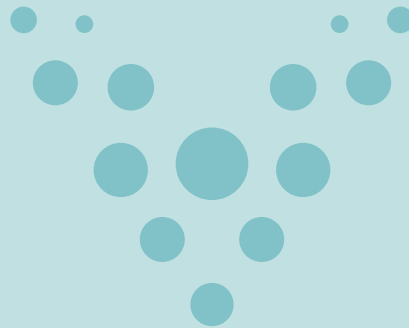


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SECTION 3:

Investing in a Canada where
No One is Left Behind

03-01-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

FIGHTING POVERTY WITH GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME

Saanich-Gulf Islands Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon EDA • Cumberland-Chester EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS millions of Canadians live in poverty, increasing risks for mental and physical health problems and homelessness;

WHEREAS Canada’s guaranteed basic income for Canadians over 65 has produced a laudably low rate of elder poverty;

And WHEREAS existing social welfare programs are complex and do not protect all Canadians;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to Section 3.4.d of the NDP Policy Book:

“Supporting and working toward the implementation of a progressive guaranteed basic income system in Canada, which maintains existing levels of publicly funded social supports.”

03-02-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

PERMANENT PAID SICK DAYS

University-Rosedale United Steelworkers Local 5296 • Etobicoke-Lakeshore • York-Simcoe • Pickering-Uxbridge NDP • Orléans NDP EDA • Lonand District Labour Council • Victoria • London-Fanshawe

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the global pandemic has demonstrated the necessity of paid sick days, including for the 58% of all workers in Canada who do not have them,

AND WHEREAS the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit, paid through EI, is temporary, far from adequate and is not a replacement to employer-paid sick days.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED the NDP:

Push the federal government to legislate at least seven permanent employer-paid sick days for all federally regulated workers and 14 additional days during public health outbreaks; Press the federal government to urge provinces and territories to legislate at least seven employer-paid sick days for all workers, with an additional 14 days during public health outbreaks;

Continue to raise awareness about the necessity of paid sick days for all workers; and Oppose further subsidies for corporations like Amazon, Walmart, and Loblaws that are profiting from the pandemic, while refusing to raise wages and implement paid sick days.

IMPROVING LONG-TERM CARE

Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) • Essex • Parkdale-High Park • Pickering-Uxbridge NDP • York South - Weston • Saint Boniface--Saint Vital • Hamilton Mountain Electoral District Association

WHEREAS:

- Canada’s long-term care system is plagued by problems resulting from chronic underfunding and understaffing, horrible working conditions, and profit-driven care;
- Long-term care is not part of Canada’s universal, public health care system;
- Canada lacks national care standards for long term care;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP Policy Book be amended to add the following section:

3.2 Long-Term Care

- A) Making long-term care part of our universal health care system, regulated under the Canada Health Act;
- B) Providing dedicated and adequate funding for long-term care through the Canada Health Transfer;
- C) Implementing evidence-based national standards of care that are tied to funding, including a minimum 4 hours of daily care;
- D) Eliminating profit from long-term care;
- E) Improving working conditions, including wages, benefits, and paid sick days;
- F) Eliminating precarious work across the sector; and
- G) Building more publicly owned and operated long-term care homes.

EXPANDING HEALTH CARE

Saanich-Gulf Islands

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Canada Health Act does not cover a wide range of necessary medical services and;

And WHEREAS changes to the Canada Health Act and the Canada Transfer programme are needed to support head-to-toe medical coverage for all Canadians;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP Policy Book be amended at section 3.1:

- C. “Supporting federal funding increases to the Canada Transfer programme and negotiating a new Canada Health Accord with the provinces and territories to support head-to –toe medical coverage.”
- F. “Increasing investment in public and not-for-profit care for seniors and people with disabilities, including homecare.”
- O. “Establishing a National Healthcare Council to ensure that the Canada Health Act and federal healthcare standards be enforced and the range of services be extended to include; homecare, palliative care and prescription drugs.”
- R. “Ensuring that vision, dental, hearing, mental health, podiatry, physiotherapy, chiropractic and seniors care are covered under the Canada Health Act.”
- S. “Ensuring that national health policy also includes recognition of the importance of social and environmental policies as major determinants of health.”

03-05-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

CHILDCARE

Churchill--Keewatinook Aski

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Covid-19 crisis has proven the essential nature of childcare and the inadequacy of the childcare system in Canada.

WHEREAS our economic recovery depends on a robust, accessible, and affordable early learning and child care system.

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that childcare is essential for economic justice for many women,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Be it resolved the NDP push for a fully publicly funded system, in partnership with the provinces/territories and Indigenous governments, in addition to establishing an Early Learning Secretariat and push for legislation that enshrines Canada's commitment to give all children the right to high quality early learning and child care.

03-06-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

DECRIMINALIZING THE POSSESSION OF ALL ILLEGAL DRUGS

Vaudreuil-Soulanges

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS addiction is a public health issue, not a criminal issue; WHEREAS the opioid crisis has resulted in thousands of deaths throughout Canada; WHEREAS the "harm reduction" strategy has proven to be successful;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Paragraph i of Section 3.9 of the Policy Book be replaced with: "

i. Decriminalizing the possession for personal use of all drugs, with the goal of working with provinces and territories to promote the rehabilitation and recovery of drug users and to reduce overdoses, the spread of blood-borne and sexually transmitted infections, and the stigmatization of drug users while undermining the influence of organized crime."

CANCEL STUDENT DEBT

Ottawa West-Nepean New Westminster-Burnaby • Brantford Brant NDP EDA • Hamilton Centre • Regina--Qu'Appelle Federal NDP Riding Association • Eglinton-Lawrence • Don Valley East NDP • Pickering-Uxbridge NDP • Ottawa Centre • North Vancouver • Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke • Guelph • Canada's Young New Democrats

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS failure to provide post-secondary education as a public good has left too many students reliant on loans for access;

WHEREAS student debt can impact career choices, family planning, mental health, and long-term financial security; and

WHEREAS progressives in the US have built momentum for student loan forgiveness.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP replace section 3.2(h) of the Policy Book with "Forgiving all outstanding student debt owed to the federal government and working with the Quebec government to provide debt forgiveness to current and former post-secondary students."

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

University-Rosedale United Steelworkers Local 5296

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS The economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic proved the E.I. program to be wholly inadequate;

AND WHEREAS the government created emergency benefits and temporarily modified the E.I program to address some of the program's deficiencies

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Section 3.6 of the policy of the New Democratic Party be amended by the addition of the following points:

- j) Restore the counter-cyclical purpose of the program by eliminating the break-even funding formula;
- k) Expand access to regular and parental benefits to cover self-employed, gig economy and migrant workers;
- l) Permit workers who quit or are fired to access a reduced benefit;
- m) Permit workers to access benefits in more circumstances related to labour disputes;
- n) Permanently eliminate the claw-back of vacation entitlement and severance pay.

03-09-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

MENTAL HEALTH CARE STRATEGY

London and District Labour Council Halifax • London-Fanshawe

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS 1 in 5 Canadians suffer annually from a mental illness;

WHEREAS the economic cost to Canada is at least \$50 billion dollars a year;

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has and will increase both the stress on people's mental health and the mental healthcare system;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT and NDP government will ensure comprehensive and universal coverage for mental health care under the Canada Health Act;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a new NDP government will increase funding to mental health services to at least 10% of the national healthcare budget;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a new NDP government recommend funding community based mental health services by psychological and social work therapists under provincial medicare programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP urge the current government to immediately implement and fund a child's right to receive eight publicly funded visits to a psychologist per year.

03-10-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

SUPPORTING CHILD CARE WORKERS

Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)

WHEREAS:

- Child care continues to be inaccessible and unaffordable for many families across Canada;
- A lack of child care disproportionately impacts women, especially BIPOC women;
- COVID-19 has forced the closure of many child care centres across Canada further limiting access to high quality care;
- New Democrats believe in providing long-term, secure funding to provinces and territories for early childhood education and child-care services.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP Policy Book be amended to add the following article to section (3.3 Early childhood education):

C) Ensure strings are attached to a public universal child care program that provides decent wages, benefits, and pensions for child care workers.

