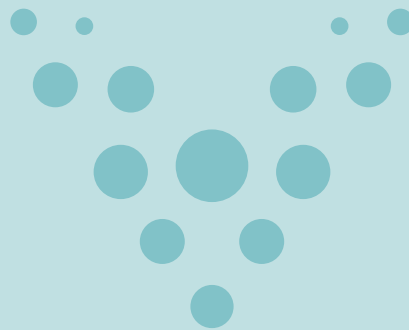


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SECTION 6:

**Strengthening Human Rights
and the Canadian Identity**

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

COMBATTING RACISM

London and District Labour Council • London-Fanshawe

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS inequalities are growing in employment, healthcare, access to senior care, housing, access to justice and education;

WHEREAS hate speech and hate crimes and the number of white-supremacist, alt-right groups are on the rise in Canada, particularly targeting Muslims, Black people, Jewish people, Asians and Indigenous people;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will fight Islamophobia, racism, anti-Semitism and oppression and racism in all its forms through the creation of a Federal Anti-Racism Act and will provide dedicated and sustainable funding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will dedicate more resources to the prosecution of hate crimes and increased education and training of the RCMP and all police forces regarding the realities of systemic racism;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will work toward the elimination of disproportionately high rates of incarceration of racialized people;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will strengthen the federal Employment Equity Act and attach employment equity measures to all investment programs.

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

ADVOCATE TO IMPLEMENT JORDAN'S PRINCIPAL

London and District Labour Council • London-Fanshawe

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the government has been found out of compliance with legal orders to stop the inequality experienced by for First Nations children and their families;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

as government, the NDP would immediately comply with all rulings by the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, to immediately cease its discriminatory funding of First Nations child and family services, fully and properly implement Jordan's Principle, consult with First Nations to co- create a holistic Spirit Bear Plan, and end all the inequalities in a short period sensitive to children's best interests;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the an NDP government will develop distinct, culturally and regionally appropriate responses to differing community needs and provide families opportunity to participate in a thorough and independent evaluation to identify any discriminatory ideologies, policies or practices within government practices, make the publicly available and appropriate address them.

06-03-20

PRIORITY 0

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

WHITE SUPREMACY

Windsor-Tecumseh • Vancouver-Kingsway

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS we see a rise of far-right, white supremacist, neo-Nazi groups in Canada with 300 active far-right extremist groups operating across the country, right now.

WHEREAS Canada has seen a 200% increase in active hate groups in the last 5 years.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP makes the fight against this racist phenomenon a priority, in collaboration with targeted communities such as the Indigenous, Muslim, LGBTQ2+, Jewish, Asian communities;

The Party presses the federal government to:

- Adopt a strong national strategy against online hate;
- Use more robustly the existing Criminal Code provisions on terrorism against white supremacists;
- Use more robustly s.70 Criminal Code to ban militia groups;
- Create new listing provisions in the Criminal Code for white supremacist groups which do not fit either the definition of terrorist groups or militias;
- Support and create hate crimes units.

06-04-20

PRIORITY 0

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

CLEAN WATER IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Hamilton West Ancaster Dundas • Fredericton • Ottawa Centre NDP EDA • Milton EDA • Victoria EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Canada, one of the wealthiest countries in the world with the top five in freshwater reserves

WHEREAS both Liberal and Conservative government promised to end boil-water advisories to all Indigenous communities by March 2021

WHEREAS training and retention of a skilled workforce for maintenance of treatment plants is problematic

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Policy 2.2 on Water replace the words "First Nation" with "Indigenous"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Policy 2.2 (c) include the removal of policies that enforces the lowest bid for water contracts, for Indigenous communities to determine what firms build, manage and maintain their water treatment, working with the specific Indigenous communities to determine and communicate accurate costs of providing water treatment, funding to train and retain a skilled workforce for management of treatment plants and its lines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP immediately address the boil water advisories in Indigenous communities, beginning with those that have been waiting for the longest

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

PREVENTING RACISM AND POLICE VIOLENCE

Jeunes néo-démocrates du Québec (JNDQ) / Young New Democrats of Quebec (YNDQ) • Alfred-Pellan EDA • Nouveau Parti démocratique du Canada (Québec) ou LA SECTION QUÉBEC

