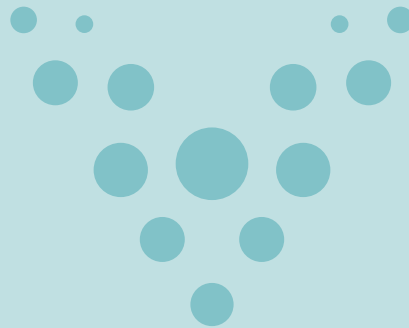


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**SECTION 7:**

Constitutional Amendments  
& Internal Party Affairs

07-01-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKER'S CAUCUS

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

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, worker's rights are under attack witnessed by attacks on unionization, collective bargaining rights, health and safety, evidenced by decreasing wages, erosion of living standards, and weak labour laws.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

To ensure that worker's interests are pursued politically, BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Worker's Caucus is set up as a body that advises the NDP in policy formation, research studies to address issues related but not limited to;

- Labour law reform
- Mobilization of workers
- Unionization and density

07-02-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

SEATS FOR INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATIVES ON EDAS

Ottawa Centre

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS electoral districts have options to include Indigenous representatives.

WHEREAS NDP are committed to addressing inequities of Indigenous peoples

WHEREAS Indigenous peoples are not representative of the community.

WHEREAS Indigenous peoples face barriers in participation of the NDP.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all EDAs have three seats open for Indigenous representatives. If there are any unfilled seats then it will be open to any of the aforementioned group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT EDAs report back to the federal NDP Aboriginal Commission of their work to become more inclusive of Indigenous peoples at their local riding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT advanced notice at minimum of 30 days of an EDA's AGM or nomination meeting be publicly announced via newspapers and other means of social media.

07-03-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

EMPOWERING FEDERAL COUNCIL TO POSTPONE FEDERAL CONVENTION

Prince Albert

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the current Constitution reads, in English:

Biennial Conventions shall take place at least once every other calendar year at a time and place determined by the Council.

WHEREAS the NDP has violated its own Constitution in this respect several times since it was founded in 1961,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

NDP Federal Council be authorized to defer Federal Conventions by up to twelve months if required by extenuating circumstances such as impending federal elections, pandemics, and other national emergencies.

07-04-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

ELIMINATING GENDER EXCLUSIONARY LANGUAGE

Kamloops-Thompson-Cariboo

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS: The NDP constitution conceives of "gender parity" through the narrow lens of the gender binary, demonstrated through such phrasing such as "gender balanced," "of the gender other than," and specifying the number of women, it thereby does not acknowledge the full spectrum of genders.

WHEREAS: This language discriminates against and disqualifies non-binary, transfemme, and gender non-conforming individuals who may wish to serve on the federal NDP executive committee and other bodies, it is in contradiction with the Party's Equity Statement commitment to the creation of a respectful, safe, and inclusive climate.

WHEREAS: The NDP and the KTC are committed to equity, harm reduction, and the active, equitable participation of all individuals on the EC and elsewhere, our resolution recognizing all genders should go forward to our national convention.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Articles VI.3.h.i; VII.3.a; VII.3.c; VIII.1.c; VIII.1.d; VIII.1.f; VIII.1.h; VIII.1.h.i; VIII.2.b, and Appendix.2 of the constitution be amended to remove gender-exclusionary language and recognize the existence of and actively encourage representation from all genders including transfemme, non-binary, and gender non-conforming individuals.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

RENAMING OF ABORIGINAL COMMISSION

Esquimalt - Saanich - Sooke NDP • Brantford Brant NDP EDA • Saint Boniface--Saint Vital • Ottawa Centre • Victoria

WHEREAS:

Indigenous is a collective name for the original inhabitants of North America and their descendants, the United Nations uses the word Indigenous and the term Indigenous Peoples, the Ministries that serve Indigenous peoples have been renamed, and the NDP uses the word Indigenous in their platform,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP Aboriginal Commission be renamed the NDP Indigenous Peoples' Commission.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, LABOUR AFFILIATION AND CONVENTION DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT & FEDERAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

UFCW

WHEREAS:

Article 3 Membership

Section 2 (3) (b):

Remove current (b) and replace with:

(b) Confirmation of the number of members of the applicant organization

Article V Conventions

Section 6 (a) iii:

Remove the word 'affiliates'

Section 6 (c):

Remove current (i) and (ii) and replace with:

i: one delegate for affiliating to the party

ii: one additional delegate for each 300 members or major fraction thereof of the affiliating organization

Add new paragraph (iii):

No affiliated union (central bodies and locals combined) will be eligible for more than a maximum of 300 convention delegates. Such delegates shall be members of the affiliated organizations or the parent organization to which the affiliated organization belongs. At no time shall any one Union (affiliates and national organization combined) constitute a majority of delegates at any given Convention.

