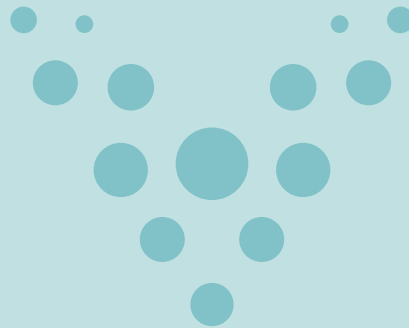


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**SECTION 5:**

Governing in an Inclusive  
and Fair Canada

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CALLS FOR JUSTICE FROM THE FINAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL INQUIRY INTO MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS

Women's Commission • Hamilton West Ancaster Dundas • Brantford Brant NDP EDA • Esquimalt - Saanich - Sooke NDP • Ottawa Centre • Vancouver East Victoria York-Simcoe

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the NDP policy book still has a call for a National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls; and

WHEREAS the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' Final Report has 231 Calls for Justice directed at all levels of government;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT 6.5 section h) be replaced with:

Calling on the government to develop a coordinated federal response to violence against Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit peoples including:

Immediately adopting and implementing all 231 Calls for Justice from the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

ECONOMIC RECOVERY FOR WOMEN

United Steelworkers Local 5296 • University-Rosedale United Steelworkers (USW)

WHEREAS:

the coronavirus pandemic and measures to combat it have deepened the gender wage gap and the pre-existing gendered division of labour related to parenting and unpaid household work;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

the NDP press the federal government for economic recovery measures that expand employment opportunities for women, for clear, easily implemented pay-equity measures, and for public education and other supports (included "use it or lose it" parental leave) to encourage an equal sharing of household and family labour in two-adult households.

05-03-20

PRIORITY 0

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

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

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, during the election campaign, Justin Trudeau’s Liberal government had promised to rapidly introduce a bill taking on Bill C-262 introduced by former NDP MP Roméo Saganash but failed to do so;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP be asked to pressure Justin Trudeau’s Liberal government to introduce, within the first month of the new session of Parliament, a bill taking on Bill C-262 (42nd Parliament). Failing that, the NDP would reintroduce the bill to bring federal laws in alignment with the United Nations Declaration on Indigenous Peoples.

05-04-20

PRIORITY 0

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

GENDER EQUALITY (AGAIN)

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

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Resolution 5-6-16 (Gender Equality) was adopted at the NDP Federal Convention (Edmonton 2016);

Considering that no element of this resolution was included in the NDP Policy Paper;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following statement be added to the NDP Policy Book (in Section 5; Governing in an Inclusive and Fair Canada):

The New Democrats want to:

- restore public funding for political parties;
- ensure that political parties with at least 50% of female candidates receive more funding;
- ensure that political parties with at least 40% of female MPs elected receive more funding.

RENEWING CANADIAN DEMOCRACY

London North Centre • Cowichan Malahat Langford • Montarville Vaudreuil-Soulanges • York Centre • Battlefords--Lloydminster Federal NDP Riding Association • Electoral District Association Barrie-Innisfil riding • Richmond Hill EDA • Parkdale-High Park EDA • Burnaby North--Seymour • Eglinton-Lawrence • Peterborough Kawartha NDP • North Vancouver • Hamilton West Ancaster Dundas • Windsor-Tecumseh • Ottawa-Vanier • Saskatoon-University • Vancouver Granville • Fredericton • Ottawa Centre • Hamilton Centre • Vancouver East • Etobicoke-Lakeshore • Northumberland Peterborough Sol • London Fanshawe

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the NDP's 2019 federal platform promised an independent citizens' assembly to recommend how best to put in place for the next election the NDP's longstanding commitment to Mixed Member Proportional representation (MMP);

And WHEREAS closed party lists do not let voters hold individual MPs accountable;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT Policy Book Section #5.2 (a) and (b) be replaced with:

New Democrats believe in:

- a. reforming Canada's electoral system through a Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) system with regionally-based open lists;
b. establishing an adequately resourced, randomly selected, non-partisan citizens' assembly representative of Canada's population to recommend the design of that MMP system, and ensuring that within 18 months of taking office a Canadian federal NDP government (whether minority or majority) will create that assembly; will ensure the assembly reports back; and that a law adopting the assembly's recommendations is in effect at the next election."

