

## YLC 2017-18 Policy Process



## Processus des Politiques du JLC de 2017-18

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## 1 - Access to accurate news media for Canadians

WHEREAS false information, “fake news”, actively undermines democracy in Canada and abroad

WHEREAS the decline in newspaper readership has created an electorate that is not properly on issues that pertain to their current lives

WHEREAS the Government of Canada creates a National Media Fund for newspapers, & media organizations that are non-partisan and unbiased

WHEREAS the Government of Canada moves to subsidize the Globe and Mail and Postmedia Network Inc.

WHEREAS the Government of Canada increases the budget of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to better serve all Canadians

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to institute a National Media Fund for media organizations that are unbiased & non-partisan, as well as increasing the budget of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and lastly move to subsidize the major newspaper companies in Canada, The Globe and Mail, & Postmedia Network Inc., so that Canadians can receive accurate information on the daily activity of the federal and provincial governments as well as the parties that are running for office at both the federal and provincial jurisdiction, in manner that is devoid of bias and partisanship.

Resolution Sponsor: Riley Rintoul

## 2 - Arrêter les subventions aux compagnies pétrolières

ATTENDU QUE les compagnies pétrolières n'ont pas besoin de ses subventions pour faire du profit.

ATTENDU QUE le montant de 1,4 milliard pourrait être transféré pour le développement du transport en commun et/ou celui des énergies vertes au Canada.

ATTENDU QUE cette politique permettrait de réduire les gaz à effet de serre.

IL EST RÉSOLU QUE le gouvernement canadien prenne la décision de retirer les subventions aux compagnies pétrolières et transfert le montant de 1,4 milliard pour le développement du transport en commun et/ou le développement des énergies vertes.

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### 3 - Banning Strychnine, Sodium Cyanide, and Compound 1080

WHEREAS the Liberal Party of Canada's 2015 platform included intentions to protect Canada's environment and wildlife;

WHEREAS the use of strychnine, sodium cyanide, and Compound 1080 to kill predators results in deaths beyond the intended victims, and causes immense pain and suffering in all species that ingest the poison;

WHEREAS multiple forms of strychnine use have been banned in the USA;

WHEREAS strychnine has been entirely banned by the European Union, and Compound 1080 has been banned in Cuba, Brazil, Belize, Thailand, China, and multiple USA states;

WHEREAS there are multiple humane alternatives to strychnine, sodium cyanide, and Compound 1080;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Health takes steps to ban the use of strychnine, sodium cyanide, and Compound 1080 in Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Canada evaluates the necessity and effectiveness of the controlled killing of predators.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that non-lethal alternatives for predation management are evaluated and considered by the Government of Canada.

Resolution Sponsor: Chelsea Tolppanen

#### 4 - Canada becomes a signatory to the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Whereas Canadians recognize the constant danger posed by the proliferation of nuclear weapons;

Whereas the Canadian government remains firmly committed to concrete steps towards global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation;

Whereas Canada has a proud tradition of international leadership; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian government becomes a signatory to the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Resolution Sponsor: Gabriel Felcarek

## 5 - Changing Canada's organ donation policy

WHEREAS according to a Stanford University study, Austria, by simply having their default option on government forms be donate, making people “opt out” instead of “opt in,” has led to an organ and tissue donor rate is among the highest in the world at 90%, a number that more accurately mirrors Canadians opinion on the issue.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian government passes legislation to change Canada's current organ donor policy from having citizens proactively “opt in,” with the pre-set being to not donate, to having Canadians automatically donate their organs and tissues, unless they proactively “opt out

Resolution Sponsor: William Lloyd



## 6 - Decriminalization of Consensual Sex Work and Sex Trade

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada should consult not just with those involved in the sex work, but with surrounding communities to ensure that these changes ensure the safety and wellbeing of these surrounding communities and their families.