03-11-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

FIRST NATIONS HOUSING

Churchill--Keewatinook Aski

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Federal government has consistently underfunded First Nation housing leading to many communities with overcrowded homes, which negatively impacts the health and safety of First Nations.

WHEREAS the Liberals and Conservatives joined together to defeat an NDP motion in 2019 to call on the government of Canada to deal with the housing crisis facing First Nations.

WHEREAS the Federal government has been aware of the mould crisis on reserve since at least 2003.

WHEREAS COVID-19 has had a disproportionate impact on First Nations in part because of overcrowded and substandard housing.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP call on the government to make the necessary investments to work in partnership with First Nations and immediately begin building homes on First Nations.

03-12-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

Fredericton

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the cost of post-secondary tuition has skyrocketed in recent years, and;

WHEREAS many students are now graduating from post-secondary institutions with student-debt of over \$60,000, and;

WHEREAS many working-class students are unable to access higher education due to high tuition costs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP actively campaign for cancelling student debt and post-secondary education fees, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NDP actively campaign to ensure that federal funding for education imposes requirements on the provinces to abolish student fees for post-secondary education.

03-13-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

ESTABLISHED PROGRAM FINANCING

York South - Weston

WHEREAS:

New Democrats believe in investing in a Canada where no one is left behind, and

Established Programs Financing (EPF) was a financing program created by the Trudeau government in 1977, and lasted until 1996. It was created to finance provincially-run healthcare and higher education programs through transfer payments consisting of cash and tax points;

Established Program Financing provided past federal governments with a strong tool to ensure national standards were met.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

A New Democratic government would re-introduce Established Programs Funding for health care and post-secondary education transfers to the provinces, and introduce new EPFs for pharmacare, day-care and other national program priorities.

03-14-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

FEDERAL JOBS GUARANTEE

Ottawa Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS scientific consensus predicts that humanity has until 2030 to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions to prevent global warming of 2oC above pre-industrial levels and avoid catastrophic climate outcomes; and

WHEREAS in 2019 Canada ranked 9th worldwide in cumulative greenhouse gas emissions and 4th in production/export of oil;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP propose a Federal Jobs Guarantee as the cornerstone to a just recovery while transitioning to a zero-carbon economy. A Jobs Guarantee would aim to provide well-compensated unionized work in healthcare, at-home care, education, childcare, green energy (e.g. solar, wind, geothermal), and nationalized electric public transit manufacturing.

03-15-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

PROVIDING BETTER EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SICKNESS BENEFITS

Nouveau Parti démocratique du Canada (Québec) ou LA SECTION QUÉBEC

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS nearly one in two Canadians will suffer during their lifetime from cancer with an average treatment time estimated at 52 weeks, making the current 15 weeks of benefits insufficient;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP would increase Employment Insurance sickness benefits from 15 weeks to 50 weeks.

03-16-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON VACANT FEDERAL LANDS

Davenport NDP EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area are experiencing an acute housing crisis, with affordable housing out of reach for countless families;

WHEREAS the federal government owns vacant land in the Greater Toronto Area;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government mandate the construction of affordable housing on vacant federal lands in the region through land trusts and other mechanisms that guarantee democratic control of housing and development.

03-17-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

BUILD SOCIAL HOUSING

Hamilton Centre Spadina Fort York Beaches-East York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS homelessness is unacceptable;

And WHEREAS many people live in marginal housing and are on the verge of becoming homeless;

And WHEREAS homelessness has increased in the last ten years and homeless people are dying on the streets;

And WHEREAS most private developers are not interested in creating affordable housing;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP in government will take initiatives, with the cooperation of the municipalities and the provincial governments, to create universally affordable and accessible cooperative and social housing through a new public-sector, construction industry;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NDP demand a moratorium on evictions, mortgage foreclosures, and utility cut-offs due to unemployment,

And BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NDP actively campaign for the federal government allocating 2% of federal expenditures for cooperative and social housing renovation, maintenance, and construction.

03-18-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

PROVIDING INCOME SUPPORT FOR ELECTION CANDIDATES

Huron Bruce NDP • London North Centre • London West • Hamilton Centre • Regina--Qu'Appelle Federal NDP Riding Association • Eglinton-Lawrence • Ottawa Centre NDP • University-Rosedale • Windsor- Tecumseh • Etobicoke-Lakeshore NDP • Women's Commission Saskatoon-University • Ottawa West-Nepean • Kootenay-Columbia EDA Pickering-Uxbridge NDP London and District labour Council • Parkdale-High Park • York South - Weston • Glengarry-Prescott-Russell

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS members of equity-seeking groups may face financial barriers in getting elected to office;

WHEREAS candidates who cannot afford to take unpaid leave from paid employment have reduced availability to campaign;

WHEREAS incumbent candidates have advantages over challengers including receiving their regular pay during a campaign period until election day;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP add within section 3.6 of the Policy Book, "creating a new category of Employment Insurance benefits accessible to registered candidates in municipal, provincial, territorial, and federal elections during official campaign periods";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the NDP will advocate for this policy proposal prior to the next election or in future Parliaments until it, or a Universal Basic Income program, is implemented.

03-19-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

PROTECTING RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS DURING RESTRUCTURING

United Steelworkers Local 5296

WHEREAS:

corporations routinely suspend retiree health benefits during restructuring causing severe hardship;

AND WHEREAS the NDP Policy Book advocates for moving pensioners and long-term disability recipients to the front of the line of creditors during employer restructuring or bankruptcy but makes no mention of maintaining retiree health benefits;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 3.7, Seniors and retirees be amended by adding the following:

g) Forbidding corporations from suspending retirees' health benefits during restructuring; and that the subsequent clauses in Section 3.7 be re-lettered accordingly.

03-20-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

DECRIMINALISE RECREATIONAL DRUG POSSESSION

Mont-Royal

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the arrest of possessors of small quantities of illicit drugs for personal use cause emotional and financial harm to all parties involved; and

WHEREAS offering mental and physical aid to illicit drug abusers alleviates emotional and financial harm to all parties involved;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore be it resolved, that all recreational drug possession and use be immediately decriminalised.

Furthermore, be it resolved, that all criminal records relating to possession or use of recreational drugs be immediately expunged.

03-21-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Women's Commission

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS New Democrats believe reproductive healthcare and abortion services are human rights; and

WHEREAS Indigenous, northern, remote, and rural communities lack adequate access to reproductive healthcare and abortion services; and

WHEREAS residents of New Brunswick and PEI must seek abortion services out-of-province in direct violation of the Canada Health Act;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 3.1 (k) of the Policy Book be amended to include the following:

Pursuant to the Canada Health Act, all Indigenous, Metis, and Inuit people; and Canadians from coast to coast to coast are entitled to abortion access and reproductive healthcare regardless of geographical location.

Any person should have to travel no more than 200 kilometres to access such care.

03-22-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

FOR PHARMACARE, DENTAL, VISION, HEARING, AND MENTAL HEALTH FULLY INTEGRATED INTO MEDICARE

University-Rosedale Spadina-Fort York Toronto Centre Hamilton Centre • Fredericton • Mont Royal

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS a national drug plan will save Canadians over \$7 billion, preventative dental care will reduce emergency visits and improve overall patient health, and vision, hearing, and mental health care will prevent serious longer term health impacts and is urgently needed to improve public health, especially for those most vulnerable;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP actively campaign for a national drug plan as an integral part of medicare for all residents of Canada via socializing pharmaceutical operations in Canada, through research and production of generic drugs by a publicly-owned corporation, and by the federal government as a central bulk purchaser and distributor of pharmaceuticals to all in need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all basic and recommended dental, visual, and hearing exams and care including any prescribed visual or aural aids and comprehensive mental health care

03-23-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

FOR PHARMACARE FULLY INTEGRATED INTO MEDICARE

University-Rosedale Winnipeg Centre Beaches-East York • Mont Royal

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS a national drug plan will save Canadians over \$7 billion annually, and is urgently needed to improve public health, especially of seniors and the poor;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP actively campaign for a national pharma care plan integrated into public medicare for all Canadian residents, making the federal government a central bulk purchaser of pharmaceuticals, and also a producer of generic drugs through a publicly-owned corporation, and making free provision of medication a right for all patients.

