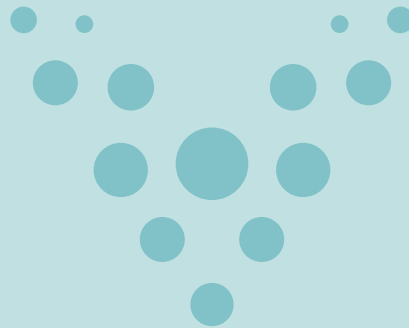


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SECTION 1:

Innovating and Prospering
in a New Energy Economy

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

ABOLISH BILLIONAIRES

York Centre • Ottawa South • Alfred-Pellan EDA • Winnipeg Centre • Toronto Centre • Jeunes néo-démocrates du Québec (JNDQ) / Young New Democrats of Quebec (YNDQ) • Toronto-St. Paul's • Eglinton-Lawrence • Regina--Qu'Appelle Federal NDP Riding Association • Etobicoke-Lakeshore NDP • Ottawa Centre • Pickering-Uxbridge NDP • Hamilton Centre • Don Valley East Federal NDP • Glengarry-Prescott-Russell

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Parliamentary Budget Officer recently reported the most extreme wealth inequality in Canadian history; and

WHEREAS Canadian billionaires doubled in numbers and wealth this past decade; and

WHEREAS 79% of Canadians support a wealth tax, even 64% of Conservatives; and

WHEREAS every billionaire is a policy failure;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP add the following clause to Section 1.7 of the Policy Book: "f. All gross wealth above \$1 billion to be taxed at 100%."

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

RE-ESTABLISH CONNAUGHT LABS AS A CROWN CORPORATION FOR DOMESTIC PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTION.

Thornhill EDA • Parkdale-High Park • Etobicoke-Lakeshore • Guelph NDP EDA • New Westminster-Burnaby • Toronto Centre • York Simcoe • Fredericton • Peterborough Kawartha NDP • Courtenay-Alberni • University-Rosedale • Spadina-Fort York • Scarborough Southwest • Beaches-East York • Brantford Brant NDP EDA • Laurier-Sainte-Marie • Pickering-Uxbridge NDP • Fredericton • NDP Northern Council (Ontario)

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS private-sector patented medical products exploit publicly funded medical research without cost recovery, constituting rent-seeking and theft of public funds.

WHEREAS Covid-19 has reinforced the need for domestic, public pharmaceutical manufacturing; and

Connaught Labs produced inexpensive necessary medicines in Canada while publicly owned, including insulin and diphtheria vaccine;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The NDP actively advocate and work to establish and maintain a

Crown Corporation under the name of Connaught Labs to manufacture vaccines, pharmaceuticals,

and medical devices; and

Be It Further Resolved that Connaught Labs sell or license its products on a cost-recovery basis.

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

\$15 MINIMUM WAGE AND ADEQUATE CANADA WORKERS BENEFIT

United Steelworkers Local 5296

WHEREAS:

the federal government has a responsibility to Canadians to ensure that no working Canadian lives in poverty and a jurisdictional leadership role in encouraging the improvement of minimum labour standards across the country;

AND WHEREAS current average provincial minimum wage rates remain much too low;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP demand:

- 1) the restoration of the federal minimum wage, and
- 2) that the minimum wage be raised to at least \$15 per hour and indexed to inflation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Canada Workers Benefit payment be increased to \$2,500 for families and \$1,500 for individuals; and the income eligibility thresholds be expanded to \$45,000 for families and \$32,000 for singles.

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

CREATION OF A PUBLICLY-OWNED TELECOM

Toronto Centre • Ottawa-Vanier • Eglinton-Lawrence • West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky Country • Don Valley East Federal NDP • Saskatoon-University • York Centre • Ottawa South • York-Simcoe • Brantford Brant NDP EDA • Winnipeg Centre • Alfred-Pellan EDA • Jeunes néo-démocrates du Québec (JNDQ) / Young New Democrats of Quebec (YNDQ) • Burnaby North--Seymour • Toronto-St. Paul's • Hamilton Centre • Regina--Qu'Appelle Federal NDP Riding Association • Etobicoke-Lakeshore NDP • Peterborough Kawartha NDP • Women's Commission • Pickering-Uxbridge NDP • Victoria • Vancouver Granville • Guelph NDP EDA Orléans NDP EDA • Glengarry-Prescott-Russell

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS telecom services are essential in our digital global economy, where citizens rely on technology to access education, shopping, and social opportunities; and

WHEREAS telecom giants abuse their monopoly power to deliver shoddy customer service, inflict deceptive marketing, and provide poor service coverage, specifically in rural and Indigenous communities;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will develop publicly owned telecoms following the example of SaskTel in Saskatchewan, which has lower prices and better services at little cost to the public treasury;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the publicly-owned telecom enterprise be mandated with the following:

- (a) provide high speed internet to remote communities and upgrade networks that connect every building, home, and device;
- (b) provide free or extremely low-cost service for poor and working-class Canadians and Indigenous people.

01-05-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

INCREASING ACCESS TO ORGANIZE AND JOIN UNIONS

Etobicoke-Lakeshore

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Compensation in unionized workplaces is more equitable overall, with relatively higher wages for lower paid workers, and less of a wage gap for women, younger workers and racialized workers;

And WHEREAS Unions are also recognized for significantly increasing equality across society overall;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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Advocating to increase access for part-timers, contract workers, “self-employed independent contractors” and temporary foreign workers to organize and join a union, closing loopholes in labour laws which allow employers to exploit their labour without being fairly compensated.

01-06-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

PUBLIC SECTOR EXPANSION

Ottawa Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS public ownership ought to be a key pillar of any strategy to expand economic democracy, which is a fundamental goal of social democracy; and

WHEREAS despite being a social democratic party, the NDP does not currently commit to expanding public ownership in its policy book;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to Section 1.10 of the policy book:

f. Expanding public ownership within the economy for the benefit of all Canadians.

01-07-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

SAVE THE STEEL INDUSTRY

University-Rosedale USW 5296

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the steel industry, employing 125,000 people directly and indirectly, is in unprecedented crisis: threatening workers and communities across Canada

AND WHEREAS the cause is massive global overcapacity, bad trade deals, no manufacturing strategy and unfair trade practices by countries that have weak labour and environmental standards

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP press the government to make changes to Canada's trade laws to provide Canadian workers and communities with a voice in all trade cases;

To create a manufacturing strategy ensuring infrastructure projects are built with Canadian materials;

To amend the Investment Canada Act to benefit Canadian workers;

To amend Canada's bankruptcy laws to protect workers' pensions and benefits.