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

Resolution Sponsor: University of Toronto Liberals

## 7 - Disclosure of data used during political campaigns

WHEREAS a policy gap currently exists between the regulation of election communications distributed in print and broadcast, and the regulation of election communications distributed by digital medium;

WHEREAS transparency is crucial to the conduct of just democracy; and

WHEREAS online data is increasingly collected, aggregated, and scrutinized in service of political campaigns; and

WHEREAS this data can then be used to shape public opinion on issues; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that all firms that employ data analytics in the procurement of elections management or communications services to official political campaigns be required to readily disclose all sources and end uses of data collected, analyzed, or otherwise employed in service of official political campaigns.

Resolution Sponsor: Nathan Postma and Joseph Ramlochand

## 8 - Driving Canada Forward: 2035

WHEREAS the government of Canada has made international commitments to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 30% below 2005 levels by 2030;

WHEREAS passenger vehicles and light trucks combined produce almost half (48%) of Canada's transportation sector greenhouse gas emissions, and the transportation sector contributes almost a quarter (24%) of Canada's total greenhouse gas emissions; 2

WHEREAS fully and hybrid-electric cars and light trucks are an effective tool for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, producing on average 5% and 28%, respectively of the emissions of their traditionally-powered counterparts; 3 and

WHEREAS the French Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have introduced policies to ban the production or importation of fossil fuel driven vehicles by 2040; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Liberal Party of Canada persuade the Government of Canada to introduce legislation to end the sale of new cars and light trucks that depend on exclusively non-renewable energy sources by 2035;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to renew their commitment to long distance rapid transportation options to counterbalance the diminished reliance on single-user fossil fuel powered vehicles.

Resolution Sponsor: University of British Columbia Young Liberals of Canada

## 9 - End Childhood Hunger

WHEREAS hunger is a prevailing problem associated with poverty, According to food banks Canada, approximately 850,000 people rely on food banks in Canada with more than one-third being children and youth each month.

WHEREAS children are the most vulnerable and suffer a great deal when living in poverty. Literacy rates and the overall physical and mental health greatly decreases in children growing up in inadequate conditions where their basic needs are not being met.

WHEREAS Canada is a modern nation with the means and ability to ensure that children and youth are taken care of.

WHEREAS indigenous children are a higher risk group for poverty and inadequate resources. Every Child deserves to thrive and live free from the effects of poverty.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada immediately create initiatives to end childhood poverty and ensure their success and wellbeing.

- Before and after school programs: Nation Wide initiatives to have government funded after school programs in cities and in small indigenous communities
- Diversity and sensitivity training given to social workers and teachers
- Before and after school programs
- Increase in social services
- Canadian tax dollars reallocated to stop children from going hungry

Resolution Sponsor: Desiree Sam, Wilfred Laurier University Young Liberals)

## 10 - End Rejection of Immigrants on the basis of Excessive Demand on Health and Social Services

WHEREAS Canada rejects immigrants whose health/social service expenses are higher than Canada's average per capita health/social service expenses

WHEREAS 2000 cases are rejected for medical inadmissibility, and most medical inadmissibility cases involve excessive demand

WHEREAS 622,300 Canadian Adults have learning disabilities

WHEREAS this rule primarily affects Children and Youth with special needs

BE IT RESOLVED that A Liberal Government should remove Excessive Demand on Health and Social Services as grounds for rejection of immigrants

Resolution Sponsor: Cameron Miranda-Radbord

## 11 - End taxation on feminine hygiene products

WHEREAS Feminine hygiene products are essential for women's wellbeing and a monetary burden should not infringe on their self-autonomy or hinder their ability to buy vital products.

WHEREAS Women should not face gender-based discrimination from a government.

WHEREAS revenue for the government has increased despite suppliers being eligible for NAFTA's tariff-free status because companies from the US choose not to apply for tariff-free status.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian government should pass legislation to remove tariff code taxes off of essential feminine hygiene products.