WHEREAS:

- 1. The events following the death of George Floyd and the multiple deaths of racialized people in Canada as a result of police intervention;
- 2. Systemic racism is far too prevalent in our institutions.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Quebec Chapter of the NDP reiterates its support for Jagmeet in their fight against racism and systemic racism;
- 2. The NDP would immediately begin a review of the \$10 million the federal government spends daily on the RCMP, call for the RCMP hiring criteria to be enhanced, including when it comes to post-secondary training, and make significant investments in non-RCMP agencies for alternative intervention methods such as de-escalation and mental health support and harm reduction in cases of substance abuse.

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

ADDRESSING ONLINE HATE AND ABUSE

Edmonton Riverbend Women's Commission

WHEREAS:

- Online hate and abuse exacerbates racism, misogyny, homophobia, Islamophobia, and other forms of discrimination and causes harm to targeted individuals and groups and to society;
- The proliferation of online hate and abuse is an issue recognized in Canada and internationally, as is the need for mechanisms to address the issue;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- Recognizing that online hate and abuse exacerbates racism, misogyny, homophobia, Islamophobia, and other forms of discrimination, and that online hate causes profound harm to individuals and groups and to society;
- The need for a variety of mechanisms to address online hate and abuse, including not only the Criminal Code, but also prohibitions in federal human rights legislation and regulatory mechanisms applicable to online platforms;

06-07-20

PRIORITY 0

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

CONVERSION THERAPIES

Richmond-Arthabaska • Nouveau Parti démocratique du Canada (Québec) ou LA SECTION QUÉBEC • Mont-Royal • Alfred-Pellan EDA • Jeunes néo-démocrates du Québec (JNDQ) / Young New Democrats of Quebec (YNDQ)

WHEREAS:

- 1. Bill C-6 on conversion therapy was introduced on October 1, 2020 by the Minister of Justice.
- 2. Multiple long-term adverse effects have been observed in people who have undergone this type of therapy.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP opposes any kind of therapy that seeks to change a person’s sexual orientation to make them heterosexual, to suppress or reduce non-heterosexual sexual attraction or behaviours, or to change a person’s gender identity to match the sex assigned at birth.

Be it further resolved that this position will be entered in the Party’s Policy Book under Section 6.3.

06-08-20

PRIORITY 0

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

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

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS reports have revealed that sexual misconduct is endemic and tolerated in the military; and

WHEREAS victims of sexual violence face many challenges; and

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for a cultural change regarding sexual misconduct and assault in the Canadian military to better protect, help, and support victims;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP urge the government to take immediate and concrete action to change the military’s culture regarding sexual assault;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP call on the government to take immediate and concrete action to better help victims of sexual violence and provide victims with adequate support and assistance, including identified victims leaving the military;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP call on the government to instruct both the Department of National Defence and Veterans Affairs Canada to clearly post on department websites the benefits and services available to victims of sexual violence.

06-09-20

PRIORITY 0

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

COLLECTION AND USE OF DISAGGREGATED DATA

London and District Labour Council

WHEREAS:

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will mandate the collection of data disaggregated by race and other socio-demographic identities to better measure and understand the racial impact of government policies in such areas as the environment, housing, welfare provisions, the judicial system, seniors issues, policing, the criminal justice system, the child welfare system, health and mental health systems, immigration and citizenship, media and social media;

BE IT FURTHER REOLVED THAT an NDP government will develop reporting mechanisms and an accountability framework for the ownership and responsible use of such data to improve outcomes and the wellbeing of racialized communities.

06-10-20

PRIORITY 0

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

ABOLISHING THE USE OF NO-FLY LISTS

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

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS no-fly lists, particularly the Canadian Passenger Protect Program and Tuscan, the US/Canada data exchange program, are ineffective tools whose necessity has not been proven;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government would end the Passenger Protect Program due to its unfairness and uselessness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an NDP government would end the use by the Canadian government and the Canada Border Services Agency of the US Tuscan database, including the collection of names.