01-08-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

WEALTH TAX, PANDEMIC PROFITS TAX, AND AN END TO MASSIVE TAX EVASION

New Westminster-Burnaby

WHEREAS:

the federal government is losing well over \$25 billion a year in revenue from offshore tax havens and additional multi-billion dollar losses due to tax loopholes and gifts to the rich; and

WHEREAS Canadian billionaires have seen their wealth increase by over \$50 billion during the Covid-19 pandemic and the Web Giants have massively increased profits and yet pay little or no taxes in Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THE NDP continue to actively campaign for a Fair Tax system and for new legislation that closes these loopholes and push for substantially increased resources to combat widespread evasion by the wealthy including imposing severe penalties against tax evasion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE NDP continue to actively campaign for a Wealth Tax, a Pandemic Profits Tax, ending tax havens, and forcing the Web Giants to pay taxes in Canada and push for progressive taxation of personal incomes of the very wealthy, corporate profits, large personal inheritances, and stock market financial transactions.

TAX HAVENS

London and District Labour Council • London Fanshawe

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS 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 RESOLVED THAT:

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 combat tax avoidance in Canada 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.

DEFEND AND EXTEND THE RIGHT TO STRIKE

Spadina Fort York • Winnipeg Centre • Scarborough Southwest

WHEREAS:

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;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP actively campaign for and seek to legislate the unfettered right to strike for all working people: 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.

01-11-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

ENFORCING THE WESTRAY ACT AT RAILWAYS

Alberta Federation of Labour Edmonton Griesbach EDA • Edmonton Strathcona EDA • Churchill--Keewatinook Aski

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Westray Act has been law since 2004,

WHEREAS on February 4, 2019, three CP Rail workers were killed at work, yet it took almost two years for an independent criminal investigation to begin, and

WHEREAS independent investigations for criminality cannot happen when railways use their own police forces,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party (NDP) reaffirm our support for enforcing the Westray Act, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP support ensuring our railways are safe for workers and the surrounding public, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the event of a workplace death at a railway, the NDP support a system of independent investigation that requires calling in an external public police force, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP push the Government of Canada to implement a system where independent criminal investigations automatically occur in the event of a death on railway worksites.

01-12-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

AMEND THE CANADA LABOUR CODE

Hamilton Mountain Electoral District Association

WHEREAS:

[a] the Canada Labour Code does not prohibit employers from using replacement workers in strike or lockout situations which often result in bitter confrontation; and

[b] prohibiting the use of replacement workers would help promote a more level field in the collective bargaining process.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP will initiate a campaign to:

[a] amend the Canada Labour Code to make it an offense for employers to use replacement workers to perform all or part of the duties of employees who are on strike or locked out.

[b] work with the Canadian Labour Congress and its provincial and territorial affiliates along with other labour friendly organizations to achieve the goal of making the use of replacement workers by employers during labour disputes illegal.

01-13-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENTS

York South - Weston

WHEREAS:

Community Benefits Agreements ensure that public dollars create new job and experience opportunities for Canada apprentices, workers and key communities at the same time as building infrastructure;

Community Benefits Agreement can provide an opportunity for local businesses to grow their business and create jobs for local communities, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Canada should implement the use of Community Benefits Agreements to all public infrastructure projects; and

Canada should set minimum targets for small and scaling businesses in Community Benefit Agreements; and

These agreements are transparent, and have clear goals for creating opportunity, apprenticeships and meeting other priorities identified in consultation with local communities.

01-14-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

CONCERNING THE CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE BANK

Etobicoke-Lakeshore Pickering-Uxbridge NDP • York South - Weston • Parkdale-High Park

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Investment in quality public infrastructure enriches the lives of all Canadians and will be an important part of a green, just recovery

WHEREAS The current Canada Infrastructure Bank model's reliance on private sector funds incentivizes the sale of our most valuable public assets to generate private profit.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That the following be added to Section 1.1 of the NDP Policy Book:

"Converting the Canada Infrastructure Bank to a truly public infrastructure bank that offers low cost financing to other levels of government."

01-15-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

FORESTRY IS FOR EVERYONE

United Steelworkers Local 5296

WHEREAS:

Canadian softwood producers continue to pay duties on products exported to the U.S.A;

AND WHEREAS the recent pandemic has further exacerbated difficult economic conditions in the industry;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

the NDP will work with the Liberal government to ensure that:

All duties on softwood lumber products are eliminated;

Loan guarantees equal to 75% of company-paid duties are made available;

Recent EI reforms that ensure that vacation pay does not count against a worker's EI entitlement is permanently entrenched;

Recent EI reforms that reduce qualifying hours for workers facing a second layoff are permanently entrenched; and,

Recent EI reforms that ensure that severance pay does not count against a worker's EI entitlement are permanently entrenched.

01-16-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

ENSURING THE WEALTHY PAY THEIR SHARE

United Steelworkers Local 5296 University-Rosedale

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the wealthiest 1 per cent of Canadians own 25 per cent of the wealth while the bottom 40 per cent share only one per cent

WHEREAS to fund the supports people across Canada need, the wealthy and most profitable corporations can no longer be allowed to avoid paying their share

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1.7 be amended to read:

New Democrats believe in:

A progressive tax system.

Implementing a marginal tax rate of 80% to annual personal income over \$1,000,000. Applying a 1% annual ultra-wealth tax to fortunes over \$20 million.

Closing tax loopholes and cracking down on tax cheats and tax havens.

Ensuring web giants pay their share.

Establishing a Pandemic and Disaster Excess Profit Tax of at least double the tax rate to be applied to increased corporate profits during times of crisis.

Ending corporate tax credits not attached to Canadian job protection and creation guarantees.

FAIR TAXATION OF WEALTH

Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)

WHEREAS:

New Democrats support fair taxation

NDP policy does not mention taxation of wealth, a growing source of inequality

A small wealth tax on the wealthiest Canadians would raise billions of dollars in tax revenue

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP Policy Book be amended to add the following article to section 1.7 (“Progressive and Fair Taxation”):

- F) Ensuring that the wealthiest Canadians pay their fair share through a tax on wealth.**
- G) Ensuring that web giants pay their fair share.**
- H) Establishing a Pandemic and Disaster Excess Profit Tax to be applied to increased corporate profits during times of crisis.**

KEEPING THE NDP “ON THE JOB”

Toronto-Danforth NDP Riding Association

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS in recent elections, the NDP has been competing intensively for middle class votes with the Liberal Party especially in urban and suburban communities.

WHEREAS the NDP seeks to continue to grow its support in rural and Northern communities.

WHEREAS the Covid 19 pandemic has revealed the threadbare protections for Canada’s workers.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP immediately adopt and promote a range of “On the Job” policies, including \$15 minimum wage, promoting and safeguarding union organizing, enhanced worker health and safety, paid emergency and sick leave, fair shift scheduling, equal pay for equal work, and protections for contingent workers.