03-24-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Richmond-Arthabaska • Nouveau Parti démocratique du Canada (Québec) ou LA SECTION QUÉBEC

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the inability of the Employment Insurance system to meet the needs of the unemployed;

WHEREAS the temporary amendments passed by the House of Commons on September 30, 2020 have demonstrated the shortcomings of the current Employment Insurance system;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP commits right now to using all of its power and energy to insist that significant, permanent changes be made to the Employment Insurance Act to make it a social safety net worthy of the name.

UNIVERSAL TRANSIT PASS FOR STUDENTS

Nouveau Parti démocratique du Canada (Québec) ou LA SECTION QUÉBEC

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, in its policies, the Quebec Chapter of the CYND calls for investment in public transit “to improve living standards and protect the environment”;

WHEREAS the cost of transportation adds to the already considerable financial burden borne by students;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP will promote the use of universal transit passes (U-Passes) for all post-secondary students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NDP will support and endorse any student campaign for the implementation of a public transit U-Pass, as long as it is fair and supported by the students of the relevant institution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the U-Pass will include bike share services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NDP will support a study on reducing fares until they become free for the entire population.

HEAD-TO-TOE HEALTH CARE

Esquimalt - Saanich - Sooke NDP

WHEREAS:

head-to-toe health coverage should include the following;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

a section 3.1(r) be added to the policy book to read; “Ensuring that vision, dental, hearing, mental health, speech therapy, podiatry, physiotherapy, chiropractic and all seniors care are covered under the Canada Health Act and the Canada Health Accord.”

03-27-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

INCORPORATING STUDENT HOUSING IN THE NATIONAL HOUSING POLICY

London North Centre Pickering-Uxbridge NDP • Parkdale-High Park Canada's Young New Democrats • London West • York South - Weston • London-Fanshawe

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS housing accounts for 40% of the overall average cost of post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS the current inadequate supply of student housing exposes students to housing instability, high rents, discrimination, predatory landlords and lack of tenant protection; and

WHEREAS Canada's current National Housing Strategy does not directly address student housing;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 3.5 of the policy book to be amended to add:

f) Working in consultation with student unions and post-secondary institutions as part of the national housing strategy to increase the on-campus and off-campus stock of purpose built student housing to provide a diverse range of safe, affordable, accessible, barrier-free, green and supportive residential options for students.

03-28-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

ELIMINATE STUDENT LOAN DEBT TO HELP MARGINALIZED CANADIANS RECOVER FROM THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND ENHANCE CANADA'S CAPACITY TO RESPOND TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Saskatoon-University

WHEREAS:

Canada has some of the highest rates of tuition and student loan debt load in the world, which disproportionately impacts women, student-parents, BIPOC, LGBTQ2SA+ and disabled students, who face greater barriers to achieving post-secondary education, earn lower incomes after graduation, and are increasingly becoming at risk of defaulting on loans.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 3.2 (h) of the policy book be amended as follow:

(h) Eliminating student loan debt to remove barriers to marginalized Canadians from participating fully in Canada's economy. Eliminating student loan debt will not only help marginalized Canadians respond to contemporary challenges, such as the Coronavirus Pandemic, but will also increase Canada's potential for long-term economic prosperity and resilience by enabling all Canadians to obtain the education and training they need to help Canada prepare for and respond to the challenges posed by the climate emergency.

03-29-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

ELIMINATE TUITION AND STUDENT DEBT

Winnipeg Centre • Etobicoke Centre • Spadina-Fort York • Scarborough Southwest

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the cost of post-secondary tuition has skyrocketed in recent years;

And **WHEREAS** many students are now graduating from post-secondary institutions with student-debt of over \$60,000 each, and many working class students are simply excluded from higher education,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP actively campaign for cancellation of student debt and post-secondary education fees, and vigorously support student campaigns and protests to abolish fees, as even several capitalist countries already done

And **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP actively campaign to ensure that federal funding for education imposes requirements on the provinces to abolish student fees for post secondary education.

03-30-20

PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

DECRIMINALIZATION OF SEX WORK

Women's Commission • Canada's Young New Democrats • Windsor-Tecumseh

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the NDP is a feminist party and recognizes sex work as legitimate work which deserves the same worker and workplace protections and benefits as other forms of labour; and

WHEREAS the criminalization of sex work stigmatizes sex workers, thus risking their workplace safety and wellbeing;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 3.1, item (i) be removed from the NDP Policy Book and replaced with the following:

I. The decriminalization of sex work.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP tables as soon as possible a bill in Parliament to decriminalize sex work in Canada.

The NDP makes decriminalizing of sex work in Canada a central element of its election platform.

GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME

Cape Breton Canso

WHEREAS:

“WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that Canadians need a minimum of \$2,000 per month to support themselves;

WHEREAS A guaranteed minimum income is considered a tool to fight poverty, including child poverty;

WHEREAS the most recent data available shows that 48% of Canadians are \$200 away from insolvency

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government would put in place a guaranteed livable income that will reach \$2,000 per month over time.”

GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME

Beaches-East York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS we continue to see a growing economic disparity between rich and poor; and

WHEREAS COVID -19 has starkly revealed just how many Canadians live on the margins and how precarious their economic situation; and

WHEREAS there is growing support across Canada for implementing a basic annual income for everyone.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP strongly supports a Guaranteed Livable Income for all Canadians and urges Parliament to consider it.

MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND PUBLIC PHARMACARE

Nouveau Parti démocratique du Canada (Québec) ou LA SECTION QUÉBEC

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the NDP is pushing for the creation of a universal health care system that includes dental, vision and mental health care;

WHEREAS the pandemic and lockdown have led to and exacerbated mental health problems, including anxiety and depression;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP will emphasize the need for mental health care for the population and the creation of public pharmacare.

GUARANTEED LIVABLE BASIC INCOME

Kings Hants Nova Scotia • Vancouver East Etobicoke Centre

WHEREAS:

Covid-19 has exposed discrimination and gaps in income security that leaves people unable to meet basic needs, denying fundamental rights and dignity, undermining resilience needed for a better future. Motion 46 introduced into the 43rd Parliament by Leah Gazan outlines a Basic Income model that reflects NDP values,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 3.6 d of the policy book be amended to read “Transitioning from temporary emergency measures and unfilled gaps in social protection systems to an ongoing and permanent guaranteed livable basic income mechanism that works in synergy with public services and supports social and economic justice. The values and model as described in Motion 46 introduced into the 43rd Parliament by MP Leah Gazan be the framework to draft such a mechanism.

GUARANTEED LIVABLE BASIC INCOME

Elmwood-Transcona EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the pandemic has laid bare the inadequacies of Canada’s social safety net and emphasized the need for Canadians to have income support when disaster strikes;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 3.4 (a) of the policy book be replaced with:

“Establishing a federal guaranteed livable basic income to supplement other needed supports for people experiencing poverty.”

NEW PROTOCOLS TO MANAGE PANDEMICS

Mont Royal Toronto • Hamilton Centre • University-Rosedale • Spadina-Fort York • Beaches-East York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Covid-19 pandemic demonstrated insufficient government preparedness, private senior care residences experienced 4 times the deaths of public residences, inconsistent workplace lockdowns caused excess deaths, and workers’ wages were insufficiently subsidized during necessary lockdowns, and there was profiteering on personal protective equipment, vaccine research, respirators, and essential supplies.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP advocate mandatory public protocols to manage pandemics to save lives, reduce suffering, and eliminate profiteering, nationalize all senior care residences, stockpile necessary supplies and equipment, create public laboratories to monitor diseases and mass produce antivirals and medications on a cost recovery basis, and address overcrowding and poverty to reduce vulnerability and exposure to deadly pathogens, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such protocols will give workers the right to refuse unsafe work with no loss in pay or benefits, never prioritize corporate profit over public safety, and will appropriately penalize violators.

PROTECTING THE CANADA PENSION PLAN

Alberta Federation of Labour Edmonton Griesbach EDA Edmonton Strathcona EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Canadian Pension Plan (CPP) is the only meaningful retirement savings many Canadian workers have,

WHEREAS the CPP is effective in that it is a pension plan portable across provincial boundaries, and

WHEREAS any province leaving the CPP could jeopardize the retirement savings of all Canadians, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party (NDP) of Canada do all that it can to protect and strengthen the Canadian Pension Plan, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP oppose any attempts by provincial governments to leave or fragment the Canadian Pension Plan, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP oppose any provincial referendum (as proposed by the Alberta UCP Government) trying to leave or dismantle the CPP, and finally

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP oppose any proposal from Alberta's government which would create greater retirement insecurity for workers and their families.