06-11-20

PRIORITY 0

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

London and District Labour Council

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS past governments have moved away from predictable funding to only provide short-term, project-based funding which limits any program from being able to adapt, grow and serve its community as needed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT New Democrats are committed not only to multi-year budgets provided to all women's-based organizations and programs to women in Canada, but will also ensure predictable core funding.

06-12-20

PRIORITY 0

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

A NATIONAL DISABILITY STRATEGY

Hamilton Centre • Hamilton East - Stoney Creek

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS current Canadian disability support systems are characterized by fragmentation, inconsistency and unfair, inadequate funding;

WHEREAS Provinces indicated inability to meet needs on their own without federal assistance (Ontario's Drummond Report - Article 8.6);

WHEREAS Australia experiencing similar challenges; effectively addressed needs in launching the 2013 National Disability Insurance Scheme ;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 6.4 Rights of Person with Disabilities, reframe subsections 6.4 G, H, I, L, M, N and O as goals i, ii, iii, iv, vi, and vii under the addition "that research into the feasibility, viability, and desirability of a National Disability Strategy in conjunction with the creation of the Canadians with Disabilities Act (Section 6.4, C), would benefit individuals living with disabilities, their families, their caregivers, and Canadian society in the form of job creation, GDP growth and innovation by:"

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

WHITE SUPREMACY AND RACISM

Brampton South NDP Riding Association

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS political climates that allow White Supremacy to assert itself boldly in the public sphere come and go, however, White Supremacy and Racism have been intricately folded into systems of power, and;

WHEREAS the violence to which racialized bodies are exposed requires diligent counter action

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

New Democrats believe in:

- Standing firmly against White Supremacy and Racism in Canada and around the world.
- Economic justice for Black, Indigenous and Racialized people that require federal policies to eradicate the racial wealth gap, including cost of living indexed minimum incomes, jobs guarantees and reparations.
- Anti-racist healthcare, including mental health services, that achieve the same health outcomes for all, regardless of race.
- Dismantling white supremacy and racism within law enforcement agencies through recruitment, training and oversight, including required reporting of police violence to a public national database, de-militarization of police forces, and civic review boards.

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MINIMUM PRISON SENTENCES

Vaudreuil-Soulanges

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the principle of judicial discretion recognizes the importance of a sentence that is proportionate to the misdeed committed and to the specific circumstances; Considering Section 12 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms; WHEREAS Indigenous and Black people are over-represented in correctional institutions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP add the following to Section 3.8 of the Policy Book: "j. Reducing the number and length of certain mandatory minimum sentences of imprisonment in order to encourage the exercise of judicial discretion while ensuring public safety."

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

BANNING THE USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Saanich-Gulf Islands

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS chemical weapons like tear gas (mace) is a chemical weapon whose use in war is prohibited by a number of international treaties (for example, the Geneva Protocols and the Chemical Weapons Convention);

And WHEREAS the effects of toxic chemicals like tear gas and pepper spray are generally temporary, individuals exposed can experience severe symptoms, and experience long-term negative health effects;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to 3.9 of the NDP policy book:

“j. Prohibiting the use of chemical weapons (tear gas, pepper spray, etc.) by law enforcement.”

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

DEFUND THE RCMP

York Centre • Alfred-Pellan EDA • Winnipeg Centre • Jeunes néo-démocrates du Québec (JNDQ) / Young New Democrats of Quebec (YNDQ) • York-Simcoe • Toronto-St. Paul’s • Regina--Qu’Appelle Federal NDP Riding Association • Eglinton-Lawrence • Hamilton Centre • Etobicoke-Lakeshore NDP • Vancouver Granville • Ottawa Centre • Peterborough Kawartha NDP • University-Rosedale • Hamilton West Ancaster Dundas • Pickering-Uxbridge NDP • West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky Country • Ottawa-Vanier • Glengarry-Prescott-Russell

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the RCMP was founded as a colonial force, with a history of discrimination and violence; and

WHEREAS the RCMP recently raided and assaulted Wet’suwet’en and Haudenosaunee land defenders, and ignored mob attacks against Mi’kmaq fishers; and

WHEREAS attempts at reform have failed repeatedly;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP delete sections 3.9a, 3.9b, 3.9c of the policy book and replace with:

3.9a “Gradually defunding the RCMP with the eventual goal of abolition.”