Resolution Sponsor: Young Liberals of Mississauga East-Cooksville

## 12 - Ending the Sale of military weapons, vehicles, and equipment to regimes that violate Human Rights

WHEREAS Canada has shown a commitment to preserving and promoting peace, human rights and democracy at home and abroad;

WHEREAS According to Global Affairs Canada, three of the top ten purchasers of Canadian arms or armoured vehicles are China, Algeria, and Saudi Arabia, countries with poor human rights records, who are known to persecute the LGBTQ community, among other ethnic, religious, and sexual minorities;

WHEREAS transactions between Canada and undemocratic and repressive regimes runs contrary to the Liberal Party's commitment to the advancement of LGBT rights, feminism, and the promotion of human rights abroad;

WHEREAS the sale of these weapons, equipment, and vehicles to repressive regimes tarnishes Canada's image and runs contrary to Canadian foreign policy and values;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the government to restrict the sale of all Canadian manufactured military weapons, vehicles, and equipment to repressive regimes.

Resolution Sponsor: Zarif Ahmed

### 13 - Ensuring Equity in Mental Wellness Services

WHEREAS 1 in 2 Canadians will experience mental illness by the time they reach the age of 40 according to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH);

WHEREAS according to the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), only 1 in 5 Canadian youth actually receive the mental health services that they require;

WHEREAS current resources on university and college campuses, in Indigenous communities and in rural communities across Canada are insufficient in addressing our pressing mental health concerns;

WHEREAS, while health care is a provincial responsibility, it is partially funded by the federal government through the Canada Health Transfer program;

BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of the Liberal Party of Canada encourages the Government of Canada to implement a National Mental Health Strategy to provide equal access to mental health services for all Canadians, particularly those most affected by mental illness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the Liberal Party of Canada encourages the Government of Canada to increase funding for mental health services, in consultation with provincial and territorial governments and industry stakeholders in the mental health and education fields, including but not limited to medical professionals, military personnel, veterans, teachers, parents, students and ordinary Canadians.

Resolution Sponsor: Acadia Young Liberals



## 14 - Ensuring universal access to dental care

WHEREAS insufficient access to dental care has wide-reaching consequences, including disproportionate harms to the working poor, Indigenous Canadians, seniors, and children, and 50% of Canadians in the lowest income bracket do not have dental insurance (and 30% overall) and reimbursements from insurance are often insufficient, forcing many to choose between basic dental care and essential needs, and

WHEREAS access to quality dental care, though frequently overlooked, is as important to the long-term health outcomes as is access to a family doctor, and six million Canadians put off seeing a dentist in 2013 because they simply could not afford access, and

WHEREAS the primary objective of Canada's commitment to providing universal health care is "to protect, promote and restore the physical and mental well-being of residents of Canada and to facilitate reasonable access to health services without financial or other barriers," and dental care, as part of oral systemic health, should not be distinct from other forms of health care coverage, and

WHEREAS inadequate dental coverage manifests itself as a cost to mental and physical well-being, quality of life, productivity (as Canada loses over four million working days and two million schooldays related to problems related to oral health per year), and socioeconomic equality.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada undertake measures to make dental care a universal right, starting by ensuring that Canadians below the poverty line have sufficient access to preventative, endodontic, restorative, and orthodontic dental services.

Resolution Sponsor: Young Liberals of Canada (British Columbia)

## 15 - Expanding on Structured Living Environments

WHEREAS the Liberal Party of Canada's health accord seeks to make high quality mental health services more readily available to Canadians;

WHEREAS Correctional Services Canada's Structured Living Environment was created to address the needs of female prisoners with cognitive limitations or mental health concerns, employing staff with specialized mental health training;

WHEREAS approximately 30% of Canadian male prisoners have a confirmed mental diagnosis, such as mood disorders, personality disorders, and/or psychotic disorders, often leading to self-harm or suicide;

WHEREAS the needs of prisoners with cognitive limitations or mental health concerns varies greatly, and meeting these needs requires programs and staff with training specific to the individual disorder.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada's Correctional Services Canada expands on the Structured Living Environments, aiming to provide such facilities for minimum and medium security male prisoners who have a mental disorder that require intensive intervention and specific rehabilitative measures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Correctional Services Canada adopts an assessment process similar to what is utilized for female prisoners, ensuring that higher need and higher risk male prisoners are placed in Structured Living Environments upon necessity.