IMPROVING LONG TERM CARE FOR PEOPLE IN CANADA

Saint Boniface--Saint Vital

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS during the COVID-19 pandemic, the hardest hit segment of Canada has been our senior citizens

WHEREAS only 20% of seniors live in long-term care facilities, yet they account for 80% of COVID-19 related deaths

WHEREAS many of the long term facilities for seniors are underfunded, unregulated, understaffed at normal times, are now overwhelmed by COVID-19

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon forming government the NDP will:

1. Launch a Commission into Aging in Canada;
2. work with provincial and territorial governments to review the country's COVID-19 response and prepare for future pandemics
3. increase investments in community, home and residential care for our aging population
4. Appoint a Seniors Advocate, whose roles and responsibilities would be to monitor, analyze and make recommendations to the government regarding the needs of seniors

DENTAL CARE

Nouveau Parti démocratique du Canada (Québec) ou LA SECTION QUÉBEC

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the only dental care covered by public insurance is for cases requiring surgery;

WHEREAS regular routine check-ups, fluoride treatments and cleanings can help treat minor problems before they get worse;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP will commit to modernizing and expanding the coverage provided by the Canada Health Act to include preventive dental care as a way of increasing access to basic dental care;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NDP will commit to working toward increasing access to preventive dental care, increasing federal transfers, and working with the provinces and territories to ensure that all Canadians have access to public dental insurance.

LONG TERM CARE

Windsor-Tecumseh

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS: residents of Long Term Care have been disproportionately affected by the recent pandemic

WHEREAS: the growth of for profit LTC facilities has been the source of documented substandard care and the rise in unnecessary deaths

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP urge the federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments to implement high quality LTC by, but not limited to:

- A. ensuring that person-in-care/staff ratios are consistent with evidence based best practices and that care providers are qualified, well-paid and offered their choice full or part time positions;
- B. ensuring that all new LTC facilities are built on a non-profit model;
- C. ensuring annual, unscheduled on-site inspections;
- D. ensuring that LTC staff have the equipment and support to properly care for residents and protect them in times of sickness or health, aggression and harassment;

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

NATIONAL SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

Davenport NDP EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS more than 1.5 million children live in families that have difficulty putting food on the table, while Canada remains among the few industrialized countries without a universal school food program;

WHEREAS a national food program, as proposed in Bill-C201 introduced by MP Don Davies, would not only give every student in Canada access to nutritious food, it would make healthy eating a daily lesson for our kids;

WHEREAS a national food program would support Canada's farmers and provide opportunities for learning about Canadian agriculture, the diversity of food cultures and the traditional food systems of Indigenous people;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP advocate for the establishment of a national school food program for children, and that such a program would operate at little or no direct cost to children or their families, build on existing school food programs across Canada, use best practices from other jurisdictions and promote evidence-based healthy food education.

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

ENDING CANADA'S OPIOID CRISIS

Brantford-Brant NDP EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS there have been 17,602 apparent opioid toxicity deaths from January 2016 and June 2020; and

WHEREAS at least five provinces and territories have observed record-breaking numbers of opioid toxicity deaths April to June 2020; and

WHEREAS 21,824 opioid-related and 9,869 stimulant-related poisoning hospitalizations occurred from January 2016 to June 2020;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Canada's NDP declare the opioid crisis a National Public Health Emergency;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Canada's NDP commit to developing a National Action Plan on the Opioid Crisis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Canada's NDP work with the Provinces and Territories to increase resources related to prevention, harm reduction, supervised consumption sites, and whole-health centred treatment programmes while also focusing on stigma reduction training among front-line providers.

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL PHARMACARE PLAN AND PUBLICLY-OWNED PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY

Vancouver Granville • Spadina-Fort York

WHEREAS:

a national drug plan will save Canadians over \$7 billion annually, and is urgently needed to improve public health, especially of seniors and the poor; and

WHEREAS Canadians are hostage to international markets, unable to produce and develop medical innovations, including vaccines, after 1980's Conservatives sold our publicly-owned pharmaceutical company;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

the NDP actively campaign to make the free provision of medication a right for all Canadians by:

- (i) establishing a national pharmacare plan, integrated into public medicare for all Canadian residents, and making the federal government a central bulk purchaser of pharmaceuticals, and
- (ii) committing to establish a publicly-owned pharmaceutical company, so that all Canadians can benefit from access to affordable medical innovations that have been researched, produced, and developed in Canada.

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

GUARANTEED ANNUAL INCOME

London and District Labour Council • London-Fanshawe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government would prioritize action to address the crisis of income inequality in Canada;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an NDP government will implement a universal guaranteed annual income to ensure that all Canadians have access to a quality standard of living;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP advocate for the immediate implementation of guaranteed annual incomes for seniors, for low-wage working Canadians and for Canadians living with disabilities and gradually expand it to include all Canadians over the course of their mandate;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP recommit to the ultimate goal of eradicating poverty in Canada.

ORAL HEALTH

Halifax

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS 6.8 million Canadians do not access dental care each year because of financial constraints.

WHEREAS Only 5% of Canadians are covered by public dental insurance and 1/3 of Canadians have no dental insurance.

WHEREAS Dental issues can also have a major impact on people’s health, personal and social lives.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

[That the following be added to Section 3.1 as (r) of the NDP 2018 Policy Book], section is let no one be left behind, and subsection health)

Our public healthcare be expanded to ensure universal dental care for all.

PEOPLE FIRST #COVIDZERO

Hamilton Centre • Eglinton-Lawrence • Regina • Ottawa-Centre • Don Valley East Federal NDP

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS COVID-19 mortality and its long-lasting consequences are greater in oppressed communities; and

WHEREAS COVID-19 exacerbates social and economic inequalities; and

WHEREAS policing, threats, and rhetorics that blame individuals for systemic failures and conditions outside of their control are neither effective nor ethical tactics to deal with this pandemic;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP strongly advocates for a just, equitable #COVIDzero approach that includes:

- Enacting the Emergencies Act if necessary
- Paid sick days, adequate protection, and the right to refuse work for all workers
- Hazard pay for all essential workers
- Universal eligibility for pandemic assistance, including temporary and undocumented immigrants
- Eviction ban, rent cancelation
- Safe and accessible options for isolation, transit
- Investment in schools and robust assistance for students, educators, caregivers, and families when closures are necessary
- Enforce Westray Law: hold corporations accountable for the death and injury of their workers
- No policing of encampments or sex workers

ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH MEASURES

London and District Labour Council • Women’s Commission • London-Fanshawe

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS governments, in recognizing and supporting the right to health, are obligated to ensure health services are available, accessible, affordable and of high quality;

WHEREAS particular groups such as youth, immigrants, and those of low socio-economic status face marginalization in healthcare which can create a greater barrier to accessing contraceptives;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP affirm its commitment to supporting the reproductive health and well-being of individuals and their communities by supporting free birth control;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP demand the federal government negotiate with provincial governments to cover the costs of all prescribed contraceptives and increase transfers from federal to provincial governments to cover these costs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP demand full and free access by all Canadians to all abortion services including RU-486

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP demand full and free access by all Canadians to levonorgestrel

SUPPORTING SHARED SPACES FOR ON-SITE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS before and after school care is not the same as early childhood education;

WHEREAS before and after school childcare facilities that share spaces with a school property increases safety by reducing the need for transportation;

WHEREAS sharing spaces saves money and reduces the need for duplicate Infrastructure;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 3.4 be added to the policy book:

“Supporting programs and partnership that develop on-site child-care programs at schools for school aged children (ages 5 - 11).”

UNIVERSAL MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Spadina-Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS we are going through a world wide health pandemic and under lockdown in isolation with uncertainty towards the future, people’s mental health has been suffering.