3.9b “Reinvesting that funding into alternative models of community-led initiatives, including emergency mental health and public safety measures.”

3.9c “Supporting municipalities that want to defund the police by providing federal funds for policing alternatives.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP delete section 3.8a and amend section 3.8b to read “Supporting community-led and not-for-profit organizations active in the self-empowerment of youth and marginalized and at-risk communities”

06-17-20

PRIORITY 0

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

RECORD SUSPENSION PROGRAM RETURNING TO THE TERM 'PARDONS' SECTION 3.9

Victoria • Brantford Brant NDP EDA Ottawa Centre NDP EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Tories government renamed Pardons to Record Suspension Program

WHEREAS \$644.88 for pardons is prohibitive to those marginalized

WHEREAS Bill C-93 provides record suspensions for simple possession of cannabis

WHEREAS Canada has no automatic pardons for criminal convictions but other parts of the world do

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT "Record Suspension Program" return to the term "Pardons"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT NDP amend Service Fee Act to reduce the fees to \$50.00 with increase of fees capped at \$150.00 for indictable offences; if clients are unable to afford fees, funding will be available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that simple possession of cannabis will be expunged from the record.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT NDP will institute automatic pardons for minor crimes, such as property crimes, drug offences, non-violent offences and summary offences, after an agreed period of time where client shows no record of re-offending.

06-18-20

PRIORITY 0

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Windsor-Tecumseh

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS: Our community is an anchor of human trafficking rings additional support is needed

WHEREAS: The resources to shelter victims of human trafficking are insufficient and inconsistent

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

A) The NDP introduce legislation that would require the federal, provincial and territorial governments of Canada to provide needed training and resources to immigration and law enforcement officials to identify and prosecute traffickers in human beings in an efficient and timely manner.

B) The NDP urge all levels of government provide shelter and safety for all victims of human trafficking.

06-19-20

PRIORITY 0

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

RESOLUTION ON ACCESSIBLE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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

WHEREAS:

The current state of climate disruption;

In the United States, emergency alerts are all subtitled and interpreted, providing us with a robust, efficient model we can emulate;

The recent media articles on this issue;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party will demand that the CRTC expand the standards for national disaster alerts to require that, in addition to meeting audio requirements, they also include clarification on captioning and interpretation in Quebec Sign Language and American Sign Language, depending on the spoken language used in the alert. These alerts must comply with the standards put forward by the Canadian Hearing Society.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party will demand that the Government of Canada also rectify all other federal actions surrounding national alerts.

06-20-20

PRIORITY 0

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

York South - Weston

WHEREAS:

Canada is a signatory to the UN declaration of the rights of persons with disabilities,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP work to ensure that persons with disabilities have the rights enshrined in that declaration, and will establish a mechanism whereby all governments in Canada must work to ensure that all persons in Canada can expect to have equal access to healthcare, housing, jobs, food, goods and services, and so forth, and that the standards of living for persons with disabilities will increase.

06-21-20

PRIORITY 0

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

RECOGNITION OF 2 SPIRIT PERSONS IN LGBTQ NAMING

Ottawa-Vanier

WHEREAS:

Our 2 Spirit siblings have been and continue to be on Turtle Island (North America) long before the destructive legacies of colonization that have wreaked such havoc in their lives.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Be It Resolved: That the policy of referring to "LGBTQI2S+" be changed to "2SLGBTQI+" for the party and all riding EDAs.

06-22-20

PRIORITY 0

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

GENDER IDENTITY AND RIGHTS

Etobicoke-Lakeshore

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS non-binary and gender diverse persons may encounter inequality similar as experienced by women;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Policy book include the terms "women, non-binary and gender diverse people" in all sections to replace "women".