Be it further resolved that the NDP make its On the Job” policies a centrepiece of its next election campaign and included in its “message box

01-19-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

POSTAL BANKING

London West • London and District Labour Council • London Fanshawe

WHEREAS:

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 with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and the Canadian Postmasters Association 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.

01-20-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

PROTECTING PENSIONS

Saanich-Gulf Islands

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS pensions are currently considered assets of a company, but are actually deferred income contributed by both the employees and employer;

WHEREAS companies have raided pension plans and;

And WHEREAS companies have stopped contributing to pension plans which then makes the plans insolvent;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1.8.G of the Policy Book be amended to read:

“Implementing new measures to protect workers’ pensions, including removing pensions from company assets to a joint asset in trust and requiring co-management of the joint assets.”

01-21-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

STOP THE LEGALIZED THEFT OF WORKERS PENSIONS

Hamilton Mountain Electoral District Association

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Canada’s bankruptcy laws; Companies Creditors Arrangement Act [CCAA], and Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act [BIA] give priority to investors, banks and parent companies over workers pensions and benefits.

WHEREAS during proceedings under the CCAA workers often lose jobs, severance payments, benefits and pensions while management receive bonuses.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP will initiate a campaign to:

- [a] amend the CCAA and BIA to ensure that all pension liabilities, pension payments, severance payments and health and post retirement benefits are protected by having secured creditor status during Companies Creditor Arrangement Act, Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and the Pension Benefits Standards Act, [1985] proceedings.
- [b] work with allies such as the Canadian Labour Congress and other like minded organizations until success in securing priority status for workers pensions in Companies Creditors Arrangement Act, Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and the Pension Benefits Standards Act, [1985] proceedings.

01-22-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

SUPPORT CANADIAN MANUFACTURING WORKERS, BUY CANADIAN

United Steelworkers Local 5296

WHEREAS:

Major infrastructure projects are being built using imported off-shore steel at the cost of Canadian manufacturing jobs and workers are being laid off due to lack of orders;

WHEREAS imported steel can be cheaper because of lax environmental regulations, subsidization by source country governments and illegal dumping into Canada.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Federal NDP will advocate that all levels of government implement formal procurement policies which prioritize Canadian manufactured products, like steel, in public infrastructure projects;

Be It Further Resolved That the Federal NDP will advocate for the implementation of a carbon border adjustment tax on imported steel to offset the advantage foreign producers get from weaker environmental regulations; and

Be It Finally Resolved That the Federal NDP will encourage the private sector to utilize Canadian manufactured goods in their projects.

01-23-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

SUPPORT CANADIAN WORKERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH LOCAL PROCUREMENT

United Steelworkers Local 5296

WHEREAS:

Canadian workers have the demonstrated ability to produce and provide world-leading goods and services and construction materials;

AND WHEREAS Canadian services, goods and construction materials such as steel, aluminum and wood have the lowest carbon footprint;

AND WHEREAS procuring local goods and services protects and grows Canadian jobs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP will urge the Liberal government to expand procurement and sourcing initiatives to all goods and services procured by the federal government and related agencies, including capital infrastructure and operating expenditures.

The NDP will urge the Liberal government to consider the full lifecycle carbon footprint in procurement decisions.

01-24-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

ELIMINATION OF PREDATORY BANK FEES

Don Valley East Federal NDP

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS predatory fees are an overreach of the banking sector in its pursuit of immense profit.

WHEREAS working people are overwhelmingly targeted and kept poor by predatory bank fees.

WHEREAS elimination thereof would help the NDP in an election campaign.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP eliminate withdrawal, overdraft, inactivity, ATM, and cash deposit fees.

END PARADISE TAX EVASION

Spadina-Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the federal government is losing billions a year in revenue from offshore tax havens and losses due to tax loopholes and gifts to the rich;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP actively campaign for imposing severe penalties against tax evasion including 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 \$2 million a year, personal inheritances above \$1 million, and all stock market financial transactions, while eliminating other tax credits and regressive taxes like the HST.

CREATING DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF CANADIAN MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the COVID 19 pandemic has highlighted Canada's over dependence on imported medical supplies and medicines;

WHEREAS Canada's vaccination plan is under threat due to production/distribution decisions of foreign corporations;

WHEREAS Canadian lives are dependent on foreign governments decisions to limit exports of PPEs and vaccines;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP adopt a resolution to:

Legislate that there is an adequate stockpile of PPEs at all times for emergency use in case of a pandemic or other natural disasters;

Legislate that there are adequate production capabilities in Canada to produce the required amount of PPEs and other such products to cope with future pandemics or natural disasters;

Legislate that there is adequate government investment in Canada to research and develop vaccines as well as build the necessary infrastructure to produce said vaccines/medicines for Canadians.

01-27-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

END PARADISE TAX EVASION

Brantford Brant NDP EDA • Winnipeg Centre • Hamilton Centre • University-Rosedale • Beaches-East York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the federal government is losing billions a year in revenue from offshore tax havens and losses due to tax loopholes;

WHEREAS less than 1% of adult income-earners in Canada earn an annual salary of \$250,000 or more

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP actively campaign for imposing penalties against tax evasion including, but not limited to, confiscation of untaxed profits and seizure of assets of equivalent value held by tax outlaws;

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 \$2 million a year, personal inheritances above \$2 million, and all stock market financial transactions.

01-28-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

WEALTH TAX

Vancouver Granville

WHEREAS:

Inequality in our country has never been greater and that during the COVID-19 pandemic, the gap between the super-wealthy and the rest of us widened;

WHEREAS Canadian billionaires got \$37 billion richer between March and September 2020 while millions of Canadians lost their jobs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Considering the inaction from Trudeau's Liberal Party to make the super wealthy pay their fair share, the federal NDP should make its wealth tax proposal even bolder by making every household with wealth over \$10 million pay a 1% tax and every household with wealth over \$20 million pay a 2% tax.

01-29-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

NATIONALIZE THE AUTO INDUSTRY

Spadina-Fort York • Thornhill

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Big 3 North American auto companies have ignored consumer needs, shown reckless disregard for the environment, squandered enormous wealth, workers' pension funds and community well-being; while corporate CEOs get billions in government bail out money and huge labour concessions, while maintaining control of an industry they abused;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP actively campaign for nationalization of the major auto companies, to be operated under workers' and community control, and advocate a shift towards building fuel-efficient, environmentally sustainable cars, including electric delivery vehicles for Canada Post, electric fleet vehicles for all levels of government and public agencies, and especially mass transit vehicles designed to meet society's transportation needs.