Article V Council

Section 1 (e) i

Remove current language and replace with:

Each national labour organization with affiliated bodies to the party shall be eligible to have one representative for its first 10,000 members and one additional representative for its second 20,000 members or major fraction thereof.

07-07-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

CHANGING THE TITLE OF NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Richmond-Arthabaska • Vaudreuil-Soulanges • Louis-Hébert • Alfred-Pellan EDA • Jeunes néo-démocrates du Québec (JNDQ) / Young New Democrats of Quebec (YNDQ)

WHEREAS:

GIVEN the existence within the Canadian people of the Quebec nation and the First Nations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all relevant sections of the Constitution of the New Democratic Party of Canada be amended to change the title of National Director back to Federal Director.

07-08-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, ARTICLE VI

Brampton South NDP Riding Association

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS we can only achieve equity for marginalized groups by constantly pushing for it, and

WHEREAS it is imperative that all the work of the New Democratic Party have an equity lens applied to it, which requires representation.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article VI, 1, be amended to include "Vice President Equity"

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Article VI, 3, be amended to include:

"Vice President Equity

General Description: The Vice President shall work with the various Equity Committees to further their work, and will be responsible for chairing joint meetings of all the equity seeking groups.

i. The Vice President Equity shall be nominated by a caucus of delegates that identify as members of equity committees and ratified by Convention."

07-09-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

CONSTITUENCY EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Hamilton East - Stoney Creek

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the NDP mandates every riding association make a reasonable effort to elect a Woman's Representative and a Youth Representative to its executive in recognition of their vulnerable place in society, and:

WHEREAS riding associations ought to make reasonable efforts to elect other vulnerable persons to similar executive positions.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT reasonable efforts to elect an Indigenous Persons Representative, Diversity Representative, LGBTQ+ Representative, Seniors Representative, Persons with Disabilities Representative, and Labour Representative on all riding association executives is henceforth required.

07-10-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE TO TACKLE DISCRIMINATION

Windsor-Tecumseh

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS New Democrats believe in an intercultural integration model based on solidarity and harmonious exchanges among individuals of differing cultures, celebrating Canada's diversity and the deep histories, traditions and aspirations of all of its peoples while seeking to build a more just, equal, and sustainable Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Party will create a Committee to tackle racism, antisemitism, Islamophobia, sexism, genderism, ablism, homophobia, transphobia and discrimination based on targeted groups and protected characteristics.

This Committee will engage with representative stakeholders from these groups to develop, publish and embed a clear, comprehensive set of principles, policies and procedures to tackle bigotry and instil confidence for the future, ensuring that the Party has a system and culture that encourages members to challenge and report inappropriate behaviour. It will hold all levels of membership to the highest standards, ensure we don't miss incidences nor accept excuses or denial.

07-11-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

REPLACE MEMBERSHIP FEES WITH SUGGESTED DONATIONS

Ottawa Centre

WHEREAS:

The party's membership fee amounts are set by its provincial sections;

Four sections (Ontario, Manitoba, NS, PEI) charge \$20 or more per year - higher than all other major parties - while the NL NDP charges nothing;

Membership fees can cause individual hardship and, unlike donations, are ineligible for tax credits.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The party replace all membership fees with suggested donations.

An individual who makes an eligible donation to the party, one of its provincial sections, or an NDP riding association (provincial or federal) be considered to have either become a member or to have renewed their membership as of the time the donation is made, unless the individual explicitly opts out of becoming a member when making their donation.

07-12-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

PUT SOCIALISM BACK INTO THE FEDERAL NDP CONSTITUTION

Saanich-Gulf Islands Winnipeg Centre • Hamilton Centre • Courtenay-Alberni • University-Rosedale • Spadina-Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS in 2013, the term 'socialism' in the preamble of the NDP Constitution was relegated to a background reference concerning the roots of the CCF-NDP;

WHEREAS this change suggests the NDP uncritically embraces the capitalist system, a system that is characterized by growing inequality, environmental destruction, and war;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be added to the preamble of the NDP Constitution:

"Socialism, a cooperative commonwealth in which public ownership and democratic control of the major means of production, distribution and exchange, is the goal of the New Democratic Party."