As you can see, this resolution replaces a section of the 2018 policy book, which reads: "New Democrats believe in:

- (a) Reforming Canada's electoral system through mixed member proportional representation.
(b) Ensuring electoral reform is based on a transparent process with wide citizen involvement."

FUNDING OF POLITICAL PARTIES

London and District Labour Council

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Conservative government dismantled the system of public funding for political parties; WHEREAS public funding for political parties is the best way to limit the power of money over the results of a vote;

WHEREAS a change in the voting system, if not accompanied by a new method of funding for political parties, will not equally distribute power to every citizen;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP commit to fully restoring public funding for political parties.

05-07-20

PRIORITY 0

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

JOHN A. MACDONALD

*Jeunes néo-démocrates du Québec (JNDQ) / Young New Democrats of Quebec (YNDQ) • Alfred-Pellan EDA*

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Sir John A Macdonald was the architect of a policy of genocide against Indigenous Peoples while playing a key role in the Confederation and the early development of Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democrats support an end to the heroic commemoration of Macdonald and instead aim to present Canadians with a nuanced and holistic view of Canada's first Prime Minister by working with municipalities to remove Macdonald statues from public spaces and display them in museums instead.

05-08-20

PRIORITY 0

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

IMPLEMENTING THE "SIXTIES SCOOP" SETTLEMENT

*Guelph NDP EDA*

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the 'Sixties Scoop' removal of indigenous children from their families was a form of cultural genocide;

and WHEREAS: compensation is owed to those affected by the Scoop; much of this compensation remains tied up in the courts and "60s Scoop Legacy of Canada" provides needed support to claimants;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

the NDP calls on the federal government to provide, to the appropriate provincial offices, all resources needed to verify and process claimants' applications;

and be it further resolved that:

an NDP government will ensure that all settlement monies are paid without further delay; and be it further resolved that:

the NDP will work with "60s Scoop Legacy of Canada" in advocating for survivors of the Sixties Scoop.

05-09-20

PRIORITY 0

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

JOYCE ECHAQUAN

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

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the death of Joyce Echaquan (which occurred on September 28, 2020) and its revelations show the criminal health effects of systemic racism;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP will urgently call on Justin Trudeau’s government to provide hospitals that, through their proximity, treat Aboriginal populations both on reserve and in urban areas with the recurring subsidy necessary to provide hospital services that are adapted to their cultures, lifestyles and languages, with interpretation services if needed.

Be it further resolved that this request will be added to the New Democratic Party of Canada’s Policy Book.

05-10-20

PRIORITY 0

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

ACTION TO END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

United Steelworkers Local 5296 • United Steelworkers (USW)

WHEREAS:

Canadian women, girls, and gender-diverse persons continue to experience unacceptable rates of domestic and sexual violence;

AND WHEREAS Canada is one of the few industrialized nations without a national plan to co-ordinate services and programs to end gender-based violence;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

the NDP press the federal government to adopt and implement an intersectional, well-funded national action plan on gender-based violence in keeping with the reissued call from Women’s Shelters Canada/Hébergement femmes Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP press the federal government to work sincerely with Indigenous women’s organizations and Indigenous legal experts to develop a parallel national action plan on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls that meets the national inquiry’s Calls for Justice.