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

REALLOCATION OF RCMP FUNDS

Brantford Brant NDP EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS in 2019, there were more than 123,000 "mental health occurrences" officially logged as RCMP interactions and are increasing each year;

WHEREAS RCMP budgets have increased each year

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Canada's NDP delete 3.9(a) Increasing the number of RCMP officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Canada's NDP develop and implement a plan to reallocate funds from the RCMP budget to adequately fund alternative response models to support a mental health and crisis intervention system

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

DE-FUND, DISARM AND DISBAND POLICE FORCES IN CANADA

Saanich-Gulf Islands

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS police protect capitalists from violence caused by capitalism (poverty, mental illness, etc.), break strikes, attack protests, fight minor crime instead of major corporate crime, escalate mental health incidents, and disproportionately kill racialized people;

And WHEREAS reform attempts have not reduced victim injuries and deaths, or held offending officers accountable;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 3.9 of the policy book be amended as follows:

Strike clauses 'a' and 'b' and replace them with the following:

- a. Reducing the budget of the RCMP significantly, transferring the funds to necessary social services including but not limited to housing, mental health, and addictions treatment;
- b. Disarming police officers, especially removing all military hardware, gas, pepper and other sprays and guns;
- c. Working towards the disbanding of armed, uniformed police forces, and replacing them with community-controlled peace services;
- d. Supports the permanent removal of all non-indigenous police forces from indigenous lands.

06-25-20

PRIORITY 0

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

OPPOSITION TO RACIST AND ANTI-LGBTQ2AI+ ACTIONS

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

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS it is widely recognized that the terms LBTT and cultural communities are considered obsolete and offensive to those they refer to;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP condemns all racist and anti-LGBTQ2IA+ actions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP affirms the right of people who are discriminated against on the basis of their identity to self-identify and to choose the language, expressions and actions used to combat discrimination.

06-26-20

PRIORITY 0

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

DEFUND, DISARM AND DISBAND POLICE FORCES IN CANADA

Mont Royal • Toronto Centre • Toronto-St. Paul's • Hamilton Centre • University-Rosedale • Beaches-East York • Spadina-Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS police prioritize defense of private property, break strikes and attack social protests, fight minor crime instead of major corporate crime, escalate mental health incidents, and disproportionately kill racialized people, and;

WHEREAS reform attempts have not reduced victim injuries and deaths or held offending police accountable,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP advocate the following: rapid de-funding of police forces in Canada by 50%, transferring the funds to necessary social services including but not limited to housing, mental health, and addictions treatment; the disarming of police beginning with the removal of all military hardware, tasers, gas, pepper and other sprays and guns; the permanent removal of all non-indigenous police forces from indigenous lands; and ultimately, the disbanding of armed, uniformed police forces to be replaced by community-controlled peace services.

06-27-20

PRIORITY 0

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

OPPOSITION TO AND CONDEMNATION OF QUEBEC BILL 21

Thompson-Cariboo-Thompson

WHEREAS:

Quebec's National Assembly passed Bill 21, An Act respecting the laicity of the State" which prohibits state employees such as prosecutors, judges, police officers, and teachers from wearing religious symbols - including head or face coverings - forcing religious adherents to deny their core identity in the public sphere, and participation in society as equal citizens, and

WHEREAS

This legislation violates guarantees of freedom of religion and equality provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and discriminates against religious minorities, and Further the Quebec government having invoked the Notwithstanding clause overriding the Charter, whilst ironically imposing laws requiring the wearing of face coverings and masks during the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS

The CCF/NDP has a proud and courageous history of standing up for the rights of minorities and against discrimination - even when it may have been politically unpopular - such as the Internment of Japanese Canadians or Tommy Douglas' opposition to the War Measures Act, and

WHEREAS

We strongly condemn anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, white supremacy, and all forms of racial, religious or gender discrimination

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party oppose and condemn Quebec Bill 21 (An Act respecting the laicity of the State)

06-29-20

PRIORITY 0

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

TRANS HEALTH

Mont-Royal

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS trans-people have a sense of gender identity; and

WHEREAS trans-people have sex characteristics that do not coincide with their gender identity; and

WHEREAS gender dysphoria and the lack of treatment thereof can be life-threatening;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore be it resolved, that all trans-related therapy, medication, and surgery be provided free of cost.

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

London and District Labour Council • London-Fanshawe

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Canada is a diverse nation;

WHEREAS there has been increasing incidents of racism, discrimination and violence against women, visible minorities, people living with disabilities and LGBTQ2S+; and

WHEREAS the Human Rights Commission acts as a quasi-judicial entity to address the issues connected with racism and discrimination;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT as government the NDP direct the Human Rights Commission to resolve cases within a time period of twelve months and provide the adequate funds and resources to achieve this goal.