07-13-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

RESOLUTION ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Windsor- Tecumseh

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS New Democrats believe in working together for peace, international co-operation, and the common good; in an intercultural integration model of solidarity and harmonious exchanges among individuals of differing cultures; and are committed to building a more just, equal, and sustainable future within the social democratic and democratic socialist traditions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

[THAT the following be appended to Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of the New Democratic Party of Canada]

(c) Resolution Content Eligibility Guidelines

Any and all Resolutions submitted for Convention must be consistent with the values and principles of the New Democratic Party, as outlined in the Preamble to the Constitution of the New Democratic Party of Canada, in order to be considered and/or debated during Convention

07-14-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

FEDERAL COUNCIL MINUTES AND REPORTING

Prince Albert

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Federal Council proceedings are of a more confidential nature but still of vital interest to those responsible for the activities of the many components of the NDP such as Electoral District Associations, Councils of Electoral District Associations, provincial and territorial parties, affiliated organized labour unions, etc.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Federal Council be instructed to undertake the organization of reporting Federal Council proceedings in a secure manner to all constituent bodies of the NDP: Electoral District Associations, Councils of Electoral District Associations, provincial and territorial parties, affiliated organized labour unions, etc.



CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

AMENDING ARTICLE XIII QUEBEC OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF CANADA, PART 1

Richmond-Arthabaska • Vaudreuil-Soulanges • Jeunes néo-démocrates du Québec (JNDQ) / Young New Democrats of Quebec (YNDQ) • Alfred-Pellan EDA • ROSEMONT LA PETITE-PATRIE

WHEREAS:

Considering the Quebec Election Act (see: <http://legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/showdoc/cs/e-3.3>);

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Be it resolved to replace paragraph 2 of Article XIII by:

“2. In Quebec, in accordance with Quebec’s election laws, there may also be a fully autonomous provincial Party working within the provincial electoral jurisdiction known as the Nouveau parti démocratique – Québec. For this Party to be recognized by the New Democratic Party of Canada, it must conduct itself in general consistency with the social democratic principles outlined in the preamble of this Constitution and must accept to be governed otherwise only by Article XIII.”

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

BUILD THE PARTY AS A MASS MOVEMENT OF THE WORKING CLASS AND ITS ALLIES

Spadina-Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the NDP must restore and expand its links to the working class (including unemployed, under-employed, and non-waged workers) and to the social-protest movements that battle the depredations of globalized capitalism;

And WHEREAS NDP links to labour unions proudly distinguish the NDP as the democratic political expression of the workers’ movement;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP actively campaign to increase union affiliation to the party and invite progressive social movements and groups of activist individuals to form clubs and to affiliate to the party. The party actively promotes the idea of an expanded movement of affiliates which would enjoy direct in-put to conventions and councils of the NDP, and which would constitute an expanded working class and activist base on which to build the party as an instrument for democratic socialist transformation of society.

07-17-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

DIRECTIVE: MODERNIZE THE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Saskatoon-University

WHEREAS:

The pandemic has highlighted the need to communicate and make decisions in a secure electronic manner. The goal of this motion is to require the federal NDP to modernize its communication system. We believe that empowering members with more decisions will broaden support for the federal NDP by its members.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP will develop a modern, secure web-based means of facilitating open communication between the following: central party staff, caucus, federal Councillors, federal executive, EDA's, wings, committees and the general membership.

07-18-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

AMENDING ARTICLE XIII QUEBEC OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF CANADA, PART 2

Richmond-Arthabaska • Vaudreuil-Soulanges • Montarville • Jeunes néo-démocrates du Québec (JNDQ) / Young New Democrats of Quebec (YNDQ) • Alfred-Pellan EDA • Rosemont la Petite-Patrie

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Quebec Chapter holds a Convention (or General Council) every two years, and it is easier for its members to participate in these conventions than in a federal (NDP) convention;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

“(d) Notwithstanding Article VII(3)(a), Quebec representatives to the Federal Executive may be elected at Conventions or General Councils of the NDP Canada (Quebec), and the names of representatives so elected need not be submitted to the Federal Convention for approval.

(e) The NDP Canada (Quebec) may, through the Party and by observing all the rules of Elections Canada, finance its activities.”

07-19-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

EDA ENGAGEMENT

Guelph NDP EDA Eglinton-Lawrence • Pickering-Uxbridge NDP

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Party seeks to promote internal democracy and grassroots leadership;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following be added to Section 2.a of Article VI of the Constitution:

- (iv) notifying all EDA Presidents of an upcoming Council meetings and its subject matter;
- (v) circulating Council minutes to all EDA Presidents;
- (vi) adding to Council’s agenda any item that three or more EDA Presidents wish discussed or voted on;
- (vii) ensuring that Party members have access to the names and emails of all members of Federal Council, and that the Policy Manual is available to the public, at all times.

07-20-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

HARASSMENT ALLEGATION – ROLE OF PARTY LEADER

Battlefords--Lloydminster Federal NDP Riding Association

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS it is the role of the leader of the party to strengthen cohesion within the party:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT when a harassment allegation involves an NDP caucus member, it should be reported to the Operations Director, working with the Party President and the National Director who shall deal with the situation in the same manner as any other employee or volunteer.