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

LAND BACK

Guelph NDP EDA • Parkdale-High Park EDA • York Centre • Brantford Brant NDP EDA • Saint Boniface--Saint Vital • Alfred-Pellan EDA • Winnipeg Centre • Jeunes néo-démocrates du Québec (JNDQ) / Young New Democrats of Quebec (YNDQ) • Burnaby North--Seymour • York-Simcoe • Toronto-St. Paul's • Regina--Qu'Appelle Federal NDP Riding Association • Ottawa-Vanier • Eglinton-Lawrence • Don Valley East Federal NDP • York South - Weston • Etobicoke-Lakeshore NDP • Vancouver Granville • Ottawa Centre • Pickering-Uxbridge NDP • Davenport NDP EDA • Women's Commission • Hamilton Centre • Victoria • Laurier-Sainte-Marie • Saskatoon-University • Glengarry-Prescott-Russell

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS there is widespread consensus amongst Indigenous leaders and scholars that expansion of Indigenous land base and governing jurisdiction is necessary to ensure the flourishing of Indigenous economic, social, and cultural practices;

WHEREAS Indigenous scholars and activists use 'Land Back' to denote such an expansion of land base and jurisdiction.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP add the following to section 5.7 of the Policy Book:

5.7h Acting under the principle of Land Back by actively seeking and pursuing all opportunities to return Crown lands and restore Indigenous jurisdiction to Indigenous nations.

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

PROMOTING OUR CULTURE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS successive Liberal and Conservative governments have constantly undermined Quebec culture;

WHEREAS Quebec deserves a federal partner that consults with the Government of Quebec and recognizes Quebec's right of oversight in terms of culture and communications, as well as for the agreements in question;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government would consult with the cultural community with a view to opening discussions with the Government of Quebec on cultural autonomy and on the transfer of power and funding for culture, while maintaining the historical share of federal funding.

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

NEED FOR HIGH-SPEED INTERNET IN RURAL, REMOTE AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Saint Boniface--Saint Vital • Pickering-Uxbridge NDP • Esquimalt - Saanich - Sooke NDP • Ottawa Centre York-Simcoe Victoria

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Covid 19 has forced many students to complete their schooling online

WHEREAS access to remote medical services such as doctor appointments and mental health are readily available to those with high-speed internet connections and;

WHEREAS remote, rural and Indigenous communities already experience inequitable access to services, such as internet;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP immediately address the need for high-speed internet in rural, remote and Indigenous communities as well as the training to maintain high-speed internet

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP support Indigenous communities in developing their own community broadband strategies

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

RIGHT TO MODERATE LIVELIHOOD FOR THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF CANADA'S MARITIME PROVINCES

Kings Hants Nova Scotia • York South - Weston

WHEREAS:

the treaties signed by the Indigenous peoples of the Maritimes granted them the right to fish in the pursuit of a Moderate Livelihood and was affirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada in the "Marshall Decision" (1999)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

the Federal NDP calls upon federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments to fulfill their treaty obligations to live in peace and friendship by immediately consulting with Indigenous leaders of the Maritimes to implement their rights to fish in pursuit of a Moderate Livelihood. This is part of applying a reconciliation framework as found in the Calls to Action of the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Report.



ACKNOWLEDGING PRE-CONFEDERATE AGREEMENTS WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Brantford Brant NDP EDA Ottawa Centre Victoria

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS pre-Confederate treaties and relationships with Indigenous Peoples forms the basis of Canada; and

WHEREAS allyship and treaty making with the Haudenosaunee People results in special obligations and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS the failure to justly uphold the land rights of the Haudenosaunee has perpetuated their economic and social marginalization, eroding the relationship between Canada and the Haudenosaunee;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP acknowledge the historic and contemporary allyship of the Haudenosaunee People to Canada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP add the following to section 5.7 of the Policy Book:

5.7h where Canada has not affirmed the free, prior and informed consent of the Indigenous Peoples in a specific territory or failed to resolve historic third-party land claim disputes, that development be delayed until consent or accommodation is affirmed.