01-30-20

PRIORITY 0

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

REFORMING THE BANK OF CANADA ACT

Spadina Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Canada's national debt, owed primarily to wealthy bondholders, drives austerity and reduced public spending, and is largely attributable to accumulated interest payments on Government issued bonds, instead of spending on public goods and services;

And WHEREAS the Bank of Canada should preferably hold public debt (as done historically);

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP Government immediately amend the Bank of Canada Act as follows, nullifying any opposing international agreements:

The Bank of Canada shall be the buyer of all future Government of Canada Bonds, held interest free,

The Bank of Canada shall offer full service Commercial and Industrial Banking, on the same terms as existing private banks,

Bank of Canada operations shall be hosted in public service buildings, including but not limited to Canada Post Offices, federally regulated airports, and any hospitals under provincial jurisdiction that accept federal monies through the Canada Health Act and corollary agreements.

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

REPEAL THE RED TAPE REDUCTION ACT

Hamilton Centre • Regina--Qu'Appelle Federal NDP Riding Association • Eglinton-Lawrence • Don Valley East Federal NDP • Ottawa Centre • Saskatoon-University

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the One-for-One Rule prevents federal regulations to impose net costs or administrative burden to businesses; and

WHEREAS the Red Tape Reduction Act was enacted by the Harper government in 2012; and

WHEREAS Canada is the only country with such a rule; and

WHEREAS this law blocks any meaningful regulations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP add the following clause to Section 1.10 of the Policy Book:

- f. Repealing the Red Tape Reduction Act, which is the greatest hurdle impeding meaningful progressive regulations."

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

SHARE THE WORK, SHORTEN THE WORK WEEK

Spadina Fort York • Vancouver Granville

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Canadian work week is among the longest in the industrialized world and demonstrably causes increased stress, illness, and lower productivity;

And WHEREAS tens of thousands of new jobs would be created if the work week was reduced, and workers would benefit from automation and other increases in productivity;

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.

PUBLIC AGENCY FOR PANDEMIC RESPONSE RESOLUTION

Churchill--Keewatinook Aski

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the federal government response to the Covid 19 has been disorganized and woefully inadequate and ignored recommendations coming out of the experience of previous pandemics.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will establish a public agency to manufacture and distribute Personal Protective Equipment, medicines, vaccines and equipment to ensure a coordinated, effective response to the current and any future pandemic.

SOCIAL OWNERSHIP OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Spadina Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Canada's primary industries, like forestry, mining, and fishing, are vital to economic development and job creation, are controlled by small groups of powerful shareholders who seek profits over the interests of workers and the environment, and threaten small communities with dis-investment and capital flight;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP actively campaign to 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 meaningful participation in decision-making by consumers, environmental groups and local communities;

And be it further resolved that public enterprises adopt environmentally friendly energy sources and build up resource capacities and other varieties of sustainable development.

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

\$15 FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE

Orléans NDP EDA • York-Simcoe EDA • Pickering-Uxbridge NDP

WHEREAS:

Raising the minimum wage improves the living conditions of the lowest paid workers, while stimulating the local economy; and,

The federal government has an obligation as an employer to pay workers liveable wages; and, Both the Liberals and the NDP campaigned on raising the federal minimum wage;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Federal NDP use their position in the House of Commons to demand that the federal minimum wage be raised to at least \$15/hr immediately, and

That legislation be passed that secures annual adjustments to the minimum wage based on inflation.

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

BANNING THE USE OF RODENTICIDES IN AGRICULTURE

North Vancouver • Burnaby North--Seymour

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS highly toxic rodenticides are used primarily to eliminate rodents and pose serious threats to owls, raptors and other wildlife.

WHEREAS the new restrictions on rodenticides do not apply to fields such as crop lands, orchards, landfills, nurseries use unless open to the public or accessible to pets or livestock.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT Policy of the New Democratic Party Section 1.9d be amended to include that, in order to help mitigate serious threats to owls, raptors and other wildlife, the Federal New Democratic Party recommend that the Federal Integrated Pest Management Regulatory Agency and Ministry of Agriculture ban the sale, purchase and use of anticoagulant rodenticides and the initiation of a special review of the registration of anticoagulant rodenticides in agriculture;

and be it further resolved that a program to improve education regarding rodenticides along with a permit system be implemented relating to any use of rodenticides.

CANCEL AND STOP P-3S

Vancouver East

WHEREAS:

public private partnerships result in significant additional costs to the public for needed infrastructure projects;

public funding of P-3s subsidizes the transfer of ownership of infrastructure to private interests, with a resulting loss of public control,

And the Government has been actively promoting the expansion of this model of financing

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1.10 (d) be amended to read:

Halting public private partnerships (PPP) which are wasteful and inefficient models for delivering public services, and also halting public funding for organizations promoting PPPs.

COMPETITION BUREAU FAILURE TO SUPPORT WORKERS' RIGHTS

Parkdale-High Park York South - Weston
Alfred-Pellan EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Competition Bureau will not criminally prosecute companies that fix wages or actively prevent workers from getting jobs with other employers; and

WHEREAS the Bureau has never investigated the effect of mergers may have on labour markets and increased employer power

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be added to Section 1.12 of the NDP Policy Book:

Reintroduction to the Competition Act of the possibility of criminal prosecution of collusion to carve up markets and price fix in purchasing labour

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

CREATION OF A NATIONAL REGISTRY FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CONTROL DEVICES

Spadina Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the trend towards the growing use of automation and Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) technologies in the workplace is causing human job losses and reduced revenues for government.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP actively campaign for the creation of a Federal Registry, with an annual Registration Fee, for all automated devices and AI control units used in manufacturing, service, and communication industries in Canada.

And Be It Further Resolved that this Registry monitor this automation and AI trend and that the data gathered be used 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, or to require retraining for replacement jobs.

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

DEBTS AND DEFICITS 1.6 REPLACING (B), (C)

Peterborough Kawartha NDP

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS during WW II the governor of the Bank of Canada, Graham Towers, agreed with an MP that the debt from the war effort was a private sector asset and

WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign currency-issuing nation that does not require taxes nor borrowing to spend unlike households and provinces

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

members of the NDP agree that debt is simply a record of the money spent by the federal government into the economy and not taxed back and

Be it further resolved that members agree such debts do not mean borrowing like it does for householders and others but is recorded as assets on the private sector’s balance sheets and Be it further resolved the deficit is the money spent by the federal government and not taxed back in a fiscal year thus providing surpluses on the private sector’s balance sheets as per generally accepted accounting principles.

DEMOCRATIC CONTROL OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY

Thornhill EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the telecommunications industry is controlled by a few corporations who dominate the market, minimize competition, fix prices, and engage in profiteering;

WHEREAS social ownership is a necessary precondition for democratic control of the economy, genuine free expression, full employment and an equitable distribution of income and power;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP actively campaign to place the telecommunications industry under public ownership: compensating the former owners in the form of low-interest, long-term bonds;

that the new publicly owned industries be democratically controlled by their workers, instituting direct election of managers and enterprise directors, with the right of recall by their electors so to have significant and meaningful consumer-community participation in the decision-making process;

and that internet and mobile connections are an essential service to all residents of Canada and must be made available free of charge.