Be it Further Resolved that in order for the appeal process to be fair, a third party, not involving the Operations Director, Party President or National Director handle any subsequent appeal process

07-21-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

CHANGING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF CANADA TO FOSTER DEBATE DURING FEDERAL CONVENTIONS

Richmond-Arthabaska • Vaudreuil-Soulanges • Montarville • Louis-Hébert • Alfred-Pellan EDA • Jeunes néo-démocrates du Québec (JNDQ) / Young New Democrats of Quebec (YNDQ)

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Conventions are the supreme governing body of the Party (see Constitution of the New Democratic Party of Canada; April 2016, Article V, 5.)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Be it resolved to add the following to Article V, 7 of our Constitution (NDP):

“(c) The period for reprioritizing and amending resolutions will last at least 180 minutes.

(d) Discussion periods (for each resolution group) will last at least 90 minutes.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT point 3 of the Appendix – Rules of Procedure for Plenary Sessions be amended as follows: “Speeches shall be limited to two minutes. This shall not apply to (...)”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT point 17 of this Appendix be repealed.

07-22-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

FOR MORE POLICY DISCUSSION AT NDP CONVENTIONS

Winnipeg Centre • Beaches-East York • Spadina-Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS substantially greater democracy and political pluralism are an urgent necessity within the NDP;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

this convention mandate and ensure more accessible, more democratic, membership-driven party conventions, with low/minimal registration fees, and with at least 80% of convention time dedicated to debate and voting on resolutions from grassroots organizations. Further that prioritization of resolutions for debate be decided by online full membership voting

07-23-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

E-VOTING OR POSTAL VOTING WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT A LEADERSHIP ELECTION SHOULD BE CALLED

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

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Constitution of the NDP provides that the leader is elected by all members;

WHEREAS the Constitution of the NDP provides that, at each Federal Convention, only delegates are called upon to vote on whether to hold a leadership election;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following amendment be made to the Constitution of the NDP:

Article VI: Officers

“3. Elections and Appointment of Officers (...) At every convention that follows a general election, a Canada-wide secret ballot vote will be held by e-vote and/or postal vote to determine whether or not a leadership election should be called. If the majority of members voting support the calling of a leadership election, this election will be held within one year of the vote.”

07-24-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

IMPROVING NDP CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS PROCESS

Guelph NDP EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS resolutions submitted to Convention are an important mechanism for policy development;

and often, several ridings or affiliates submit similar resolutions on a given issue;

and discussion will be facilitated by giving members timely notification of resolutions;

and cooperation is preferable to competition for prioritization;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

the party will make available, in advance of each Convention, a secure electronic forum on which resolutions may be posted, after they have been approved at a general meeting of a riding/ affiliate;

and

the forum will include an option for any riding/ affiliate to endorse a previously posted resolution, after it has been approved at a general meeting of the riding/ affiliate;

and

for greater clarity: it will be optional, not mandatory, for ridings/ affiliates to make use of this opportunity.

07-25-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

FULL MEMBERSHIP VOTE FOR LEADERSHIP APPROVAL VOTE

Saanich-Gulf Islands • Esquimalt - Saanich - Sooke NDP

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the party constitution establishes that the leader will be selected by secret ballot and the leadership review process does not allow all party members to vote but instead restricts voting to convention delegates only;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 3A of the federal NDP constitution be amended to read;

“In conjunction with every convention that is not a leadership convention, a secret ballot where every member will be entitled to vote will be held to determine whether or not a leadership election should be called. If 50% plus one members support the calling of an election, such an election will be held within one year of the membership vote.”

07-26-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

DEMOCRATIZING THE ELECTION PLATFORM

Orléans EDA Burnaby North--Seymour • Saskatoon-University • Ottawa-Vanier • Eglinton-Lawrence • Don Valley East Federal NDP • Etobicoke-Lakeshore NDP • Ottawa Centre • Regina • Spadina-Fort York Milton

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the NDP has no official Election Platform process;

WHEREAS other social democratic parties have demonstrated the feasibility of involving members in the development of election platforms;

WHEREAS collectively setting priorities will foster deeper engagement in the party; and

WHEREAS grassroots members deserve a say in our most important document.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article XVI

ELECTION PLATFORM

1. The Federal Council shall put in place formal procedures for receiving policy submissions for each Federal Election Platform from the membership of the Party.
2. A draft Federal Election Platform shall be released before Election and subject to amendment by a simple majority vote of the membership.
3. The final Federal Election Platform shall be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the Federal Council.
4. This article shall not be interpreted so as to limit the authority of the Party to issue additional policy and election statements during an Election campaign.