INDIGENOUS NATIONS ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

Ottawa Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS energy independence is a target for Canadians and other countries across the world

WHEREAS lack of energy independence continues to impoverish Indigenous nations

WHEREAS Indigenous communities are fighting for economic control of their interests

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP support Indigenous Nations in working towards investment in green energy and energy independence from external corporations.

05-17-20

PRIORITY 0

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

RECONCILIATION

United Steelworkers Local 5296 University-Rosedale United Steelworkers (USW)

WHEREAS:

Indigenous peoples' quality and security of life lag significantly behind that of other Canadians;

AND WHEREAS Canada has not yet implemented the TRC's recommendations or UNDRIP;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 5.7 b) be amended to read:

Executing the 94 Calls to Action given by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada; full implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Jordan's Principle; and to present an annual report to Parliament and to the Canadian people of its progress in so doing.

05-18-20

PRIORITY 0

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

VIRTUAL/HYBRID MEETINGS OF PARLIAMENT

Vancouver East

WHEREAS:

the virtual/hybrid meetings of Parliament

Eliminates travel and dependance on oil related resources such as gas and fuel required for travel to Ottawa, thus working towards a Greener economy

Is beneficial to politicians, in particular; people with disabilities; women and those with caregiving responsibilities, who often bear the burden of double workload of home life, raising children AND working as an elected official.

In addition, all elected officials can benefit from a better work/life balance with this resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

the NDP make a statement supporting the Federal Parliament continuing to meet in a virtual/hybrid format on an on-going basis.

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

ACKNOWLEDGING PRE-CONFEDERATE, NUMBERED TREATIES AND SELF-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS

Central Okanagan Similkameen Nicola

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the NDP believes in building nation-to-nation relationships with First Nations, the inherent right to self-government and rights established in Treaties; and

WHEREAS Indigenous Peoples have long asserted their inherent right to self-government includes jurisdiction over lands and waters; and

WHEREAS Indigenous Peoples have a distinct relationship with Canada which includes rights established through Treaties;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP amend section 5.7 c of the Policy Book:

5.7c the inherent right to self-government, including hereditary governance, and the rights established in historic, pre-Confederate Treaties, Numbered Treaties, and self-government agreements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP add the following to section 5.7 of the Policy Book:

5.7h Indigenous Peoples have the inherent right to free, prior and informed consent regarding any development of their traditional lands and waters.

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

ACHIEVING PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION IN CANADA

Niagara Centre NDP Federal Riding Association

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS a first-past-the-post electoral system can result in a party obtaining 100% power with significantly less than 50% of the votes resulting in minority rule and denying Canadians representation by someone for whom they have voted, and

WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Electoral Reform submitted a thorough report in 2016,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT Canada's NDP include in its platform for the next federal election the implementation of Mixed-Member Proportional Representation for the following general election,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the platform include the requirement that following two elections under proportional representation a referendum be held such that Canadians may vote in favour of either proportional representation or first-past-the-post as the preferred electoral system thenceforth,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Canada's NDP would only enter into a coalition, or confidence and supply agreement, with another party contingent on such party committing to implement proportional representation as outlined above.

THE PRESENCE OF FRENCH IN THE CONSTITUTION

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

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the French language is at the heart of Quebec’s identity, and this particularity was recognized by the NDP’s Sherbrooke Declaration;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP believes that any amendment to the Constitution of Canada should include the recognition of French as the official and common language of the Quebec nation, as well as the responsibility of the federal government to support the Government of Quebec to protect and promote French, while recognizing the right of Aboriginal people to assert their language rights.