END OPEN NET FISH FARMS

South Shore-St. Margarets

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS open-net pen finfish farms are an archaic and irresponsible technology, spreading freely into nature waste, chemicals, parasites, diseases, and escaped fish, threatening endangered wild populations, especially salmon, and destroying surrounding ecosystems,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal NDP publicly campaign to eliminate the environmentally harmful practise of open-net pen finfish farming from all Canadian waters and make every effort to ensure any new licencing of open-net fish farms is rejected while developing a transition plan to phase out all existing open-pen fish farms by 2025 and a plan to transition to environmentally sound closed containment aquaculture.

FAIR TAXATION

Halifax

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the present needs of Canadian society are substantial; and

WHEREAS significant additional resources will now need to be brought to bear on a Just Recovery from the Covid crisis; and

WHEREAS the concentration of wealth in Canada has become a danger to Canada’s economy, social solidarity, environment and democracy.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The New Democratic Party of Canada strengthen section 1.7 of our 2018 Policy Statement, “Progressive and Fair Taxation”, to read:

New Democrats believe in:

- a. A progressive tax system, more tax brackets and higher rates for high incomes,
- b. Taxation of capital gains at the same rate as salaries or wages,
- c. Large profitable corporations paying a fair share of taxes.
- d. A progressive wealth tax
- e. An estate tax
- f. Ending tax loopholes for wealthy individuals and corporations
- g. Adopting strong national policies to end use of tax havens and supporting the International effort to end money laundering and tax havens.
- h. Taxation of social media and streaming platforms operating in Canada
- i. A tax on financial transactions to raise revenue and reduce dangerous speculation.

FAIR TAXATION

Ottawa Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS balanced budgets cannot be justly achieved in the absence of these equitable sources of revenues;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to Section 1.7 of the policy book:

- f. Taxation measures that target rich individuals, such as a luxury tax, a wealth tax, a financial transactions tax, and an inheritance tax.

FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE.

Cape Breton Canso

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the average top CEO made 202 times more than the average worker made in 2019;

WHEREAS COVID-19 is affecting low-wage workers more than people at the top;

WHEREAS life is getting less and less affordable for Canadians

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government would implement a federal minimum wage at \$20/hour. "

FINANCE AND BUDGETARY POLICY

Ottawa Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS although the NDP policy book includes a commitment to balanced budgets, it does not include a commitment to taxation measures that target the wealthy, nor a commitment to revenue generation through new crown corporations;

WHEREAS balanced budgets cannot be justly achieved in the absence of taxation measures that target the wealthy and revenues derived from public ownership;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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 taxation measures that target the wealthy, and through the introduction of new revenue generating crown corporations.

FINANCIAL SECTOR AND INVESTMENTS

Peterborough Kawartha NDP

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the economic system has prioritized Corporate Social Responsibility as being to shareholders and

WHEREAS there are many stakeholders including but not limited to: workers, customers, clients, suppliers, financial institutions as well as shareholders

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

this section (f) will now read "Protecting Stakeholders' rights" replacing "Protecting shareholders' rights."

FINANCING THE CANADIAN ELECTRIC VEHICLE ECOSYSTEM AND ACCESS TO GLOBAL MARKETS

Laurentides-Labelle

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Canadian electric vehicle ecosystem comprises electric trucks, urban buses and school buses; electric powertrain and propulsion systems; electric vehicle charging infrastructures; battery manufacturing and recycling; raw materials for batteries; and research centres; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada primarily supports foreign-owned vehicle assembly plants regarding new electric models:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government of Canada supports Canadian electric vehicle stakeholders such that they have financing comparable to the billions of dollars available to electric vehicle stakeholders in other developed countries and these stakeholders are positioned to be capable of competing in global markets.

FIXED LINK TUNNEL OR FERRY BETWEEN NF AND LABRADOR

South Shore-St.Margarets

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador are not directly currently connected by ferry service or tunnel and **WHEREAS** this gap impedes development between the two areas,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will create a National Infrastructure Fund to create a fixed link tunnel or ferry service between Point Amour in Labrador and Yankee Point in Newfoundland.

FREEZING FEDERAL ASSET SALES

Ottawa Centre NDP EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the federal government owns a vast inventory of land and building assets and will be under enormous pressure to sell such assets to address the mounting debt.

WHEREAS retention of federal land and building assets will be an essential platform to build inclusive, equitable, and sustainable communities.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will freeze all federal land and building asset sales, including those in the pipeline, pending a full policy review and re-set as a necessary pre-condition for legislating a Community Land Stewardship initiative that would see the government retain ownership of key assets (criteria to be determined) and then manage the assets as economic democracy platforms and incubators to achieve various socio-economic, food security, and other outcomes.

GOVERNMENT BORROWING AND THE BANK OF CANADA

Ottawa Centre NDP EDA

WHEREAS:

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:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to Section 1.5 of the policy book: Using the Bank of Canada to ensure that federal and provincial governments always have a willing purchaser of low cost government debt in both primary and secondary bond markets.

INCREASED GRADING AND INSPECTION OF GRAIN

Battlefords--Lloydminster Federal NDP Riding Association

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS reliable grain shipment quality increases the price Canadian farmers receive.

WHEREAS the CGC has a substantial surplus of funds in the bank,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Grain Commission use its' surplus funds to greatly increase its' presence and its' policing efforts with respect to grading and measurement at primary elevators across Canada.

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

Peterborough Kawartha NDP • York South - Weston

WHEREAS:

Modern Monetary Theory (MMT) is an accounting lens showing how the budgets of sovereign, currency-issuing nations are different from householder budgets and

WHEREAS myths about taxes, money, debts and deficits create difficulties for progressive policies being implemented because of wrong beliefs that governments must tax before spending

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

the NDP will revise policies and election platforms using the MMT lens and thus show that federal debts are not borrowed money but rather is a record of new money spent into the economy but not taxed back and

Be it further resolved that taxes should be thought of as a way of controlling aggregate demand and is preferable to the present use of monetary policy and

Be it further resolved that the economy will not be used to balance the budget but rather the budget will be used strategically to balance the economy.

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY SECTION 1: DIRECTION TO THE PARTY

Peterborough Kawartha NDP

WHEREAS:

sprinkled through this entire section are beliefs that contradict each other and for which accounting and economic science have provided better knowledge and

WHEREAS many of the ideas are both contrary to and undermine the goals of New Democrats for a green, fair and just society

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

the NDP will establish a committee made up of MPs, post- Keynesian economists and members interested in utilizing a Modern Monetary Lens on the economy to examine the subsections of Innovating and Prospering in a new Energy Economy and

Be it further resolved that they will be forth a comprehensive set of recommendations prior to the next convention for member feedback and finalization and

Be it further resolved that clarifying for the public the myths of our present system is part of this analysis and how right-wing idealogues get power.