07-27-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION IN LEADERSHIP REVIEW THROUGH ONLINE VOTING

*Pickering-Uxbridge NDP*

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS confidence votes for the Party Leader are currently held at Convention with only a limited amount of party delegates having a say And WHEREAS choosing new leadership is done by all members of the party via an online ranked ballot;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT All votes pertaining to the Leadership of the party be open to all members of the grassroots via online voting.

07-28-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY TO CONVENTION AND PARTY DEMOCRACY THROUGH VIRTUAL DELEGATES

*Pickering-Uxbridge NDP*

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS costs such as travel, lodging, and Convention fees limit access to participation in the NDP's democratic processes, and,

WHEREAS policy should not be dictated primarily by those who can afford such expenses, and,

WHEREAS the virtual format of the 2021 Convention provides an example of a workable alternative;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT In addition to the delegates normally allocated to each Electoral District Association, there shall be an additional allocation of one Virtual Delegate, and one Virtual Youth Delegate to each Electoral District Association. Virtual delegate Convention fees shall be no higher than are necessary to cover costs of providing virtual access. Virtual Delegates may be limited, if necessary, in their ability to participate in certain aspects of Convention, such as training, and breakout sessions. Said Virtual delegates shall have access to all debates, and shall have full voting rights in regards to Resolutions and Leadership Review.

07-29-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

MEMBERSHIP VOTES ON LEADERSHIP ELECTION

Battlefords--Lloydminster Federal NDP Riding Association

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS all the party members are given an opportunity to vote to select the leader of the party and technological advances have made a combination of mail-in and digital voting possible.

WHEREAS the opinion of convention delegates may not reflect the opinion of the general membership.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article VI 3 (a) Leader (v) of the Constitution be replaced with "Sixty days prior to every convention that is not a leadership convention, a ballot is mailed to every member affording every member an opportunity to determine whether or not a leadership election should be called."

07-30-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

LEGALLY VERIFIABLE COPIES OF THE FEDERAL NDP CONSTITUTION

Prince Albert

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the affairs of the Party might at some time become the subject of litigation

WHEREAS the failure to produce an updated copy of the Constitution reflecting amendments of the Executive, adopted at the 2013 Convention, until a month after the 2016 Convention, caused great confusion among the delegates ,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT: the National Director be instructed to have a legally verifiable copy of the Federal Constitution constructed from a paper trail based on whatever minutes exist from all previous Federal Conventions, and to take legal advice to the possible actions required to protect the NDP from litigation which might result from breaching the Constitution,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: within one month of Federal Council adopting the minutes of any Convention an up-to-date copy of the Constitution be posted on the NDP website, and all constituent bodies of the NDP be so informed.



07-31-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

RETENTION OF ELECTIONS CANADA CAMPAIGN EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

*Kings Hants*

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS: The Federal Party retained 100 percent of Electoral District Association's (EDA) Elections Canada Campaign Expense Reimbursement from the 2019 federal election without meaningful direct consultation with local EDAs; And WHEREAS: this practice leaves the local EDA impoverished; And WHEREAS: the local EDAs recognize the financial challenges of the Federal Party;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal Party must receive approval from Federal Council, in each specific instance, in order to retain any, and in no case more than 40 percent, of an Electoral District Association's (EDA) Elections Canada Campaign Expense Reimbursement (ECCER). Be It Further Resolved That no part of an EDAs ECCER that is referred to as Candidate Personal Expenses be retained by the Federal Party.

07-32-20

PRIORITY 0

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

PROVIDING EDA'S WITH THEIR ACCOUNT BALANCE HELD BY NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

*Cypress Hills-Grasslands*

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS EDA's need to know what their account values are that are held at the national level in order to properly plan for the future.

WHEREAS provincial ndp organizations provide that information quarterly to their provincial counterparts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Party provide the EDA's with a yearly account statement of their financial balance with the National party.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

EDA AUTONOMY

Alfred-Pellan EDA • Jeunes néo-démocrates du Québec (JNDQ) / Young New Democrats of Quebec (YNDQ) • Burnaby North--Seymour • Saskatoon-University • Eglinton-Lawrence • Hamilton Centre • Don Valley East Federal NDP • Etobicoke-Lakeshore NDP • Toronto-St. Paul's • Regina • Ottawa-Vanier • Glengarry-Prescott-Russell

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Party seeks to promote internal democracy and grassroots leadership; and

WHEREAS an absence of transparency and predictability in our internal processes can breed cynicism and disengagement among members, as well as the broader public;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be added to Article XV of the Constitution:

- (3) The rules and procedures that Council creates shall abide by this general framework: EDAs are required to open a local nomination process with a public call to all members, and with a set deadline for participants to enter the nomination contest.
a. No more than 7 days after a nomination deadline closes, EDAs must submit received applications to the Party for the purpose of vetting.
b. The Party, by way of Council, its assignees, or Party staff, must complete the vetting process within a window of 30 days after an EDA submits the contestant applications.
c. During the vetting window, contestants may begin pre-campaigning activities, as defined in the most up to date rules and procedures previously set out by Council or the EDA.
d. If the Party conducts and completes the vetting process rather than delegate to the EDA, it must advise the EDA which contestants have passed vetting no later than the end of the 30-day vetting window.
e. All approved contestants are notified by the EDA and begin their nomination campaigns at the same time.
f. If a contestant does not pass vetting by the Party, the contestant will be notified with the explicit reasons for rejection.
g. If a contestant does not pass vetting by the EDA, the contestant will be notified with the explicit reasons for rejection.
h. Unless a snap election has been called, nomination campaigns must last a minimum of 30 days.
(4) Where the Council establishes a vetting process for local contestants, or where EDAs are empowered by Council to do the same, that process will be:
a. Limited in its scope and requirements for disclosure.
b. Focus its vetting on criteria outlined below in (5)(b) and (5)(c).
(5) Once nominated by an EDA, a candidate may only be barred or removed from candidacy if one or more of the following is true:
a. The candidate resigns of their own accord.
b. The candidate violates civil or criminal laws, or Elections Canada's regulations, in such a way that would prevent them from continuing as a candidate.
c. Council resolves, after hearing from the candidate, that the candidate has committed acts or made statements in violation of the Party's Constitution.
(6) EDAs are free to open a nomination process in order to select a candidate for their riding, at any point in advance of an electoral cycle.
a. If the Council has not yet established nomination rules and procedures for an upcoming cycle, the EDA will use those established by Council in the previous cycle.
(7) EDAs are required to send the open nomination call to local members via all regular channels, at the outset of a nomination process. Unless a snap election has been called by the government, EDA nomination calls must occur:
a. at least 30 days before the scheduled nomination deadline;
b. at least 90 days before any scheduled nomination meeting; and
c. at least 180 days before the last possible date of a regular federal election.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

DEMOCRATIC POLICY RESOLUTION PRIORITIZATION

Hamilton Mountain
Winnipeg Centre Spadina Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the process for prioritizing resolutions to be debated at convention must be contingent upon Electoral Districts and Affiliated Bodies to be able to rank the submitted resolutions in advance of the convention thereby negating the allegations of party insiders determining the order of resolutions to be debated.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP honour its 2018 commitment to democratize the resolution process by taking the following steps:

- [a] To create an online platform that allows all members to vote on the priority of resolutions to be debated and voted upon at future conventions, in accordance with the 2018 resolution, "Modernization and Democratization of Convention Resolution Process"
[b] To make the up-to-date Policy Book publicly accessible, and to ensure all future policy books are released to the public as soon as possible following each convention in a permanent and easy-to-find location.

FEDERAL NDP MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

Parkdale-High Park York South - Weston

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS becoming a member of the NDP is an important affirmation and commitment on the part of an individual; and

WHEREAS many Federal EDAs have had difficulty obtaining accurate and up-to-date member lists; and

WHEREAS low-income and racialized communities already face structural barriers to political participation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal NDP is directed to undertake a review of its membership procedures to ensure their accuracy, security, fairness, and timeliness;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal NDP set a transparent and reliable synchronization schedule with provincial counterparts (where applicable), clarify responsibilities, and investigate improved tracking systems (no more emailing spreadsheets); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal NDP outline and properly resource a process for resolving disputed memberships that adequately supports Federal EDAs, including during registration at AGMs and nomination meetings, while ensuring the dignity of prospective members.

PARTY INTERNAL FINANCING

Spadina-Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the NDP cannot carry its message unless it is present within communities;

And WHEREAS party building is a grassroots activity reliant on viable riding associations, especially where there is electoral promise yet no strong base;

And WHEREAS many riding associations lack reasonable, healthy funding – covering operating and organizing expenses;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the federal party transfer directly to each federal NDP electoral district association, on a basis proportionate to the membership size of each association, for the purpose of building the local organization, not less than twenty-five per cent of the money the NDP raises from all sources;

Be It Further Resolved that this revenue transfer would be in addition to funds that are currently provided from the party centre during federal election campaigns.

EDA ENGAGEMENT

Hamilton Centre Regina EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Party seeks to promote internal democracy and grassroots leadership;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be added to Section 2.a of Article VI of the Constitution:

- (iv) notifying all EDA Presidents of an upcoming Council meetings and its subject matter;
- (v) circulating Council minutes to all EDA Presidents;
- (vi) adding to Council’s agenda any item that three or more EDA Presidents wish discussed or voted on;
- (vii) ensuring that Party members have access to the names and emails of all members of Federal Council, and that the Policy Manual is available to the public, at all times.