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

DISABLED ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Guelph NDP EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS: The Canadian population has a diverse set of needs and we need to develop and research a new set of adaptive and assistive technologies.

WHEREAS: Using advancing technology and ongoing research, the needs of the disabled can be met.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

An NDP government will work with Canadian universities, hospitals, other medical institutions and the technology sector to advance research and develop working products that will assist Canadians living with disabilities.

An NDP government will fund research and develop new and emerging technologies that can lead to a better quality of life for Canadians

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

GUARANTEEING DATA RIGHTS

Etobicoke-Lakeshore NDP

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the right to privacy has been recognized by the Supreme Court;

And WHEREAS corporate data collection practices extract value from people’s personal and private data, often without their knowledge or consent;

And WHEREAS digital data is an increasingly critical part of everyday life in Canada and around the world;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BIRT that the following clause be added to section 1.13 of the policy book: “k. Guaranteeing residents of Canada clear and protected ownership over the digital data they generate in the course of daily life”;

BIFRT that the following clause be added to section 6.10 of the policy book: “h. Ensuring digital data equity by supporting a national data union”

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

RIGHTS OF NON-BINARY PEOPLE AND WOMEN

Women’s Commission • London-Fanshawe

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS past governments have moved away from predictable funding to only provide short-term, project-based funding which limits any community-based program that benefits women and non-binary people from being able to adapt, grow, and serve its community as needed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT New Democrats are committed to multi-year budgets provided to currently recognized community organizations that offer programs to non-binary people and women in Canada;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT New Democrats will also ensure predictable core funding for women’s-based organizations in Canada that serve non-binary people and women.

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

GENDER AFFIRMING HEALTHCARE

Women's Commission

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS transgender women and men; gender non-conforming people; and non-binary people are entitled to healthcare that respects their identities and meets their physical and psychological needs; and

WHEREAS gender affirming healthcare can be a life-saving intervention for transgender women and men; gender non-conforming people; and non-binary people experiencing gender dysphoria;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government of Canada include gender affirming healthcare in the Canada Health Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT barriers to access (including but not limited to costs associated with lodging, travel, and recovery) be covered by the Canada Health Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following be added to Section 3.1 of the NDP Policy Book:

Providing gender affirming and validating healthcare to transgender women and men; gender non-conforming people; and non-binary people.

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR CANADIANS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS AND WALKS OF LIFE

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

WHEREAS:

The fundamental importance of justice in social life;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government would appoint a Royal Commission on the accessibility to justice for Canadians of all backgrounds and walks of life, the efficiency of the judiciary and the appointment of judges.

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

RESOLUTION ON THE ACCESSIBILITY OF THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN

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

WHEREAS:

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

Deaf people and people who are hard of hearing have little or no access to information conveyed by political parties during election campaigns and are poorly represented in the political arena;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party will demand that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation put in place a sign language accessibility plan in addition to quality captioning for future debates between leaders;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party will put in place an accessibility plan for future election campaigns;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party will revise its policy on accessibility regarding Party events and conventions.

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

FRIVOLOUS POLICE CALLS AGAINST BIPOC

Spadina-Fort York

WHEREAS:

The police are archaic in their racist and unfair treatment of BIPOC, racist people who abuse the system take unfair advantage and harass regular, everyday BIPOC by calling the police unnecessarily on them.

The police gaslight BIPOC who actually need help and take a long time to respond, yet they are quick to respond to frivolous racist phone calls and quick to escalate situations, putting BIPOC in danger. The police protect racist white people who abuse the system.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

RESOLVED that frivolous racist phone calls to police are now illegal and will result in hefty fines and jail time against the perpetrators. Any police that are found to harass and gaslight BIPOC who need help will be fired without pay. The system will no longer condone racist police.