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

INVITE TO MMT SPEAKERS: DIRECTION TO THE PARTY TO TAKE A SPECIFIC ACTION

Peterborough Kawartha NDP

WHEREAS:

The economic literacy of the NDP MPs and members has not kept pace with the new knowledge provided by the writers of Modern Monetary Theory

And WHEREAS the NDP inadvertently elicits frames in the minds of voters that cause them to vote for other parties

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

the NDP, after soliciting input from members, will invite speakers to the next convention to provide a detailed explanation of Modern Monetary Theory and how understanding its insights can assist us to achieve our goals for an innovative and prosperous economy and just society – goals of both the Green New Deal and The LEAP – and

Be it further resolved that the NDP and its allies in labour, the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternative and the Broadbent Institute will coordinate efforts to develop budgets that balance the economy for a green, fair and just society.

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

LABOUR LAW REFORM

IAMAW Local Lodge 1922 • IAMAW Local Lodge 1295 • University-Rosedale

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, Over the last several decades worker’s rights have been eroded, either through weakened collective agreements, and weakened labour laws; leaving workers to resolve even the most urgent of issues through lengthy, legalistic processes; the result being a weakened labour movement, declining unionization and lowering of living standards of workers.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP adopt a policy on labour law reform in the interest of strengthening the following;

- Collective bargaining rights.
- Grievances and arbitrations in a timely manner; currently, workers are mired in a lengthy process, which discourages workers to address infringements of their collective agreement rights. Justice delayed is justice denied.
- Increase monetary penalties for employers who are found to have committed illegal acts
- \$15 minimum wage adoption across Canada
- Deeming a permanent lay-off a termination, and allowing workers access to severance
- Improve the card check system and make organizing of workers easier

MIXED-OWNERSHIP MODELS

Ottawa Centre

WHEREAS:

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

WHEREAS public ownership should be as democratic as possible in order to avoid the pitfalls of top-down state-owned enterprises; and

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.

OPPOSING NEW FORMS OF PRIVATIZATION

Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)

WHEREAS:

- The use of Social Impact Bonds (SIBs) to finance public services is slowly spreading in Canada, and
- SIBs create perverse incentives for investor profit over high quality support for service users, and
- SIBs create an opportunity for financial actors to negotiate, manage and evaluate public program delivery, and
- SIBs can result in deteriorating wages and working conditions for public service workers,
- New Democrats oppose all forms of privatization

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The NDP Policy Book be amended to add the following article to section 1.10 (The Public Sector):
- G) Opposing the use of Social Impact Bonds to fund public services, and
- H) Calling on all levels of government to abandon SIB projects and instead fund program delivery through long-term, stable and predictable funding.

OUTWARD INSPECTION' OF EXPORT GRAIN AT TERMINALS

Battlefords--Lloydminster Federal NDP Riding Association

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Canada has a reputation for reliably exporting the best, most accurately represented bread wheat and durum in the world and,

WHEREAS exporters will damage that reputation and lower the price Canadian farmers receive if they replace CGC inspectors with private hires at ship loading terminals,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT 'Outward inspection' of export grain at terminals remain the responsibility of the Canadian Grain Commission, and not given to licensees or private firms.

PROTECTING ESSENTIAL WORKERS' RIGHTS

Etobicoke-Lakeshore

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Essential workers are considered critical to preserving life, health and basic societal functioning;

And WHEREAS Essential workers are often front-line and low-wage workers whose collective agreement rights have been suspended in this current pandemic;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the following be added to Section 1.12 of the policy book after 1.12 a:

Advocating to ensure "essential workers" retain their rights and collective agreement conditions even in emergency order situations.

PROTECTING KEY NATIONAL INDUSTRIES

Prince Albert

WHEREAS:

Where as this resolution does not have a where as clause

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP Government would prevent and bar the take over of Canada's key industries (such as mineral extraction) especially from corrupt countries with terrible human rights records.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF SEED

Saskatoon-University

WHEREAS:

Farmers have a key role to play in Canada's food security. The development and sharing of resilient plant varieties is necessary due to climate disruption and is in our national interest. We need to ensure our plant breeding system, which is critical to our economy, national security and food sovereignty, will respond to the needs and problems on our farms, and not be driven by multinational seed and chemical companies' desire for increased sales and profitability.

Corporations are seeking additional control of plant propagation by farmers, gardeners, vintners and orchardists, through additional royalties, contracts and insertion of bioengineered terminator genes.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(p) Developing systems that protect farmers and our food system by ensuring public ownership of seed that meets farmers' needs for quality, reliability and agronomic performance under local conditions across Canada. "Seed" means seed and/or propagating material.

RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE

Spadina-Fort York • Thornhill • Winnipeg Centre

WHEREAS:

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, food/beverage servers, and those who work fewer than 30 hours a week;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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.

AND 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.

REAL ESTATE INVESTOR TAX

Spadina-Fort York • Don Valley East Federal NDP

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, we have a housing crisis in Canada.

WHEREAS, the lack of housing affordability in major Canadian cities is a significant problem that will only increase the divide between low-middle income households and the wealthy.

WHEREAS, housing is a human right and should not be subject to markets and investors' whims.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP will establish a real estate investor's tax on all corporations that own property for the primary purpose of rental income, as determined by the primary income source for a property being rental income instead of employment activity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NDP will establish a real estate investor tax on all individuals or groups of individuals who own or co-own three (3) or more properties.

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

REPLACE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK WITH USE OF BANK OF CANADA

London and District Labour Council • London Fanshawe

WHEREAS:

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:

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.

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

RESOLUTION FOR THE RESTORATION OF FORMER AECL EMPLOYEES TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE PENSION PLAN (PSPP)

Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the employees of the Chalk River nuclear laboratory work at a federally-owned national research facility conducting the work of public servants;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following statement be entered in the Policy Book under section 1.10 "The Public Sector": "Ensuring all workers at federally-owned property, conducting work on behalf of the federal government, participate in the Public Service Pension Plan (PSPP)."

RIGHT TO RETAIN CONTROL OF SEED

Saskatoon-University

WHEREAS:

Farmers have a key role to play in Canada’s food security. The development and sharing of resilient plant varieties is necessary due to climate disruption and is in our national interest. We need to ensure our plant breeding system, which is critical to our economy, national security and food sovereignty, will respond to the needs and problems on our farms, and not be driven by multinational seed and chemical companies’ desire for increased sales and profitability.