2015 FEDERAL ELECTION REBATE

London West

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS In the 2015 federal election, federal council approved a formula for sharing the local campaign rebate with 40% going to the EDA,

AND WHEREAS EDAs were informed by the Federal Office they would receive their portion of the rebate prior to the writ for the 2019 federal election,

AND WHEREAS Some EDAs received their portion of the rebate but others did not,

AND WHEREAS Many EDAs have still not received the portion of the 2015 election rebate.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The Federal NDP immediately pay monies owed to EDAs for their portion of the 2015 election rebate.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

FOR DEMOCRACY AND FOR LEADERSHIP ACCOUNTABILITY

Spadina-Fort York

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the NDP hosts a legacy of federal and provincial NDP leaders who violated NDP policies and principles adopted at conventions; and

WHEREAS it is common for NDP MPs to expect support from the party via time and funds donated by working people – yet without accountability to the party membership;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT adopted policies and priorities are binding on party elected officials and staff for implementation; that NDP leaders be subject to recall and replacement for violation of party principles and for failure to implement policies and priorities adopted by convention or federal council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, where active EDAs exist, candidates will be nominated and vetted by the EDA alone: without interference or veto from the top. EDAs will be guided to search for candidates from oppressed and exploited groups including labour, and federal office may assist and advise in candidate searches and vetting.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

CONVENTION MINUTES AND REPORTING

Prince Albert

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS members draft, debate, approve, and submit resolutions to Federal Conventions;

WHEREAS there is currently no formal process for reporting the fate of the resolutions submitted;

WHEREAS minutes do not seem to have been taken at recent Federal Conventions;

WHEREAS Convention proceedings are fully covered by the national media;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

- Minutes be taken at Federal Conventions, and
- Federal Council shall be authorized to amend, correct, approve and adopt such minutes, and shall do so within three months after the end of a Federal Convention, and
- Convention minutes, along with the reports of any committees or panels appointed by Federal Council to recommend priorities for consideration and debate of submitted resolutions, shall be posted on the NDP website, immediately after the approval of Convention minutes by Federal Council.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

LEADERSHIP ELECTION MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Kildonan St. Paul EDA

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, The Federal Party uses a one-member-one-vote system to select our Leader to ensure that the Leader chosen is reflective of the views of our membership;

WHEREAS, The Party's roots are in the farmer, labour, co-operative, feminist, human rights and environmental movements and, consequently, a core value of the Party is solidarity;

WHEREAS, Solidarity is built through long-term relationships with our sisters, brothers and fellow activists and cannot be conditional upon the outcome of a given leadership contest;

WHEREAS, A significant number of those recruited by leadership campaigns to apply for membership in the Party are uninterested in making an ongoing commitment to the Party beyond the duration of the campaign;

WHEREAS, To have been eligible to vote in the 2017 federal leadership election, one was required to have been a member at least 45 days before the conclusion of the first ballot; and

WHEREAS, A greater commitment to the Party is required in order to ensure that the outcome is reflective of a long-term, engaged membership who embrace the core aforementioned values;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Be it resolved, That Federal Council be directed to conduct a review of the federal party's leadership selection procedures in consultation with provincial sections with a view to increasing the length of time for which one is required to be a member in order to be eligible to vote in a leadership election.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

DEMOCRATIZATION OF DECISIONS

Saskatoon-University

WHEREAS:

A vibrant political organization engages its members, values their input and empowers them to make decisions. There are modern communication tools available to create membership engagement through secure web - based discussion forums, voting options and use of e-democracy tools.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NDP will develop a secure web based platform for the purpose of democratizing its decision making processes and engaging its: general membership, EDA's, federal councillors, federal executive, wings, committees, caucus and central party staff.

AUTONOMY OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

Laurier-Sainte-Marie

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS there is a precedent for candidates dropping out to better support a candidate from another party with similar principles; WHEREAS there is talk of potential strategic alliances within some districts to elect representatives who will fight for proportional representation in our electoral process;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP add the following to Article IX of the Constitution: Electoral District Associations shall have the autonomy not to nominate a candidate if a resolution is passed internally by the members of these associations.