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

DEFEND PROFESSOR HASSAN DIAB

Toronto-St. Paul's

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS a French court of appeal has ordered that the case of Canadian Professor Hassan Diab go to trial regarding the bombing of a Paris synagogue 41 years ago;

WHEREAS French investigating judges released Dr. Diab three years ago and no new evidence has been introduced;

WHEREAS Prime Minister Trudeau stated on June 20, 2018, regarding Dr. Diab's extradition to France that it should not have happened and that such actions should never happen again;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Federal NDP calls on the Trudeau government to call a halt to this endless, unjust Diab affair by advising French counterpart that it does not intend to carry out a second extradition of Professor Hassan Diab to France.

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

VOLUNTEER ACCESS TO THE CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS CODE

Ottawa-Vanier

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS: Volunteers have and continue to contribute to the health and well-being of Canada in every facet of our diverse economies.

And WHEREAS: Volunteers in Federal institutions and organizations do not have access to file a complaint to the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Be It Resolved: That the Federal NDP draft and present a Private Members Bill that would amend the Canadian Human Rights Act (CHRA) to include volunteers.

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

CREATION OF A NATIONAL REGISTRY FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CONTROL DEVICES

Winnipeg Centre

WHEREAS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Registry monitor this trend and that the data gathered be used to aid in the formulation of future fees and/or taxes on such devices, to benefit displaced workers and future generations that will not be able to work in disappeared jobs.

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

STRENGTHENING CANADIAN JOURNALISM

Peterborough Kawartha NDP

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS we know that journalistic integrity lies at the heart of our democracy and is under attack by “fake news”, rampant distrust of mainstream media and the manipulation of social media by foreign actors; and

WHEREAS the NDP’s previous solution was too narrow and only dealt with the private sector media,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Policy Book section 6.10 (d) be replaced with:

d. Requiring the formation of a self-governing non-governmental organization that would regulate professional journalism (like a Canadian College of Journalists) that can uphold the journalistic integrity of members of the organization, regardless of their affiliation with public, private or self- published media. This organization should be self-governed by a council that should reflect Canada’s diverse population, and which should include both journalists and the public (with a significant majority given to journalists).

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING AUTISM SPEAKS

Canada's Young New Democrats

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Autism Speaks is an immoral organization that perpetuates the stigmatization of Autistic people;

WHEREAS person-first language perpetuates the stigmatization of autistic people and is opposed by the majority of autistic persons;

WHEREAS the Party and it's Provincial counterparts policy have recently been influenced by Autism Speaks;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED that the NDP is prohibited from any involvement or association with Autism Speaks;

BE IT RESOLVED that identity-first language is mandated within any context regarding autistic people.

CLARIFICATION OF NDP POSITION ON FUNDING POLICING

Ottawa South

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS section 3.9.a. of the Policy Book states: "Increasing the number of RCMP officers"

WHEREAS section 3.9.b. of the Policy Book implies the RCMP should receive more funding by stating "Providing the RCMP with adequate resources... ..to address organized crime, gang activities, and white-collar and cyber crimes."

WHEREAS Jagmeet Singh stated on 2020-09-24: "...Instead of spending money on police we need more funding for healthcare workers to respond to healthcare crises", and this conflicts with NDP policy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 3.9.a and 3.9.b be removed from the Policy Book

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT section 3.9.e be amended to say "Promoting local education and crime prevention"

STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CANADIAN IDENTITY

ANTI-RACISM AND POLICE VIOLENCE

Section Quebec

WHEREAS:

- 1. The events following the death of George Floyd and the multiple deaths of racialized people in Canada as a result of police action
- 2. Systemic racism is too strongly present in our institutions.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP would immediately initiate a review of the \$10 million the federal government spends on the RCMP on a daily basis, demand an increase in RCMP hiring criteria, including post-secondary training, and make significant investments in non-RCMP agencies in alternative interventions such as de-escalation and mental health support and substance abuse harm reduction.”

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DISABILITY POLICY

Glengarry-Prescott-Russell

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS The disabled community of Canada has been forced in to extreme poverty, and faced decades of ableism in policy,

WHEREAS The disabled community has been at the mercy of provincial programs that have abused the community through control of the financial aspects of disability programs,

WHEREAS The provincial programs traumatize the disabled community through denial, rejection, and expulsion from programs where doctors determine the patient’s conditions not the patient,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED that the NDP remove the provincial financial aspects of disability programs by creating a new financial disability support where doctors, not the patients, must deal with the government regarding eligibility.