Corporations are seeking additional control of plant propagation by farmers, gardeners, vintners and orchardists, through additional royalties, contracts and insertion of bioengineered terminator genes.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The public right of farmers and other Canadians to: grow, reuse, save, select, exchange, sell, store, clean, prepare and retain customary use of seed. “Seed” means seed and/or propagating material.

STOP THE KILLING, ENFORCE THE LAW

United Steelworkers Local 5296

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS more than 1,000 people are killed at work per year in Canada;

WHEREAS police and prosecutors across Canada are not utilizing the “Westray amendments” of the Criminal Code (Section 217.1) that hold corporations, their directors, and executives criminally accountable for the health and safety of workers.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal NDP will advocate that police and Crown attorneys have the training and tools to understand and enforce their obligations under the “Westray amendment” of Canada’s Criminal Code.

WAGE-LED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

United Steelworkers Local 5296

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS successive Liberal and Conservative governments have followed economic policies that have resulted in stagnant economic growth, increasing income inequality and poverty and unnecessarily high levels of unemployment;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP commit itself to expansionary fiscal and monetary policy that has full employment as its aim;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NDP commit to the reconstruction of our social safety institutions such as EI, so that it supports, rather than undermines, workers' bargaining position in the labour market;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NDP take the lead in building the bargaining power of workers through defending and promoting the central economic and social importance of collective bargaining as the key institution in the creation of an economy characterized by shared prosperity.

WORKER AND MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CO-OPERATIVES

Ottawa Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS many small businesses may not be able to restart after COVID.

WHEREAS community ownership will create community wealth.

WHEREAS worker or employee co-operatives are democratic, resilient businesses models.

WHEREAS governments internationally have enacted legislation, policy and programs to support worker and multi-stakeholder co-operatives to transform economies.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will update the Cooperative Corporations Acts to provide a legal structure for multi-stakeholder or worker co-operatives, enabling more flexibility in membership, full access to assistance currently available to other corporations; and dedicated incentives to encourage investment of citizen capital in such co-operatives.

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

WORKERS IN THE GIG ECONOMY

Etobicoke-Lakeshore

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS predictable schedules, standardized hours of work, extended health and dental benefits, overtime and shift premiums are standard rights afforded to workers who are classified as employees, whether unionized or not;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the following be added to Section 1.12 of the policy book after 1.12 c: supporting workers in the Gig Economy to be classified as employees and afforded the same rights and entitlements as those working in other areas or industries.

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES LEGISLATION, AVAILABILITY AND CANADIAN MANUFACTURING

Laurentides-Labelle

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the European Union and China have the world's most stringent vehicle legislation requiring automakers engage in a massive and rapid shift to electric vehicles;

WHEREAS most automakers are global corporations such that legislation of other jurisdictions have global impacts; and

WHEREAS President Biden will encourage American electric vehicles:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government of Canada adopt the zero- and low-emission vehicle requirements comparable to the world's most aggressive vehicle legislation of the European Union and China, while recognizing that most automakers are global corporations, in order to both favour wide availability of electric vehicles in Canada and the interest of global automakers to establish their first North American electric vehicle manufacturing plants in Canada.

RAIL SAFETY – LAC-MÉGANTIC

Alfred-Pellan EDA • Nouveau Parti démocratique du Canada (Québec) ou LA SECTION QUÉBEC

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the lives of 47 people were lost during the Lac-Mégantic rail tragedy on July 6, 2013; Considering the Government of Canada’s responsibility to ensure rail safety;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party supports launching an independent public inquiry into the Lac-Mégantic tragedy of July 6, 2013 and adopting rail safety measures that would end the self-regulation of the railway industry.

NUTRITION INFORMATION ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Richmond Hill

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the calorie density of Ethanol (drinking alcohol) is greater than sugar (7 kCal/g vs 4 kCal/g);

and WHEREAS Canadians expect nutritional information on sugary beverages because they want to know their energy intake,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

It is the position of Canada’s NDP that commercial alcoholic beverages should display nutritional information.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENTS (CBAS)

Ottawa Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS a just recovery requires policies that create conditions for transformative change.

WHEREAS Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs) are proven, legally enforceable mechanisms to enabling community empowerment and benefits from major developments.

WHEREAS community and labour groups have fully embraced CBAs in British Columbia, Ontario, and in the USA and UK.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Aan NDP government will enact legislation to institutionalize requirements for legally binding and accountable CBAs for all federal land development, federal land sale, federal infrastructure investments, and federal infrastructure money transfers to the provinces and municipalities; and that such legislation ensure dedicated funds and resources to support community capacity building so that they become meaningful partners in projects that fall under such legislation.

REVISION OF THE CANADIAN INCOME TAX ACT

Waterloo EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Income Tax Act and its associated policies, regulations and rules are complicated and extensive and that favour wealthy individuals, families, and businesses over the majority of Canadians

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The New Democratic Party adopt a policy to replace these inequities with a simplified Income Tax Act and a tax form limited to a progressive taxation scale based on increasing percentages that tax income and wealth from all sources, and without the assortment of complex credits and deductions that enhance benefits to the wealthy;

And that the Federal government create a 'financial recovery and sustainability investment corporation' funded by changes to the Income Tax act, direct government investment, and investment income earned from public corporations to ensure Canadian ownership of our country's supply chains.

SUPPORT FOR CHURCHILL AND BAYLINE

Churchill--Keewatinook Aski

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Port of Churchill is Canada's only deepwater port servicing the Arctic Ocean and is a key infrastructure to serve Canada's Northern interests

WHEREAS the Port of Churchill and the Bayline are integral to the lives and livelihoods of First Nations and Northern communities in northern Manitoba.

WHEREAS the Liberal government privatized the Port and rail line in 1995 and 1997 and the American company that bought it failed to make the investments needed all while benefitting from public funds.

WHEREAS the Harper Government's destruction of the Canadian Wheat Board has a negative impact on the operations of the Port.

WHEREAS First Nations and Northern leaders, workers and community members pressured the Liberal government to show leadership on the Port of Churchill and the rail line.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The federal government invest in Canada's future by committing to sustained support and investment in partnership with First Nations and Northern leaders in the Port of Churchill and the Bayline.

DEMOCRATIZATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Nouveau Parti démocratique du Canada (Québec) ou LA SECTION QUÉBEC Alfred-Pellan EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS telecommunication services have become a necessity for most people;

WHEREAS phone bills are higher in Canada than in most developed countries;

WHEREAS rural and remote areas are often poorly served by the private telecommunications infrastructure;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP will actively campaign to nationalize the telecommunications infrastructure sector by proposing a national strategy for broadband Internet services and establishing a public telecommunications company offering services at a lower cost;

Be it further resolved that the NDP will campaign for new public industries to be democratically controlled by their employees by ensuring that their leadership is directly elected and can be recalled by the electors. In addition, there must be significant consumer and community involvement in the administration of the company.