WHEREAS widely accessible, self referred therapy should be covered under Canada’s Health Act, no doctor referral necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP include mental health professionals of all kinds under Canada’s Health Act: former private practice therapists, counsellors, hypnotherapists, and life coaches. By raising taxes on large corporations, foreign real estate investors, and millionaire and billionaire households, and divesting in police, this program can be funded.

IMPLEMENTATION OF PHARMACARE

Parkdale-High Park • York South-Weston

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS universal, public pharmacare must be part of the government’s COVID-related supports as the pandemic has left millions more Canadians without work-based drug plans; and

WHEREAS the pandemic requires the federal government to speed up the implementation of the recommendations of Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP will call on the federal government, as an emergency first step, to immediately implement Phase 1 of the Council’s report by providing public coverage for essential medicines for everyone in Canada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NDP call on the federal government to implement phase 2 of the Advisory Council’s recommendations by adopting a full, comprehensive public pharmacare program within its current mandate.

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PRISONERS

Nouveau Parti démocratique du Canada (Québec) ou LA SECTION QUÉBEC

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the vocational training programs for prisoners, offered by the government agency CORCAN, are obsolete and have not been updated for decades;

WHEREAS, according to the John Howard Society, CORCAN is not fulfilling its role of reintegrating prisoners into Canadian society;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government, in consultation with experts and community groups, would reform the CORCAN program so that prisoners can receive the training to which they are entitled;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an NDP government, in collaboration with colleges and universities, would implement an education program extending the Canada Student Grant for low-income students to prisoners so to provide them with easier access to education during and after their incarceration.

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

RESOLUTION ON A LIVING WAGE FOR PRISONERS

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

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the maximum wage that inmates can earn in a day is much lower than the minimum wage of \$6.90 per day;

WHEREAS the price of essential goods in prisons has risen by 700% in recent decades even though wages have remained fixed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government would strengthen its legal obligation and apply the Canada Labour Code to penal institutions to ensure that prisoners are treated equally and receive a living wage.

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

ENSURING FAMILY SUPPORT PAYMENTS – RESTRUCTURING MAINTENANCE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes-Brock

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS 78% of divorces require support enforcement and that 93% of Orders are for child support only, the NDP shall commit to creating a consistent, stable Maintenance Enforcement Program payment system thereby reducing family conflict, risk of homelessness, and the costs to our health and family court systems;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP government shall amend the Divorce Act, the Garnishment, Attachment and Pension Diversion Act (GAPDA), and the Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement Assistance Act (FOAEA) accordingly to restructure the services and systems of Maintenance Enforcement Programs (MEP's) across the country to ensure the stability and consistency of Family Court Ordered support payments and arrears to relieve child poverty. The mandatory program shall ensure that the government provides payments to Recipients in accordance with the Orders, and then recover Ordered funds from the Payors through whatever enforcement means necessary.

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME

Brampton Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the world economic product has more than tripled since 1990, securing adequate and decent employment for all job seekers remains one of the biggest problems policy-makers face.

WHEREAS former President Barack Obama stated in July, 2018 with the increase in new technology, job outsourcing and an increase in artificial intelligence, there will be less meaningful jobs, and he also endorsed the idea of Universal Basic Income.

WHEREAS in January, 2021, Sir Richard Branson states Universal Basic Income is coming to our economies, it is only a matter of when.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP will make Universal Basic Income a policy in the next general election so that no one will be left behind.

And BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an NDP Government shall implement Universal Basic Income upon being elected as the Government of Canada

STUDENT HOUSING

London North Centre

WHEREAS:

Amending the Existing Policy Book – Section 3.5 – Housing (Student Housing)

WHEREAS housing accounts for 40% of the overall average cost of post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS the current inadequate supply of student housing exposes students to housing instability, high rents, discrimination, predatory landlords and lack of tenant protection; and

WHEREAS Canada's current National Housing Strategy does not directly address student housing;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 3.5 of the policy book to be amended to add:

f) Working in consultation with student unions and post-secondary institutions as part of the national housing strategy to increase the on-campus and off-campus stock of purpose built student housing to provide a diverse range of safe, affordable, accessible, barrier-free, green and supportive residential options for students.

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BREAKING THE CYCLE OF INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY

London North Centre • Alfred-Pellan EDA • London West • Pickering-Uxbridge NDP • Women's Commission • Parkdale-High Park • York South - Weston • London-Fanshawe

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS poverty is commonly an intergenerational problem; and

WHEREAS the absence of affordable childcare dissuades poor parents, especially single mothers, from remaining employed; and

WHEREAS housing costs are significant for poor families and;

WHEREAS governments removing income supports soon after workforce re-entry is a barrier to permanently escaping poverty;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clauses be added to Section 3.4.d of the policy book: 3.4.d Launching a national strategy to eliminate poverty in Canada, including:

- Use of work integration strategies (e.g. two-generational) that provides educational, workforce training and parental skill supports for parents while simultaneously addressing child care and other developmental requirements;
- Improving supports for parents with disabled children that require 24/7 care;
- Provision of transitional income support and tax relief after workforce re-entry until a sustainable income is achieved; and
- Ensuring social assistance cost of living adjustments are based on changes in regional rents rather than inflation.

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PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

IMPROVING ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION BY ELIMINATING TUITION

Ottawa West-Nepean North Vancouver

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states, "higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit";

WHEREAS high tuition fees pose a significant barrier to access to post-secondary education for persons from lower income households;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP, in keeping with section 3.2(e) of the Policy Book, will advocate for the elimination of tuition fees and make the proposal a prominent part of all future election platforms until such time it has been achieved.

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PRIORITY 0

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

NUTRITION IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Battlefords--Lloydminster Federal NDP Riding Association

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS: Poor nutrition results in the worsening of chronic conditions and self-harm behaviors, increasing healthcare costs and recidivism in the justice system.

WHEREAS: As 70% of incarcerated identify as Indigenous descendants, failure to provide proper nutrition in our correctional institutes may be a form of systemic racism.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Be it Resolved: the Federal NDP develop policy to improve the quality and nutritional value of food provided in all Canadian public institutions.

NATIONAL PLAN ON HOMELESSNESS

London and District Labour Council

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS New Democrats believe in implementing a national strategy to ensure secure, adequate, accessible and affordable housing for Canadians;

WHEREAS New Democrats believe a strategy to eliminate poverty should include a focus on the core priorities of income security, social inclusion, and housing;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government would appoint a special committee to conduct hearings and propose a national plan on homelessness in Canada.

EASING STUDENT DEBT BURDEN

Guelph NDP EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS student debt loads continue to climb;

And WHEREAS debt forgiveness is not considered until 10 years after the start of repayment;

And WHEREAS the Covid-19 pandemic has hit students and recent graduates particularly hard;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP advocates suspension, without penalty, of all student-loan repayment requirements, until the pandemic ends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an NDP government will reduce the interval until debt forgiveness can be considered from 10 years to 5 years.

MEDICAL ASSISTIVE DEVICES

London and District Labour Council • London-Fanshawe

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS medical assistive devices are critical to patient care, enriching the lives of Canadians and opening treatment opportunities;

WHEREAS the costs of medical assistive devices are prohibitive and outside of the means of many Canadians, particularly those who already face setbacks as a result of their health and disabilities

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 3.1 (e) in the policy book be amended to read: e. Reducing costs by providing funding for provincial and territorial pharmacare programs, coordinating the bulk purchase of pharmaceutical drugs and medical assistive devices, and encouraging the use of less expensive generic drugs.

STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON CANADIAN EDUCATION SECTOR DECISION-MAKING BODIES

London and District Labour Council • London-Fanshawe

WHEREAS:

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT paragraph g be added to section 3.2 of the Policy Book: "Increasing student representation on decision-making bodies within the education sector, including research councils in Canada";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP call on the Government, in particular the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and the Minister of Science, regarding the creation of student seats on the boards of directors of Canadian research councils (NSERC, SSHRC and CIHR).

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ENFORCEMENT AND PATENT PROTECTION

Richmond Hill

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS financial resources are a significant barrier to accessing justice, and WHEREAS defending a patent consumes the time of the patent holder, thus preventing them from marketing their product, and WHEREAS this is a system that discriminates against those without the means to protect their intellectual property rights,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government of Canada will take action on behalf of Canadian Patent Holders, to defend their patents from infringement.