TRANSPARENCY OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL’S OFFICE

Kildonan St. Paul EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, The Governor General of Canada has a unique role of representing our head of state on Canadian soil, a role requiring dignity and respect for all Canadians, including their workers;

WHEREAS, A committee to advise the Prime Minister on the appointment of the Governor General of Canada had previously been established, but was not utilized by the Liberal government, resulting in an unsuitable appointment recommendation;

WHEREAS, Media sources have reported that that former Governor General Julie Payette was inadequately vetted for the position, including reports of the Prime Minister’s Office failing to check with former employers preceding her appointment to the position;

WHEREAS, employees of Ms. Payette have reported experiencing years of abuse and a toxic workplace, much of which has been ignored by this government;

WHEREAS, This behaviour stands in clear contradiction to that expected from a representative of Canada’s head of state, and is behaviour unacceptable of any employer;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Be it resolved, The NDP will condemn the lack of scrutiny exercised by the Liberal government during the appointment process of Ms. Payette;

Be it also resolved, The NDP will advocate for a more transparent process during the Prime Minister’s appointment recommendation for the Governor General of Canada, including the return of an independent committee to advise the Prime Minister;

Be it also resolved, the NDP will advocate for increased oversight of the position, including a human resources office independent of the Governor General’s direct control.

FINANCING ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

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

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS more than 50% of the First Peoples live off-reserve due to the precarious conditions in which many Aboriginal communities still live;

WHEREAS off-reserve Aboriginals remain under the jurisdiction of the federal government;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP will lobby the federal government to provide sufficient funding and means, both material and human, to Aboriginal community organizations working in urban areas so they can provide spiritual support, professional training and social integration to Aboriginal people living outside their communities.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

Brampton Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Prime Minister Justin Trudeau promised in 2015 that this would be the last election with First Past the Post, and then, later rejected the recommendations of the 2017 Electoral Reform Committee.

WHEREAS an Angus Reid Poll in June 2019 showed an astounding 90% of Canadians agreed political parties should cooperate and compromise.

WHEREAS the 2019 Federal NDP platform stated "We'll establish an independent citizen's assembly to recommend the best way to put Proportional Representation in place."

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT it is time for the NDP to act on their policy, adopted by the National Convention in 2018, that the NDP make Proportional Representation a condition for support for any minority government.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an NDP Government shall implement Mixed Member Proportional Representation upon being elected as the Government of Canada

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

ONE TIME ALLIANCE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE GREEN PARTY OF CANADA (DIRECTIVE)

Vaudreuil-Soulanges Spadina-Fort York Cumberland-Colchester EDA • Central Okanagan Similkameen Nicola • Kootenay-Columbia EDA • Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the NDP and the Green Party hold similar views on key priorities;

WHEREAS there are numerous ridings where the NDP or Green candidate would be more competitive if one side stepped aside; and

WHEREAS the NDP could benefit significantly from a cooperative arrangement with the Green Party.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THAT the New Democratic Party of Canada leadership consult with the Green Party of Canada leadership about the possibility of a fair and mutually advantageous one-time alliance going into the next federal election and/or a subsequent election.

THAT joint policy priorities relating to electoral reform, climate action and social justice be identified that the parties commit to pursuing collaboratively in the next Parliament.

THAT the focus be on ridings where collaboration would make the greatest possible difference and where there is support for collaboration from the local Riding Associations.

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY ON ELECTORAL REFORM

Spadina-Fort York • Northumberland—Peterborough South • York Centre

WHEREAS:

NDP's 2019 federal platform promised an independent citizens' assembly to recommend how best to put in place for the next election the NDP's longstanding commitment to Mixed Member Proportional representation (MMP);

And WHEREAS closed party lists do not let voters hold individual MPs accountable;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

that Policy Book Section #5.2 (a) and (b) be replaced with:

New Democrats believe in:

- a. reforming Canada's electoral system through a Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) system with regionally-based open lists;
- b. establishing an adequately resourced, randomly selected, non-partisan citizens' assembly representative of Canada's population to recommend the design elements for the improved electoral system, and ensuring that within 18 months of taking office a Canadian federal NDP government (whether minority or majority) will create that assembly; will ensure the assembly reports back; and that a law adopting the assembly's recommendations is in effect at the next election.