RESOLUTION FOR THE PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS it is inefficient to have competing private telecommunications infrastructures;

WHEREAS public companies such as SaskTel have a long record of providing excellent service while earning money for the public treasury, and WHEREAS the private telecommunications companies have failed to provide adequate basic services to rural, northern, and indigenous communities,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following clause be added to Section 6.10 of the policy book: "Taking Canada's telecommunications infrastructure into public ownership, introducing a national broadband strategy, and the creation of an affordable public telecommunications company."

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Ottawa Centre NDP

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the telecommunications sector has failed to provide basic services to numerous northern and indigenous communities; and

WHEREAS the Canadian telecommunications market is an oligopolistic market that sees Canadian consumers paying some of the highest prices for telecommunication services in the world;

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, including Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites, and establishing a public telecommunications company.

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

COMMUNITIES, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND WORKERS AT RISK FROM MINING PANDEMIC PROFITEERS

Ottawa Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS COVID-19 disproportionately impacts Indigenous Peoples;

WHEREAS the government determined resource extraction essential;

WHEREAS 45 workers at Kearsarge Lake contracted COVID and 2 Indigenous Elders died as a result;

WHEREAS 215 organizations signed the Open Letter: Global Solidarity with Communities, Indigenous Peoples and Workers at Risk from Mining Pandemic Profiteers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP immediately call for mining sites including the LNG camps be shut down until they can prove that there will be no COVID spread or outbreaks at these sites or to surrounding Indigenous communities

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP support and sign on to the International Open Letter: Global Solidarity with Communities, Indigenous Peoples and Workers at Risk from Mining Pandemic Profiteers

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP publicly reject that mining represents an essential service either now or for the period of economic recovery and assert that healthy communities, Indigenous peoples, and workers – not the profits of mining corporations – are essential.

INNOVATING AND PROSPERING IN A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

GOVERNMENT USE OF THE BANK OF CANADA

London and District Labour Council • London Fanshawe

WHEREAS:

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.

NATIONALIZATION OF CAPE BRETON RAIL

South Shore-St. Margarets

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the island of Cape Breton would benefit greatly from economic development, BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will expropriate the Cape Breton and Central Nova Scotia Railway from its current owners Genesee & Wyoming and make it a Nationalised Crown Corporation.

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NATIONALIZE THE BIG BANKS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES

Spadina-Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the large banks and insurance monopolies in Canada want to maximize profits; large banks do not serve the banking needs of poor, Indigenous, rural and small town Canadians; and private ownership of banks and insurance companies leads to wasteful advertising, higher transactions costs, and higher costs for consumers;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP actively campaign for nationalization of the big five Canadian banks and major insurance companies (including life, home and auto insurance firms) and for the reinstatement of basic personal and small business banking needs delivered through Canada Post branches and online services, to be operated under public democratic control, with compensation to the former owners in the form of low-interest, long-term bonds; Be it further resolved that democratic management be exercised by an elected council of bank workers, consumers, small business folk, family farmers and the labour movement as a whole.

BUILD BACK BETTER

Victoria

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Canada confronts a four dimensional crisis: pandemic, resurgent white supremacy, climate emergency, and an unequal economy;

These vast, overlapping crises require bold, interconnected solutions;

Despite decades of austerity rhetoric from successive Liberal and Conservative governments, the pandemic has shown massive federal spending is not only possible, but absolutely necessary,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1 of the NDP policy book be amended to incorporate the following language:

New Democrats are committed to:

- a) "building back better" after the pandemic, which means generational federal investments, leading to vast job growth across the economy from public health to longterm care, renewable energy, clean transit, zero-emission non-market housing, guaranteed liveable basic income and more;

ENSHRINING OPPOSTION TO AUSTERITY

Ottawa Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the fiscal response to Covid-19 has finally and utterly put to rest the false neoliberal idea that government budgets work like household budgets,

WHEREAS the NDP must abandon fiscal conservatism and instead fight for the investments needed for a greener and fairer economic recovery,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1.6 of the 2018 Policy Book, articles A, B and C are replaced by the following:

- a. A fiscal policy that prioritizes the achievement of full employment, an economic situation where everyone who wants a good paying job can easily get one, and nobody is involuntarily unemployed.
- b. Utilizing the opportunity of low interest rates to make investments in building a greener and fairer economy while using monetary policy to ensure interest rates remain low.
- c. Managing debt levels by increasing tax fairness and ensuring that corporations and the ultra-rich pay their fair share.

WEALTH TAX

Canada's Young New Democrats

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the NDP ran on a wealth tax policy in the 2019 election which was very popular and is a very good idea, but this commitment is not currently in the policy book,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following article be added to section 1.7 of the policy book,

f. Creating a net wealth tax targeting the ultra-rich to ensure they pay their fair share.

MOTION TO BUILD A NATIONAL PUBLIC TRANSIT NETWORK

Canada's Young New Democrats

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS privately-run transportation services have repeatedly failed Canada's rural and remote communities;

WHEREAS this forces residents of these communities to use expensive and environmentally-damaging private automobiles;

WHEREAS this forces many Indigenous women and girls to hitchhike, putting them at risk of rape and murder on journeys that should be safe;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP add to Section 1.3 of the Policy Book the following:

"g. Establishing, within one year of forming government, a Crown corporation to provide fare-free cross-country inter-city and rural public transit to connect all residents of Canada to the services, care, and communities they need."

CREATING A PUBLIC TELECOM CROWN CORPORATION

Canada's Young New Democrats

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Covid-19 pandemic has forced much of our lives online, including for many, work and school, highlighting vast inequities across the country with regards to access to affordable internet.

WHEREAS the example of Sasktel proves that a publicly owned telecommunications company can act as a successful public option;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 6.10 of the policy book be amended to add the following clause;

h. The creation of a publicly owned telecommunications crown corporation with the mandate to increase access to internet and cell phone service at affordable prices across the country.

FULL EMPLOYMENT

Vancouver Kingsway

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS full employment is a policy choice of a monetarily sovereign country like Canada and would reduce poverty, enhance labour bargaining power, help reverse the decline in the wage share experienced over the last 30 years, and help decrease the high level of household debt,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government would ensure full employment (defined as a job offer to all those able and willing to work) through appropriate fiscal stimulus that achieves a productive and sustainable economy able to mobilize:

- a. hiring off the top - including accelerated infrastructure and enhanced government services through a Just Transition framework, and
- b. hiring off the bottom - by means of a Job Guarantee program delivered through lower levels of government and by non-profit community groups in areas such as helping the aged, youth recreation and education, public arts and culture, and environmental stewardship.