PROVIDING A RECORD OF POLICY ADOPTED BY CONVENTION

York South - Weston

WHEREAS:

Article 5.5 of the Constitution states "Conventions are the supreme governing body of the party and have final authority in all matters of federal policy, program and Constitution"; and Convention makes policy by considering, amending and adopting resolutions submitted by the bodies authorized under Constitution Article V.7(b)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

An accurate, comprehensive and transparent record of resolutions adopted by Convention is essential to the party's integrity as an effectively functioning and responsible democratic political institution; and

For every Convention Federal Council shall ensure that measures are in place to deliver an accurate and comprehensive copy of the record of all resolutions adopted by Convention to all Convention Delegates and to all of the bodies specified under Article V.7(b); and

Federal Council confirms that delivery has gone out in a reasonable time and no later than 120 days following the last day of Convention

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

STRENGTHENING INTERNAL DEMOCRACY THROUGH ENHANCED TRANSPARENCY

Ottawa West-Nepean

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Party seeks to enable grassroots organizing and mobilizing;

WHEREAS the Party seeks to encourage participation in the political sphere by members of equity-seeking groups;

WHEREAS knowledge is power and transparency is a pillar of healthy democracy;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Party make publicly available on its website contact information for electoral district associations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THE Party make publicly available on its website descriptions and contact information of all active Committees and Commissions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THE Party make publicly available on its website the rules and procedures for nominating candidates.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

RECOGNITION OF GENDER MINORITIES IN PARITY REQUIREMENTS

Edmonton -- Wetaskiwin Electoral District Association

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS Individuals are not necessarily men nor women

WHEREAS New Democrats are committed to representation of under recognized minorities in the political life of Canada

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

In all aspects of party rules, party constitutional clauses, and other texts of the party; when a mandate to have women make up one half of the number of positions to fill or officers to name, such mandates are substituted with that no more than half of an even number and a majority of an odd number of such positions or officers shall be of the exact same gender.

And that the Secretary is directed to substitute such texts and clauses as is appropriate and to refine grammar as is appropriate to implement the intent and function of this resolution.



CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

LIMITS OF CORPORATE CONSULTATION AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE IMPERIALIST SYSTEM AMONG NDP STAFF

Laurier-Sainte-Marie

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS members expect that Party staff will genuinely fight for the interests of the working class;

WHEREAS some staff members have worked for organizations funded by the National Endowment for Democracy, which has worked to overthrow democratic governments;

WHEREAS class composition and professional staff networks have a decisive impact on campaigns;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP Federal Council be required to establish

- a) restrictions on hiring people who have worked for corporate interests incompatible with the principles of a democratic society in a public relations or political advocacy capacity,
- b) guidelines on the appropriateness of NDP staff or public officials doing consultation work for groups associated with undemocratic coups.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

OPENING A WINDOW ON CONVENTION FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS

York South - Weston

WHEREAS:

There have been huge leaps in the use of use of electronic communications with virtual attendance at events becoming increasingly convenient, economical and therefore commonplace; and

There are significant benefits for the growth and development of the party in accommodating all non-delegate members wishing to observe Convention

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Federal Council and the National Director shall adopt the practice of opening virtual attendance at all Conventions to all non-delegate members as observers; and

Federal Council and the National Director shall ensure that the communications platforms and the pricing policy are chosen for Convention to accommodate observers at a minimal fee.

PAID INTERNSHIP

Canada's Young New Democrats

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, youth represent a critical demographic for the NDP and for the development of a fairer society.

WHEREAS, youth, particularly those from marginalized backgrounds, are often cut out from careers in progressive politics due to the unfair advantage given to those who can afford to take on unpaid internships.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in consultation with Canada's Young New Democrats and the Canadian Office and Professional Employees Local 225, the NDP develop a paid summer internship program for youth in the NDP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the party issue a report on their progress to council in order to have an internship program by Summer 2022.

AUTISM POLICY

Glengarry-Prescott-Russell

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, the 2019 platform mentions creating an "Autism action plan" with consultation from self-advocates but has failed to commit to this.

WHEREAS, Autism Speaks spread pseudo-scientific claims that go against party values.

WHEREAS, any Autism action plan must consider the unique bigotries faced by BIPOC, LGBTQI2S+, and female-presenting Autistic people.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the party commit to reaching out to self-advocacy organizations to form a coherent action plan to properly support Canadians on the spectrum, as opposed to a vague promise that can get left on the shelf should the party win government. And the party must commit to reject collaboration with Autism Speaks and similar organizations who speak over Autistic people. And finally, considerations must be made to ensure that public facilities be more accessible to neurodiverse people, to make sure they limit overstimulation, or at least provide spaces for overstimulated people to destress.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & INTERNAL PARTY AFFAIRS

RENUMERATION FOR EDA POSITIONS

*Glengarry-Prescott-Russell*

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**WHEREAS:**

**WHEREAS** the NDP are the only unionized party in North America, has allied with many unions, and is a champion of worker rights,

**WHEREAS** Elections are won on the backs of countless volunteers and untold hours of time given to the NDP, where electoral district executives work to promote the party, membership, and candidate searching,

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the NDP make the executive positions of EDAs a paid position be it full or part time, and/or explore payment such as salary, honorarium, or other such options.

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