05-27-20

PRIORITY 0

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

ABANDONING POSITION OF GOVERNOR GENERAL

York-Simcoe

WHEREAS:

The Position of Governor General is an anachronistic remnant of colonial status, and

Maintaining the Office represents huge unwarranted expense, and

Necessary functions prescribed can be adequately and more capably assumed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, as demonstrated by the occurrences when the position is vacant.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That an NDP government would make no appointment to the position of Governor General but assign the necessary parliamentary duties, limited to summoning, proroguing and dissolving Parliament and giving Royal Assent to bills, to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

05-28-20

PRIORITY 0

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE AND MMP SYSTEM RESOLUTION

London West

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the NDP's 2019 federal platform promised an independent citizens' assembly to recommend how best to put in place for the next election the NDP's longstanding commitment to Mixed Member Proportional representation (MMP);

And WHEREAS closed party lists do not let voters hold individual MPs accountable;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

New Democrats believe in:

- a. reforming Canada's electoral system through a Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) system with regionally-based open lists;
- b. establishing an adequately resourced, randomly selected, non-partisan citizens' assembly representative of Canada's population to recommend the design of that MMP system, and ensuring that within 18 months of taking office a Canadian federal NDP government (whether minority or majority) will create that assembly; will ensure the assembly reports back; and that a law adopting the assembly's recommendations is in effect at the next election.

05-29-20

PRIORITY 0

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

**ENABLING JOB SHARING FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

*Kootenay-Columbia EDA • Women’s Commission • Glengarry-Prescott-Russell*

**WHEREAS:**

**WHEREAS** women and persons with disabilities are underrepresented in the House of Commons;

**WHEREAS** women continue to shoulder a disproportionate burden of care in Canada;

**WHEREAS** the schedule and travel typically required of Members of Parliament effectively bars many persons with disabilities or caregiving responsibilities from seeking office;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the NDP propose electoral reform to allow two candidates to run in partnership by mutual agreement for a single seat in the House of Commons and, if elected, divide their responsibilities and compensation;

**Be it further resolved** that the NDP urge the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs to study the proposal.

05-30-20

PRIORITY 0

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

**ABOLITION OF THE MONARCHY**

*Windsor-Tecumseh*

**WHEREAS:**

**WHEREAS** Canada is a mature democracy and independent country;

**WHEREAS** the actions of the former Governor General Julie Payette have confirmed the dysfunctional nature of the office of the Governor General;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**The NDP makes the battle for a truly representative Canadian head of state a priority;**

**The Party presses the federal government to start the work for the abolition of the Monarchy in Canada following the death of the current Queen of Canada, Her Majesty Elizabeth II.**



PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

Beaches-East York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS an Angus Reid Poll in June 2019 showed an astounding 90% of Canadians agreed with the statement:

“An electoral system should encourage parties to cooperate and compromise so that the important policies that are passed in parliament reflect the support of over 50% of Canadians.”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT it is time for the NDP to act on their policy, adopted by the National Convention in 2018, that the NDP make Proportional Representation a condition for support for any minority government.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an NDP Government shall implement Proportional Representation upon being elected as the Government of Canada.

COMMUNICATION OF VOTING RESULTS

London and District Labour Council • London Fanshawe

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS there are 6 time zones in Canada;

WHEREAS in the last two general elections in Canada the first results from the East were released before polls in western Canada had closed

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following wording be added to the NDP Policy Book in section 5.2:

g. Defending the fairness of the vote of all Canadians by prohibiting Elections Canada from releasing election results before all polls close nationwide.