Resolution Sponsor: Danielle Overdeest

## 16 - Federal Housing Incentives

WHEREAS The average Canadian spends 45.9% of their pre-tax income on housing, with those in Vancouver or the GTA spending over 70% of their income on housing;

WHEREAS the housing affordability crisis demands actions from all levels of government, requiring a mix of social and market housing;

WHEREAS Dense communities provide walkability, access to transit, jobs and services, lower infrastructure costs, and lower CO2 emissions;

WHEREAS the number of new jobs in cities has not been matched by sufficient housing construction for new residents;

WHEREAS Lack of housing supply results in higher rents, increasing hardship on the most vulnerable;

BE IT RESOLVED that the LPC provide monetary incentives to municipalities which:

- meet sufficient targets to rezone communities for additional housing;
- significantly cut the time required for relevant housing permitting to occur;
- meet set targets for building and completion of a mix of new social and market housing units;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LPC develop a working group which studies urban issues, including but not limited to: harmonization of bylaws and building codes; policies which ease the construction of additional housing; policies such as Austria's social housing program; research on housing speculation both foreign and domestic; development of tax policies ensuring property owners pay adequate income tax; and ensuring quality public transit in all communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group provide recommendations to the LPC no later than January 2019.

Resolution Sponsor: James Rourke, Langley - Aldergrove Young Liberals

## 17 - Federal Sustainable Development Act

WHEREAS Canada is committed to invest in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and its indicators (SDGs), in accordance with A/RES/70/1 1 of the United Nations General Assembly;

WHEREAS Canada is required to create a Federal Sustainable Development Strategy every 3 years, pursuant to the Federal Sustainable Development Act S.C 2008, c.33;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada shall hold the Government of Canada accountable to honour its commitment for the achievement of the SDGs by aligning the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy's federal sustainable development goals and targets with the SDGs of A/RES/70/1 where applicable;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada shall hold the Government of Canada responsible for each department or agency to prepare a sustainable development strategy containing plans and targets, pursuant to section 11(1) of the Federal Sustainable Development Act;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada shall hold the Government of Canada responsible to revise the appointments to the Sustainable Development Advisory Council to reflect a more inclusive council reflective of the SDGs (economic, social, environmental), pursuant to section 8(1) of the Federal Sustainable Development Act;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada shall ensure the Government of Canada champions 192 EX/Decision 6 3 of the UNESCO General Assembly in the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy, pursuant to section 9(1) of the Federal Sustainable Development Act.

Resolution Sponsor: Matthew Overdevest

## 18 - Food Waste: A Solution for Hunger in Canada

WHEREAS \$31 billion worth of food ends up in landfills and/or composters each year in Canada; and

WHEREAS an average of 850,000 Canadians use food banks each month; and

WHEREAS the largest producers of food waste in Canada are supermarkets and grocery stores; and

WHEREAS France has made it illegal for supermarket to waste food, and Italy is offering tax breaks when businesses donate leftovers;

BE IT RESOLVED that foodbanks and homeless centres be given first right of refusal of any food deemed by the supermarket as “waste”;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada will lobby the government to form committees study the subject of food waste in Canada and develop policies to combat large scale food waste by corporations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal party of Canada will advocate and promote the responsible disposal and donation of large scale food productions deemed as “waste” by the food retail industry.

Resolution Sponsor: McMaster University Young Liberals

## 19 - Government funding for clean technology

Whereas Canada agreed to reduce fossil fuel emissions by 30% by the year 2030 from 2005 levels; and

Whereas Canada has previously pledged to fulfilling the G-20 commitment to phase out fossil fuel subsidies; and

Whereas Canada has been providing approximately \$3.3 billion annually in fossil fuel subsidies for oil and gas producers; and

Whereas the Canadian Government committed to contributing only \$1.4 billion in new financing for clean technology firms in the 2017 Budget;

Be it resolved that the Canadian Government passes legislation that requires money be given to the clean technology industry at a 2:1 ratio to money given in subsidies to oil and gas producers on an annual basis.

