

Politics

2018

Electoral Reform

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Convention: 2017

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WHEREAS when more than person runs in an election in a riding this can leave the other voters unrepresented if their candidate is not elected, and

WHEREAS our current system, “first- past- the- post”, divides the country into nonoverlapping

areas known as ridings, constituencies, or electoral districts; and in each riding about the same number of people reside;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Pensioners Federation call upon all levels of government and the Prime Minister to conduct a non-partisan process involving citizens and experts to determine the best model of proportional representation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this model be implemented in time to make every vote count in the 2019 election.

Submitted by UNIFOR TORONTO AREA COUNCIL RETIRED WORKERS

Democratic Reform to our Electoral System

Convention:

2015

Policy:

That the NPF encourage all members to endorse electoral reform and bring democratic reform to our electoral system.

Number:

42

Section:

Transportation

Repeal Bill C-51

Convention:

2015

Policy:

.That the NPF demand that the federal government repeal Bill C-51 immediately.

Number:

39

Section:

Transportation

“Fair Elections Act”

Convention:

2014

Policy:

That the federal government withdraw the Fair Elections Act as presented and entrust the writing of a new “Fair Elections Act” to a committee of the provincial and federal

chief electoral officers to ensure that the Act is crafted for the good of democracy.

Number:

31

Section:

Transportation

On-line Voting Systems

Convention:

2012

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

Proportional Representation

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Pensioners Federation call upon all

levels of government and the Prime Minister to conduct a non-partisan process

involving citizens and experts to determine the best model of proportional

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this model be implemented in time to make every

vote count in the 2019 election.

Submitted by UNIFOR TORONTO AREA COUNCIL RETIRED WORKERS

Electoral Reform Toward Proportional Representation

Convention:

2012

Policy:

That in the next federal election, the NPF call for complete cooperation among the parties to introduce a system of proportional representation.

Number:

6

Section:

Transportation

General

Trudeau’s and the Liberals’ Promise to Canadian Veterans

18.9.1 TRUDEAU’S AND THE LIBERALS’ PROMISE TO CANADIAN VETERANS

WHEREAS the federal Liberals during the last election campaign made a commitment to provide all Canadians who have served in uniform with a college or university education, and

WHEREAS The Federal Liberals have fallen far short of that commitment, and Mr. Trudeau who was trying to muster support for his party spelled it out to the veterans that he will also cover the cost of four years of postsecondary education for every veteran who wants one, and

WHEREAS at the same time Mr. Trudeau said he would restore Lifetime Pensions that were scrapped when the new Veterans Chapter came into effect in 2006, and

WHEREAS these promises given during the election campaign have not been fulfilled – the education Bill is not available to all Veterans, only those who left the military after April 2006,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NPF urge the federal government that all the commitments made by Trudeau and the Liberal Party during the last election campaign to the men and women veterans who honoured their commitments to their country be restored.

Submitted by Unifor Local 200 Retired Workers Chapter

Restoring Home Delivery by Canada Post

18.9.2 RESTORING HOME DELIVERY BY CANADA POST

WHEREAS on January 24, 2018, the Public Services Minister announced that the Liberals are ending a community mailbox conversion program, and

WHEREAS the Liberal Party of Canada are now renegeing on their 2015 campaign promise to restore door-to-door delivery for those who already lost it, and

WHEREAS the National Pensioners' Federation has been and continues to be a strong supporter of keeping door-to-door mail delivery,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Pensioners' Federation continue to work with unions and other organizations that are campaigning to have door-to-door mail delivery restored to the 840,000 households that have had their door-to door mail delivery ended since 2014.

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

2013

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