EXTENDING MUNICIPAL VOTING RIGHTS TO PERMANENT RESIDENTS

Barrie-Innisfil

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the majority of immigrants live in Canada’s cities and towns;

WHEREAS hundreds of thousands of Canadian Permanent Residents pay municipal property tax, rely on municipal services, but are excluded from electing their community leaders;

WHEREAS immigrants should have a voice in shaping municipal policies in their cities and towns;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP should become Canada’s first political party to support in principle, municipal voting rights for Permanent Residents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP explore the scope of federal authority in Canada’s three Territories, to extend Permanent Resident municipal voting rights in Territorial local elections;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP explore pathways to promote Permanent Resident municipal voting rights across the ten provinces, which constitutionally hold jurisdiction over municipal affairs;

AND BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP research and support mechanisms for including municipalities in intergovernmental immigration agreements and discussions.

REPEAL THE CLARITY ACT

Spadina For York • Winnipeg Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Liberal government’s federal Clarity Act, which arrogates to Parliament the unilateral right to determine, after the fact, whether a future referendum vote for Quebec sovereignty has a sufficient majority, and a sufficiently clear question, and thus constitutes a gross violation of Quebec’s national right to self-determination;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP actively campaign for repeal of the Clarity Act.

FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE

York South - Weston

WHEREAS:

The present Federal Government, in contradiction to Canada, as a Dominion, as a Constitutional Monarchy, as a Nation of Citizens whose obligations and rights comprise Common Law, has failed to address those discrepancies that exist stemming from our first and primary independent legal action, that being the abolition of slavery in 1833, discrepancies that exist despite legal recognition of our aboriginal roots in treaties and statutes that recognized from our origins as a Constitutional Monarchy, and as a nation of Common Law whose citizens whose Rights and Obligations are tautologous;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The first Action and Budget shall be to institute an Act of Resolution, which will include:

Meeting place, physical and technical, for

- persons of aboriginal descent to have opportunity and means to address concurrency of aboriginal citizenship as being part and parcel of common law;
- communities of aboriginal recognition to have opportunity and means to address community needs and goals in - comparison with all other Communities within Canada, and with each other; matters of aboriginal governance which are presently addressed under legal definition of status as a Province;

Replacement, cancellation or enhancement of all present bodies, statutes, regulations or legal definitions, and budget, related to aboriginal affairs as address is made through the above avenues;

Recognition of the means to achieve this to include a set budget in accordance with guidelines for present recognition of a "Province", with present total Federal government expenditure on "aboriginal affairs", and with present per capita expenditure on individuals declaring aboriginal residence, whether in Communities presently existing, or within the general population;

Umbrella recognition of the first three points to be known by address and free election of persons denoted therein.

SUPPORTING 1492 LAND BACK LANE

Brantford-Brant NDP and BC/NDP Aboriginal Commission • Davenport NDP EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Canada has failed to uphold its treaty obligations as an ally to the Haudenosaunee People and Indigenous Peoples;

WHEREAS disputes over lands and development arise from Canada's failure to establish a just and efficient mechanism that incorporates Indigenous treaty rights into land use planning;

WHEREAS failure to maintain a system and structure of laws that uphold Aboriginal and Treaty rights has left Indigenous Peoples with few meaningful options beyond direct action to protect lands and waters;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED the NDP supports the work of 1492 Land Back Lane by:

Denouncing the criminalization of Indigenous Peoples who object to unwanted development of their territories; and

Recognizing the call for a moratorium on development within the Haldimand Tract.

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ON THE SUPREME COURT DECISION ON MIKISEW FIRST NATION V. CANADA

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

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the October 10 Supreme Court decision on Mikisew First Nation v. Canada is contrary to the principles of section 35 of the Constitution and is not consistent with case law;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP strongly criticizes the Supreme Court decision on Mikisew First Nation v. Canada;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an NDP government would recognize and strengthen the obligation to consult with Aboriginal communities in all aspects of the legislative process.

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

FOR A RESTORATIVE, HEALING JUSTICE

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

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Canadian penal system fills prisons by punishing relatively minor “crimes” and contributes more to the development of crime than to reintegration into society;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP, drawing upon Aboriginal customs and legal systems, will urge the federal government to amend the Criminal Code so that sentencing focuses on redress and return of property, as well as the healing and rehabilitation of persons, contrary to the current focus on punishing and isolating or excluding.