Resolution Sponsor: Kylie Phillips

## 20 - House of Commons review committee for advocacy for sex workers

WHEREAS criminalization often results in strained relationships with law enforcement, which makes sex workers less likely to report abuse or exploitation;

WHEREAS criminalization renders sex workers unable to seek the services of third parties, which may offer protection through security, reception services, and access to 'Bad Date' lists that alert sex workers to potential threats;

WHEREAS the prohibition of public communication regarding sexual services often pushes sex workers (especially the most marginalized) to unsafe working conditions, limits the ability to screen clients, and to negotiate terms of transaction;

WHEREAS continuing criminalization will perpetuate increased stigma and discrimination, increased incarceration, and hampered access to health care;

WHEREAS Section 45.1 (1) of Bill C-36 already indicates a mandatory comprehensive review of the provision and operations of the Act within five years of this section coming into force by such committee of the House of Commons as may be designated or established by the House for that purpose;

BE IT RESOLVED that the review begin, and a review committee be established consisting of all relevant stakeholders, including sex workers and organizations that provide support and advocacy for sex workers. It is the recommendation of the Memorial University Young Liberals that the government study effective reform, including decriminalization models such as that of New Zealand.

Resolution Sponsor: Memorial University Young Liberals

## 21 - Improving animal welfare

WHEREAS public opinion polling consistently shows Canadians care deeply about animal welfare;

WHEREAS the links between cruelty to animals and violence towards people are well documented;

WHEREAS basic standards of animal welfare are increasingly a requirement for access to international markets;

WHEREAS Canada's federal animal protection laws have not been meaningfully updated in more than a century, do not reflect Canadian values, and do not present an effective deterrent to animal abuse; Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Young Liberals of Canada urge the Canadian government to prioritize animal welfare reforms and take urgent action to modernize our federal animal protection laws.

Resolution Sponsor: Julie MacInnes



## 22 - Increasing Mental Health Support for Drug Users

WHEREAS criminal sentences for drug possession unnecessarily fill prisons with non-violent offenders, representing a significant and avoidable expense to the treasury,

WHEREAS countries like Uruguay and Portugal have been successful in decriminalizing drug possession and as a result have seen illicit substance use fall,

WHEREAS it should be the right of all Canadian adults to live their lives as they see fit so long as they do no harm to others or to the state,

WHEREAS drug enforcement policy has in the past tended to disproportionately affect racialized communities for the purpose of subduing, marginalizing and controlling racial and ethnic minorities,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government to decriminalize the possession of all any illicit substance identified in the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, so long as it can be determined by a justice of the peace that the amount possessed in question was for personal use.

Resolution Sponsor: Carleton Young Liberals

## 23 - Increasing the number of Women in Parliament

WHEREAS in the 42<sup>nd</sup> general election women held only 88 seats of the 338 seats in the House of the Commons; and

WHEREAS a political party choosing to ask, encourage, and support women candidates to run for election is a crucial part of increasing women representation in the House of Commons; and

WHEREAS the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, has emphasized the importance of gender parity in decision-making; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada aim to increase their count of woman candidates for the 2019 election by 100 candidates, from the 88 woman representatives that the party currently has.

Resolution Sponsor: Nimra Noman

## 24 - Indigenization & the KAIROS Blanket Exercise

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action implore the federal government to learn and appreciate indigenous cultures and their modern and historical struggles;

WHEREAS the start of reconciliation is hearing the struggles of the indigenous from the voices of the indigenous;

WHEREAS the KAIROS Blanket Exercise, an exercise made in response to the 1996 Report on the Royal Commission of Aboriginal Peoples, is an interactive history lesson on the plight of the indigenous in Canada led by trained indigenous elders;

WHEREAS the Liberal Party of Canada and the government of Canada each hold the onus to understand the historical cultural genocide that has led to the modern day relationship;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada's executives, including those of its branch commissions, undertake the KAIROS Blanket Exercise at least once;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that elected members of the Liberal Party undertake the exercise;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government work towards mandating public servants related to Aboriginal Affairs undertake the exercise.

