are always lit.

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