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

ACKNOWLEDGING PRE-CONFEDERATE, NUMBERED TREATIES AND SELF-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS

Ottawa Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the NDP believes in building nation-to-nation relationships with First Nations, the inherent right to self-government and rights established in Treaties; and

WHEREAS Indigenous Peoples have long asserted their inherent right to self-government includes jurisdiction over lands and waters; and

WHEREAS Indigenous Peoples have a distinct relationship with Canada which includes rights established through Treaties;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

the NDP amend section 5.7 c of the Policy Book:

5.7c the inherent right to self-government, including hereditary governance, and the rights established in historic, pre-Confederate Treaties, Numbered Treaties, and self-government agreements.

the NDP add the following to section 5.7 of the Policy Book:

5.7h Indigenous Peoples have the inherent right to free, prior and informed consent regarding any development of their traditional lands and waters.

GOVERNING IN AN INCLUSIVE AND FAIR CANADA

CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY FOR ELECTORAL REFORM

Vancouver East

WHEREAS:

New Democrats believe that electoral reform is best attained if based on a transparent process with wide citizen involvement

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

the present 5.2(b) be replaced by:

that electoral reform be ensured through the binding recommendations of a non-partisan citizens' assembly that is representative of Canada's population

AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTORAL REFORM POLICY

Oxford

WHEREAS:

closed party lists do not let voters hold individual MPs accountable;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a. reforming Canada’s electoral system through a Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) system with regionally-based open lists;
- b. establishing an adequately resourced, randomly selected, non-partisan citizens’ assembly representative of Canada’s population to recommend the design elements for the improved electoral system, and ensuring that within 18 months of taking office a Canadian federal NDP government (whether minority or majority) will create that assembly; will ensure the assembly reports back; and that a law adopting the assembly’s recommendations is in effect at the next election.

ENSURING FAMILY SUPPORT PAYMENTS

York-Simcoe

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:

An 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.

ENUMERATIONS

York South - Weston

WHEREAS:

New Democrats support the enumeration of Canada voters as a critical component of increasing democratic participation.

The drop in voter participation in Canada elections coincided with the end of voter enumeration in 1997; and

In the four elections prior to the end of enumeration had an average turnout over 60%, while after the end of enumeration, participation was 52%

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Enumeration will ensure that young people, new Canadians, people who move frequently are properly counted;

The physical enumeration of people is an invitation to participate in the democratic process and exercise of a democratic franchise

MAKING SECULAR CANADA A REALITY

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS progressive Canadians aspire to a Canada that is secular, inclusive and ensures equality for all citizens regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality, class, caste, religion, belief, sex, gender, language, sexual orientation, gender identity, sex characteristics, age, health or other status.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Canada remove the symbols of religion from its flags, medallions, medals, emblems, state decorations, badges, awards, schools, courts, legislatures and other public facilities and commemorations and remedy the fact that the only faith-based statutory holidays are Christian. And in the spirit of ending colonialism Canada should stop all support for missionizing at home and abroad. To maintain the status quo is to re-affirm that one group of Canadians are inherently superior to others and that is classic racism.

THE CANADIAN FLAG

Windsor-Tecumseh

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the current Canadian flag was designed with no input, approval, or acknowledgement of Indigenous peoples who were the first to inhabit this land, only to have the land and their traditions, culture, and languages attached to it stripped away from them through generations of colonization;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP:

Gain all party consensus to update the Canadian flag to incorporate Indigenous symbols; Work with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis artists to identify meaningful symbols to include on a new Canadian flag that symbolizes a pathway towards reconciliation and a strong, meaningful nation to nation relationship between Canada and Indigenous peoples.

RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PRISONERS

Alfred-Pellan EDA

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 education during and after their incarceration.