Resolution Sponsor: Noah Fry, VP Policy of Young Liberals of Mount Allison

## 25 - Mental Health Services for Members and Veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces

WHEREAS the training process for all members of the Canadian Armed Forces is mentally, physically, and emotionally traumatic;

WHEREAS rates of homelessness, addiction, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, depression, and suicide are extremely prevalent in the population of current members of the Canadian Armed Forces and our Veterans;

WHEREAS individuals who are currently and have in the past served for the Canadian Armed Forces in any capacity have offered their lives to the protection of Canadian and International interests and security;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada enact legislation to provide full and complete funding of mental health and addictions services for all current and former members of the Canadian Armed Forces without restriction of where these services are provided and by whom (given valid certification of the health care professional providing services).

Resolution Sponsor: Sponsor: Sarah Emily Toole

## 26 - Monarchy Referendum for Canada

Whereas it is conventional for constitutional changes as significant as abolishing or restructuring Canada's monarchy to be decided first by popular referenda; and,

Whereas there remains significant doubts over a presidential alternative to our constitutional monarchy; and,

Whereas support for the monarchy is unevenly distributed across Canada; therefore, Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada calls upon the federal government to hold a referendum on the future of the monarchy in Canada.

BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government ought to prepare options for amending and abolishing Canada's constitutional monarchy through careful consultation and consideration, especially concerning:

- (1) Alternatives to a presidential republic (e.g., retaining the position of Governor General as Head of State); and,
- (2) Decentralization as an alternative to full abolition; which, while removing the sovereign as Head of State, would devolve powers to amend and abolish the position of Lieutenant Governor to the provinces.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a range of options ought to be considered to ensure the referendum follows an open process (e.g., mail-in voting, ranked ballot).

Resolution Sponsor: Richard Forbes

## 27 - National Childcare Policy

WHEREAS it is becoming increasingly difficult for a young family in Canada raise children. The cost of child care is creating an increasing amount of stay at home parents, who could otherwise be in the workforce.

WHEREAS the increasing amount of stay at home parents will become unfeasible in the future. Therefore, new policy initiatives should be developed to encourage active participation in the workforce by parents who usually would stay at home.

WHEREAS in 2016 the federal government committed \$3.4 billion over five years for social infrastructure, including affordable housing, early learning and child care, cultural and recreational infrastructure, and community health care facilities on reserves.

WHEREAS in Quebec, the \$7 daily childcare allows about 70,000 women with young children to enter the workforce. This added \$5.2 billion into the Quebec economy, increasing the province's Gross Domestic Product by 1.7 per cent.

WHEREAS the Liberal platform in the 2015 general election states that, "Child care needs vary from family to family" and that "Canadian parents deserve a parental benefits plan that is flexible and able to adjust to their unique family and work circumstances."

BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government establish a \$20 a day child care plan that would benefit those families that need it most and allow many more women to enter the workforce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this child care plan will not be targeted towards families which can already afford child care. It will be targeted towards growing families in the middle and lower classes.

Resolution Sponsor: Lucas Borchenko

## 28 - National Guaranteed Income

WHEREAS the rising cost of production in Canadian manufacturing demands further automation in all industries.

WHEREAS job automation by advances in Science and Technology has led to the obsolescence of many Canadian jobs.

WHEREAS increased outsourcing due to globalization and the pursuit of broad and expansive trade agreements between Canada and other Nations has decreased Canadian job opportunities.

WHEREAS the rising cost of living in Canadian cities continues to grow at a faster rate than Canadians are able to find secure and stable work, and thus more Canadians are working in precarious conditions.

WHEREAS an increase in income will strengthen the purchasing power of domestic consumers and ultimately grow national output by influencing producers to produce more goods and services to meet the increased consumer demand.

WHEREAS income inequality has increased in Canada over the past 20 years, a universal income will narrow the income gap between the richest and poorest Canadians.

WHEREAS now more than ever, as an individual's or household's income is so significant in terms of access to opportunities and navigating through society and everyday life, a basic income can guarantee the right to life, liberty, and security of the person – fundamental freedoms guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada should undertake a study by the Finance Committee for a National Guaranteed Income strategy to create a minimum threshold of income for all Canadians that can be used in their pursuit to increase their social mobility.