SUPPORT OF PEOPLE LIVING IN ENCAMPMENTS

Parkdale-High Park York South - Weston

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Encampments that have grown up in major cities across Canada during the pandemic are the result of a decades-long housing crisis caused by public policy that encouraged the financialization of housing while cutting investments in social housing, affordable housing and Rent-Geared-to-Income options;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP stands with our neighbours living in encampments, affirms their right to live with dignity and agency, and calls on all provincial and the federal governments to take definitive action to end homelessness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NDP calls for the federal government to immediately adopt a policy and practice of expropriating vacant hotel, apartment and commercially owned units on an emergency basis for permanent housing where people without homes are living in encampments due to lack of access appropriate permanent housing and supports.

CANADIAN PHARMACEUTICAL POLICY

Davenport NDP EDA • Vancouver-Kingsway

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS access to COVID-19 vaccines has been impaired by Canada’s inadequate domestic manufacturing policy;

WHEREAS Canada once had a publicly-owned pharmaceutical company that could have aided our response to COVID-19;

WHEREAS much research is publicly-funded and Canada’s private-profit model is not delivering affordable medicines or prioritizing public health;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP advocate for the establishment of a public drug manufacturer to produce vaccines and critical medicines for Canadians, a robust domestic research and development sector, an open-science model of drug discovery, an intellectual property innovation fund for public research institutions, global access licensing requirements for publicly-funded research, and the use of compulsory licensing to ensure patients get access to life-saving patented pharmaceuticals on reasonable terms.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC HELP FOR CANADIANS

Don Valley East NDP Spadina-Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS to help stop this outbreak, it is the government’s responsibility to provide help for everyone. If we get every Canadian healthy, housed, economically stable, and needs taken care of, we have a stronger chance of eliminating the COVID outbreak and ensuring something like this never happens again.

WHEREAS no one should be left behind. If one person’s economic and health situation makes them vulnerable to the disease, then everyone is at risk. That is how this pandemic started, with one person. Everyone counts.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP have a COVID-19 Pandemic Help policy that includes basic income, rent relief, affordable housing, free education, and Canada’s Health Act to include 1. Universal Mental Health Care, 2. Health care treatments supported by scientific evidence, and 3. Traditional Indigenous Medicine.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC RENT SUBSIDY

Spadina-Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS during a pandemic, health and well-being come first, and Canadians should not be worried about their housing situation.

WHEREAS a person's limitations can make them statistically more vulnerable to the pandemic, therefore placing everyone at risk. Finances and health are inextricably linked. If we want to see a pandemic free Canada, we must help every individual ascend Maslow's hierarchy to at least level 2: optimal health, safety, resources. Level 1 includes shelter.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP, in power in a federal government, as part of a coalition government, or in a confidence and supply agreement with another political party, provides money to the provinces for residential rent subsidies.

COVID-19 RAPID PUBLIC INQUIRY

Hamilton East - Stoney Creek

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, Canada has more than 800, 000 coronavirus cases and 20 000 deaths, and:

WHEREAS, Canada's COVID -19 response has been ranked 61 out of 98 countries, and:

WHEREAS, it is imperative to learn from our response to save as many lives as possible before completing a wide-scale vaccine rollout.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party call upon the government of Canada to immediately establish a statutory public inquiry led by an independent judge that conducts a rapid review of the federal government's response to the present pandemic and examines any lessons to be learned that may improve its public health, and any other related response so as to save as many lives as possible during the ongoing pandemic. Further, that this public inquiry be conducted and issue a final written public report within 90 days of its investigation being undertaken.

DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Esquimalt - Saanich - Sooke NDP

WHEREAS:

Health is more than health services;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That a section 3.1(s) be added to the policy to read; "Ensuring that national health policy includes the importance of the social, economic and environmental determinants of health."

DIRECTIVE ON FREE TUITION, DEBT CANCELLATION, AND YOUTH CONSULTATION

Canada's Young New Democrats

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, section 3.2 of the NDP Policy Book supports:

"e. Eliminating tuition fees [...]

h. Eliminating student debt [...]"

WHEREAS, the 2019 NDP platform supported free tuition, but lacked a timeline for its implementation.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the harms of tuition fees and debt on students and graduates.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP advocate for a moratorium on student debt loan interests and payments as a first step towards the cancellation of student debt;

The NDP develop a policy plan and timeline for free post-secondary education and the cancellation of student debt;

The NDP present this plan and timeline to Federal Council within 6 months of this resolution passing, or before the next federal election, whichever comes first;

The NDP engage in thorough consultation with Canada's Young New Democrats and a diverse range of youth advocacy groups in the development of all future electoral platforms.

EDUCATION FOR ALL

Toronto-Danforth NDP Riding Association

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS international students in Canada pay, on average, more than four times the tuition fees that domestic students pay.

WHEREAS public colleges and universities increasingly rely on overcharging international students to compensate for cuts in government funding.

WHEREAS differential fees for domestic and international students are fundamentally unfair and discriminatory.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The following will be added to section 3.2 of the policy book:

The NDP will fight for the elimination of differentials in tuition fees and administrative fees for international students, as well as continued advocacy for free education for all students, both domestic and international.

END HOMELESSNESS

Ottawa Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS all homelessness is a policy choice.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP amend section 3.5 (b) of the policy book such that it reads:

“Adopting specific strategies to end homelessness, with special attention to the needs of Indigenous peoples.”

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

ENSURE THAT CPP BENEFITS PROVIDE A DECENT, LIVING INCOME FOR RETIREES

Hamilton Centre Spadina Fort York Beaches-East York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS there are ongoing liquidity and accessibility problems at private company pension plans in Canada;

And WHEREAS most Canadians cannot accumulate sufficient savings through RRSPs for an adequate pension, and the Canada Pension Plan involves the least risk and lowest administration cost of any pension plan;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP campaign for:

Immediate doubling of the combined Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement minimum benefit; a 15% increase to the Canada Pension Plan benefit over five years, supported by increases in Employer and Employee Premiums; a new Federal Pension Insurance Fund to guarantee pensioners personal benefit income up to \$2,500 monthly; Real cost of living indexing of all benefit pension programmes; Majority working class membership on the Federal Pension Insurance Board, selected by unions and progressive grassroots organizations; and CPP divestment from companies involved in arms production, pollution, or unfair labour practices.

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

FIGHTING FOR SAFE SUPPLY

Toronto-Danforth NDP Federal Riding Association

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the unknown drug supply has contributed to a crisis that has killed over 17,602 people in Canada since 2016.

WHEREAS New Democrats believe in harm reduction approaches to substance use.

WHEREAS safe supply initiatives that prevent overdose deaths and have proven to be effective are underfunded and undersupported.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT it will be added to the policy book that the NDP will support increased funding for safe supply initiatives.

FORGIVE STUDENT DEBT

Mont-Royal

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS university education positively correlates with positive socio-economic benefits for student and country; and

WHEREAS university tuition has far exceeded the amount of income a student can realistically generate; and

WHEREAS placing a financial burden on students, is not conducive to a healthy society and economy; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore be it resolved, that all student loans be immediately forgiven and financial records expunged; and

Furthermore, be it resolved, that all university tuition, school supplies and room and board for on-campus students be provided free of charge, and that we move as quickly as possible to free university tuition for all students.

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

University-Rosedale

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the cost of post-secondary tuition has skyrocketed in recent years;

And **WHEREAS** many students are now graduating from post-secondary institutions with student-debt of over \$60,000 each, and many working class students are simply excluded from higher education,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the NDP actively campaign for cancellation of student debt and post-secondary education fees, and vigorously support student campaigns and protests to abolish fees, as several capitalist countries have already done;

And **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NDP actively campaign to ensure that federal funding for education imposes requirements on the provinces to abolish student fees for post-secondary education.

HOUSING

Winnipeg Centre Vancouver East

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS up to 235,000 Canadians experience homelessness each year. The pandemic has only heightened the dangers;

Successive Conservative and Liberal governments have failed to ensure adequate housing is a basic human right;

Homeless encampments across the country have increased.