Resolution Sponsor: Beaches-East York Young Liberals

## 29 - National On-Campus Sexual Assault Strategy

WHEREAS in 2016 Canadian universities reported that less than 10% of sexual assault complaints were followed by a formal investigation; and

WHEREAS there is not a national standard on sexual assault policy on post-secondary campuses in Canada, causing many victims of sexual violence at post-secondary institutions to internalize their trauma or leave the institution; and

WHEREAS only three provinces have mandated sexual violence on campus policies, leaving young Canadians in other provinces vulnerable; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian government create a National On-Campus Sexual Assault Strategy to reduce the percentage of acts of sexual violence on post-secondary campuses, to create a mandatory formal procedure for post-secondary administrations to follow after the initial report of sexual violence, and to work towards ensuring a safe climate for Canadians to earn their education in.

Resolution Sponsor: Erin Brown



### 30 - Non-Binary Option on Canadian National Census

WHEREAS in 2016 The Liberal Party of Canada introduced Bill C-16 to prevent discrimination based on gender identity and gender expression, listing gender identity as a prohibited ground for discrimination under the Canadian Human Rights Act;

WHEREAS the Liberal Party of Canada restored the long form census to collect accurate and reliable data on the characteristics of the Canadian population, allowing for communities to satisfy the needs of their population;

WHEREAS Canada is home to non-binary individuals who are currently unrepresented in the Canadian long and short form census, as a result of their only option being to leave the sex category blank or to answer it incorrectly;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada provides, and continues to provide, a non-binary sex option on the long and short form census, beginning with the 2021 census.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the non-binary option will be treated in the same regard and with the same consideration as the male and female sex options

Resolution Sponsor: University of Calgary Liberals

### 31 - One Country: Affordable Post-Secondary Education for Rural Students

WHEREAS urban students have the choice to attend a post-secondary institution in their home city to save housing and travel costs and rural students do not have that choice;

WHEREAS urban students have the advantage of continuing their part-time employment in summers and throughout the academic year, and rural students do not;

WHEREAS rural students have a 67% attendance rate in post-secondary institutions, while urban students have a 77% attendance rate;

WHEREAS the average urban family annual income is approximately \$10,000 higher than rural family annual;

WHEREAS parental education helps to determine whether a student will participate in post-secondary institutions, and urban families are more educated on average than rural families;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Government of Canada commit to a One Country approach to education which addresses the gap between urban and rural students, by implementing a rural living student allowance - or Rural Student Subsidy -- for a) undergraduate students living more than one hour away from the nearest accredited University or for b) community college students living more than one hour away from an appropriate accredited institution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Government of Canada create an equal playing field for rural students by implementing incremental reductions in repayment of student loans for rural students for each year of completed post-secondary education: thus creating an incentive to complete post-secondary education, notwithstanding the often-higher debt load of rural students.

Resolution Sponsor: Bruce-Grey- Owen Sound Young Liberals

## 32 - Promoting Youth Summer Travel and National Tourism

WHEREAS The average Canadian millennial is far more likely to travel abroad for a vacation than to travel within Canada;

WHEREAS Canada faced a \$17 billion travel deficit in 2015, where people spent more money abroad traveling than within Canada;

WHEREAS One of the primary barriers for traveling within Canada is its extremely high costs;

WHEREAS VIA Rail received overwhelming interest in their Canada 150 youth tickets, pricing an unlimited train ticket at \$150;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal Liberal Government provide financial support to VIA Rail to continue their successful Canada 150 pricing model:

- to encourage national tourism and make it affordable for youths to explore their own country
- encourage tourism to smaller communities like Churchill, Prince Rupert etc. to promote cultural dialogue within Canada.

Resolution Sponsor: Andrew Liang

### 33 - Safeguarding Net Neutrality for Canadians

WHEREAS 'net neutrality' is the principle that internet service providers ought to treat all data on the internet the same, without discrimination based on sender, receiver, content, website, platform, application, attachment, or method of communication;

WHEREAS the internet is and will continue to be an integral component of everyday life, and a fundamental facilitator of learning, innovation, and economic growth;

WHEREAS principles of net neutrality are necessary to guarantee Canadians equitable access to information, choice, innovation, services, and free exchange of ideas;

WHEREAS equal access to information, choice, innovation, and free exchange of ideas are integral components of equality of opportunity and therefore social mobility;

WHEREAS the Liberal Party of Canada constitution identifies the importance of social mobility by asserting that the Liberal Party of Canada is "committed to the pursuit of equality of opportunity for all persons";

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to codify principles of net neutrality through legislation that mandates internet providers treat all internet traffic equally, and that protects internet traffic (content) from manipulation, interference, prioritization, favour, discrimination, or preference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to ensure that such legislation is designed to ensure a free and open internet, enabling equitable access, choice, and transparency in products and services offered by internet service providers.