The Liberal's 3,000 rapid housing units is woefully inadequate to address the crisis.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP supports the calls for action to immediately fund:

- a) the acquisition and conversion of at least 12,000 motel, hotel, rooming house units and other properties as an emergency pandemic initiative;
- b) a new federal initiative to empower community housing providers to acquire existing low/moderate-rent assets/buildings;
- c) the expansion of the Rapid Housing Initiative;
- d) the construction of at least 370,000 social, co-op, and supportive housing;
- e) an urban, rural and northern for indigenous by indigenous housing initiative of at least 73,000 new units of housing; and
- f) wraparound supportive services and subsidies for those in need.

INCREASING ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

Canada's Young New Democrats

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS an important resolution regarding access to abortion services was adopted by Canada's Young New Democrats at the 2018 convention was not ultimately adopted by the federal New Democratic Party.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 3.1, article k of the 2018 federal policy book be amended to the following, (with new words in brackets);

k. Establishing a comprehensive policy on reproductive health [which would include creating stronger standards for ensuring universal access to abortion services within the Canada Health Act].

ISLAND LAKE HOSPITAL

Churchill--Keewatinook Aski

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS over 12,000 people from 4 First Nations living in the Island Lake region (St. Theresa Point, Garden Hill, Wasagamack, and Red Sucker Lake) in Manitoba lack hospital access and are forced to travel to Winnipeg to access health services.

WHEREAS the Federal government has consistently chosen colonialism over reconciliation to this day.

WHEREAS the COVID-19 crisis has had a disproportionate impact on the Island Lake First Nations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP call on the Federal government to immediately allocate the funds necessary to build a hospital to serve the Island Lake region.

MEDICAL RESIDENCIES

York-Simcoe

WHEREAS:

Limiting the number of medical residencies available has severely restricted the numbers of specialists available; and

Canada labours under a deficit of specialists in many areas causing unnecessarily long wait times; and

Qualified immigrants and Canadians who have earned their medical degrees overseas cannot find placements in Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP calls for the expansion of residency positions available in all fields of specialty across the country, and

Work with the provincial medical associations to determine priority areas for increasing the number of positions available, and Provide the necessary transfer payments to support an expanded residency program.

MENTAL HEALTHCARE AS A HUMAN RIGHT

Toronto-Danforth NDP Riding Association

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS accessible mental health services in Canada are scarce and unequally distributed.

WHEREAS the cost of private mental healthcare renders support for Canadians living with mental illnesses inaccessible.

WHEREAS the current for-profit model of private mental healthcare results in the privatization of healthcare.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT it will be added to the policy book that the NDP will support the creation of a public model for mental healthcare that recognizes mental health as an extension of physical health and guarantees accessible mental healthcare services for all Canadians.

IMPLEMENTATION OF A BASIC INCOME SYSTEM

Québec

WHEREAS:

No integrated income security system yet exists for Canadian adults aged 18 to 64, and a recent study by the Canadian Center for Economic Analysis shows that a Basic Income for them would have a very positive effect on employment and the Gross National Product while eradicating poverty,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

To effectively combat growing inequality, the NDP will: - establish, in cooperation with the provinces, territories and first nations, a Basic Income system for Canadians aged 18 to 64; - use a portion of the social tax credits that primarily benefit the richest to fund this system; and - base its economic viability on CANCEA's recent study that shows that a Basic Income would not only eradicate poverty, but would also benefit the middle class.

NATIONAL BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS before and after school care spaces would grow Canada's economy by allowing more parents to work;

WHEREAS there is a need for affordable before and after school care for school-aged Children;

WHEREAS the lack of safe and affordable before-and-after school childcare is a health and safety risk to children;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 3.3A of the policy book be amended to read:

"Providing long-term, secure funding to provinces and territories for early childhood education, child care services, and before and after school care for children ages 5 to 11."

NATIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY

York South - Weston

WHEREAS:

It should be a basic right to have housing that is affordable, clean, well maintained, warm, dry and free from pests,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That the NDP pursue a policy of developing a national housing strategy, designed to ensure that every Canadian has access to a safe, adequate and accessible home

NEW PROTOCOLS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SENIORS' RESIDENCES

Laurier-Sainte-Marie

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the pandemic has demonstrated that private homes for the elderly have experienced more deaths than public residences, that companies have caused an excessive number of deaths among their workers, and that there has been a quest for profits

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP advocate nationalizing seniors' residences, eliminating the profit motive in this sector, and providing workers in this sector with fair workloads, wages, and conditions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these protocols will provide workers with the absolute right to refuse unsafe work without loss of pay or benefits.

PANDEMIC AND DISABILITES

Kildonan St. Paul EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has placed immense social and financial strain on people living with disabilities, and

WHEREAS the Liberal government has continued to refuse to provide adequate support for people living with disabilities, and

WHEREAS calls for additional supports for people living with disabilities have come from elected officials across Canada and the labour movement,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP will advocate for additional social programs to assist people living with disabilities, including direct financial assistance, and

Be it also resolved that the NDP will push the federal government to create federal government jobs and job streams specifically for people with disabilities.

PANDEMIC FUNDING AND EDUCATION

Toronto-Danforth NDP Riding Association

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, billions of dollars toward safe reopening of schools has been withheld.

WHEREAS, timely funding, intended to permit provinces and territories to work with school boards to implement appropriate measures to protect students and staff from COVID-19, has not been adequately dispersed, putting children, families and education workers at risk.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal NDP insist that the Federal Government require and approve a roll-out template and schedule from Provincial Governments prior to the release of Emergency Federal Pandemic Funding to Provincial Ministries of Education

PROVIDE A GUARANTEED ANNUAL INCOME

Spadina Fort York • Courtenay-Alberni

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS work is increasingly precarious, provides insufficient income for the material necessities of life for many Canadians, and is threatened by automation.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP actively campaign for, and seek to legislate, a guaranteed annual income for all residents of Canada, indexed to the real cost of living.

RESOLUTION FOR CREATION OF A MENTAL HEALTH PLATFORM

Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS mental illness indirectly affects all Canadians at some time through a friend, family member, or colleague;

WHEREAS mental illness does not discriminate between age, gender, income, culture, or education;

WHEREAS 1 in 5 Canadians will personally experience mental health problems or illness in a year;

WHEREAS the NDP policy book does not specifically highlight mental illness as an issue in need of federal attention

WHEREAS mental illness and substance abuse affect those 15-25 more than any other age group;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP will meet with mental health activists and organizations to craft a specific mental health strategy in advance of the next federal election; that a separate subsection in the NDP policy book will be created to specifically focus on mental illness;

RESOLUTION TO CREATE A RURAL PLATFORM.

Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS rural regions have different needs than urban areas. WHEREAS the NDP has struggled electorally in some rural areas.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP develop in collaboration with rural riding associations an official rural platform for the next federal election.

RESOLUTION: COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR SAFETY

Etobicoke-Lakeshore Parkdale-High Park

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Police do not make communities safer for Black, Indigenous, and otherwise racialized Canadians. Interactions between the police and BIPOC communities often end in violence, marginalization, and death.

WHEREAS New Democrats across the country have stood in solidarity with organizers calling for alternatives to approaching community safety.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 3.9(a) and 3.9(b) are deleted from the Policy Book of the New Democratic Party of Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 3.9(e) is amended to read "Promoting local education and crime prevention, through a community-based framework"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following text is added to Section 3.9. "Reallocating police funding to community-based solutions for safety"

SEXUAL HEALTH PRODUCTS

Mont-Royal

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS condoms, dental dams, intrauterine devices, contraceptive pills and the like constitute sexual health products; and

WHEREAS access to sexual health products leads to fewer unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections; and

WHEREAS access to such efficacious products should not constitute a financial burden to the citizenry;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore be it resolved, that all sexual health products be immediately subsidised.

UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME

Spadina-Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS we are going through a world wide health pandemic, and poor, working class and middle class Canadians need financial help.

WHEREAS stress is a contributing factor to poor health. Not having access to basics such as food, shelter, adequate cleaning and health products will only worsen and lengthen the pandemic. Working class people and essential workers deserve extra money so they can take sick days and mental health days when necessary. Full automation replacing working class jobs will eliminate unsanitary human contact and is already happening with Post Mates in the US and retail.

WHEREAS The poor need this money to survive the pandemic. Allowing them to go without adequate food and shelter and getting sick as a result is monstrously irresponsible at a time like this. People are stressed out, weakening their immune systems with financial stress is counterproductive.

WHEREAS UBI would also help close the racialized wealth gap and create more equality. It would also help close the generational wealth gap between boomers, millennials, and generation Z, as well as help retirees.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP raises taxes on large corporations, foreign real estate investors, and millionaire and billionaire households, and divest in the police in order to use the increased tax revenue to fund UBI.

GETTING RID OF COVID-19

Laurier Sainte-Marie

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS there is still no treatment to cure/prevent COVID-19;

WHEREAS the Canadian strategy to combat COVID-19 has been to control the spread of the virus and mitigate its damage;

WHEREAS in Canada we have not yet been able to control the COVID-19 epidemic;

WHEREAS immunization coverage is slow to rise;

WHEREAS the duration of the crisis has had as many adverse effects as the crisis itself;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP adopt the zero-COVID plan to address COVID-19 in Canada to end this crisis, as New Zealand, Singapore and other Asian countries have done. We must strengthen measures and seek to eliminate the virus to end this crisis.

BASIC INCOME FOR 18-64-YEAR-OLDS

Louis-Hébert

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS: There is currently no integrated income security system for Canadian adults aged 18 to 64, and a recent study by the Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis showed that a basic income for this demographic would have a very positive effect on employment and Gross National Product while eradicating poverty,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: To effectively combat growing inequalities, the NDP is committed to establishing, in cooperation with the provinces, territories and Indigenous nations, a basic income system for Canadians aged 18 to 64, which would be funded, among other things, with a portion of the tax credits that primarily benefit the richest, and whose economic viability would be based on the recent CANCEA study that shows that in addition to eradicating poverty, a Basic Income would benefit the middle class.

UBI

Mont-Royal

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the rate of inflation has massively increased since the 1980s; and

WHEREAS the rate of salary increase has not kept pace with the rate of inflation; and

WHEREAS Canadians are increasingly unable to find sufficiently well-paying jobs; and

WHEREAS test cases have shown UBI to work successfully;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore be it resolved, that a universal basic income of two thousand dollars per human person per month be immediately instituted; to be paid for in part by a more proportional taxation system, and the creation of a sovereign wealth fund.

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

FEDERAL COUNCIL WORKING COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH A GUARANTEED MINIMUM INCOME PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Canada’s great wealth is not distributed in a way that eliminates the persistent scourge of poverty and WHEREAS several initiatives to combat this have failed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP will establish a working committee of the Federal Council to conduct a comprehensive study of the advantages and disadvantages of a guaranteed minimum income program, including the following aspects:

1. The economies of scale associated with merging various elements of our social safety net;
2. The effects of reduced poverty rates in terms of lower costs to our health care system and lower crime rates;
3. Federal-provincial-municipal considerations;
4. The effects on work and employment incentives and how to control them.

INVESTING IN A CANADA WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

LEGALIZATION OF ALL DRUGS

Spadina-Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS doctors have unfair racist and sexist practices that over treat some people and under treat and neglect others, based on gender and race.

WHEREAS the black market creates unsanitary and dangerous drugs and puts stress on our criminal justice system and unfairly targets BIPOC.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP endorses the legalization of all drugs, including all pharmaceuticals and street drugs. Doctors will be there to advise patients but not to be medicinal gatekeepers.

HEALTH

York South - Weston

WHEREAS:

NDP Leader Tommy Douglas was Canada’s father of Medicare, and Tommy’s vision of Medicare included in Phase one Pharmacare and Dental Care; and Tommy’s vision of Medicare included a Phase Two which was the overhaul of the service delivery model in Canada.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP restate its firm support for the five principles of Medicare, that medicine in Canada be Universal, Accessible, Affordable, Portable and Publicly provided; and The NDP work with provincial governments to: Provide the funding and mechanisms to ensure that everything medically necessary be provided to all Canadians as part of the Medicare system, including pharmaceuticals, routine diagnostic and preventative procedures, mental health services and medically necessary dental services, including routine examinations. Establish a mechanism whereby all medical professionals can work together to make medical service delivery more efficient, and to provide for cost saving mechanisms such as home care for seniors and preventative systems for all.

HEALTH CARE POLICY AMENDMENT

Esquimalt - Saanich - Sooke NDP

WHEREAS:

the Canada Health Act and the Canada Health Accord do not cover a wide range of necessary health services that are needed to support head-to-toe coverage for all;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 3.1C of the policy book be amended to read; “Supporting funding increases to the Canada Health Transfer and negotiating a new Canada Health Accord to support head-to-toe medical coverage”, Section 3.1F of the policy book be amended to read; “Increasing investment in public and not-for-profit care for seniors and people with disabilities, including home care”, and Section 3.10 of the policy book be amended to read; “Establishing a National Health Care Council to ensure that the Canada Health Act, the Canada Health Accord and enhanced federal health care standards be enforced”.

HEALTH EQUITY ALLOWANCE

Etobicoke-Lakeshore

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Canada’s advanced healthcare system leaves an estimated 30% of healthcare costs paid by Canadians out of their own pocket,

WHEREAS the cost of such uninsured services as prescription drugs, eyeglasses, mental health and addictions counselling compromises the health status of many low income Canadians, including Indigenous and Blacks,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the following be added to Section 3.1 of the policy book after 3.1 a: establishing the Health Equity Allowance aimed at reducing the financial barrier that many Canadians face in accessing healthcare services.

NATIONAL ELDER CARE STRATEGY

Churchill--Keewatinook Aski

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Canada lacks a coordinated, effective and compassionate Elders strategy which has become clear during the COVID-19 pandemic as Canada has had an appalling record in terms of the number of elders that have died because of the pandemic.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Canada’s NDP would establish an Elder strategy for Canada which would eliminate for-profit care homes within its first mandate in office, establish a royal commission on elder care that would examine not only the shameful negligence and the political agendas that led to so many elders dying unnecessarily during the pandemic but would consult with Canadians and put forth a comprehensive elder strategy in memory of the many people that unnecessarily lost their lives. That this strategy would include recommendations on new investments in elder care, greater support for family and community-based non-institutional care including enhanced compassionate leave, a national dementia strategy, and a plan to eliminate seniors’ poverty.

CONSENSUAL SEX WORK LEGALIZATION

Spadina-Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the current Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act, which prohibits the purchasing of sex, does little to protect sex workers and instead pushes them to work underground and in dangerous conditions;

WHEREAS the current prohibition of buying consensual sex work does not address the underlying issues that make sex work dangerous, but rather creates a climate that makes sex workers unlikely to work with the police and be involved with more serious crimes;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED the NDP repeal the 2014 Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act, begin a consultation period with those in the sex work industry and advocacy groups, and move to decriminalize consensual sex work, and the purchase of said sex work, for those over the age of 18;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the NDP consult not just with those involved in the sex work, but with surrounding communities to ensure that these changes ensure the safety and wellbeing of these surrounding communities and their families;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that along with decriminalization the NDP should look to address the true problems facing sex workers by working to increase their access to sexual health clinics, counseling and improve their relationship with local authorities.

MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS

Mont-Royal

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS diva cups, menstrual pads, tampons, and the like constitute menstrual products; and

WHEREAS access to menstrual products constitutes a basic need for all people who menstruate; and

WHEREAS access to such efficacious products should not constitute a financial burden to the citizenry;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all menstruating products be provided for free.

NATIONAL PLAN ON HOMELESSNES

London-Fanshawe

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS New Democrats believe in implementing a national strategy to ensure secure, adequate, accessible and affordable housing for Canadians;

WHEREAS New Democrats believe a strategy to eliminate poverty should include a focus on the core priorities of income security, social inclusion, and housing;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government would appoint a special committee to conduct hearings and propose a national plan to end homelessness in Canada.

GUARANTEED LIVABLE BASIC INCOME

Ottawa West-Nepean

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Covid-19 is not the only or last crisis threatening Canadians, and it has exposed discrimination and gaps in income security that leave people unable to meet basic needs, denying their rights and dignity and undermining resilience needed for a better future.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 3.6d of the policy book be amended to read:

Transitioning from temporary emergency measures and unfilled gaps in social protection systems to an ongoing and permanent guaranteed livable basic income that works in synergy with public services and supports social and economic justice.