Resolution Sponsor: Tyler J. Freeman

### 34 - Saving Small Business Electricity Expenses with The Capital Cost Allowance Tax Credit

WHEREAS having the private sector produce electricity would reduce energy sector CO2 production and reliance on fossil fuels;

WHEREAS having the private sector produce electricity would reduce public energy sector expenditures;

WHEREAS with the increasing use of electric vehicles, the demand for electricity will be increasing;

WHEREAS an increased demand for solar panels will decrease the cost per unit and likely decrease costs per kWh;

WHEREAS solar panel technology is becoming increasingly efficient and an increasingly viable option for small businesses to lower electricity costs and transition to renewable energy sources; and

WHEREAS the majority of capital costs incurred by businesses in Canada currently have capital cost allowances associated with them; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada, in accordance with existing Canada Revenue Agency policies on capital cost allowances, to include solar panels as a depreciable property

Resolution Sponsor: Simon Fraser University Young Liberals

### 35 - Support to Victims of Sexual Assault

WHEREAS Sexual assaults in Canada go largely unreported, and having insufficient access to adequate tools to collect and review evidence of rape contributes to the problem. The RCMP distributed, nationally standardized rape kits are not up to date with current forensic technology, and cause unnecessary pain and embarrassment to victims.

WHEREAS the Liberal Party of Canada promises to give more support to victims of sexual assault, and ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice;

WHEREAS sexual assault remains one of the most unreported crimes, yet 636 000 Canadians over 15 years old self-reported sexual assault in 2014;

WHEREAS rape kits allow for forensic examinations of sexual assault victims, to collect important DNA evidence, which aids in bringing perpetrators to justice;

WHEREAS the RCMP's nationally standardized rape kits are not up to date with current forensic technology, and require unnecessary steps which cause further pain and embarrassment to victims;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada modernizes RCMP distributed rape kits, ensuring that they remain compatible with current forensic technology and do not require unnecessary steps to collect evidence;

Resolution Sponsor: Keizen Daquioag

## 36 - Tax Justice

WHEREAS Canada, along with the rest of the world economy, faces the problem of an international culture of fiscal and financial abuse, one that manifests itself through such practices as tax evasion, tax avoidance, offshoring and the incorporation of shell companies;

WHEREAS there is now an imperative need for Canada to dedicate itself to the principle of tax justice, both at home and abroad, while recognizing it as a key component in building a free, fair and prosperous middle class society;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Government prioritize the need for greater and more effective financial intelligence by expanding the mandate of the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC) to introduce a greater emphasis on combatting tax evasion, offshoring and related financial abuse, to authorize more active and sophisticated information-gathering measures such as interagency data sharing (with CSE, CSIS, RCMP)\*;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Government put forward legislation mandating the annual publication of an official estimate of the revenue lost to tax evasion and avoidance\*\*;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Government work with provincial and territorial governments to enable the creation of a national public beneficial ownership registry\*\*\*;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Government advance existing efforts at international cooperation aimed at closing down tax havens and eliminating offshoring practices, as well as to explore, propose and promote new agreements and initiatives directed at laying the groundwork for an international fiscal policing, regulatory and administrative infrastructure.

Resolution Sponsor: Michael Cuenco

### 37 - Use high albedo building materials in road maintenance, future building developments

WHEREAS 12% of Canada's overall GHG emissions is made up of temperature control due to intense seasonal temperature changes.

WHEREAS most building material has a low albedo that absorbs more light than it reflects, such as black roads, black house roofs and grey high-rise roofs.

WHEREAS dense urban areas already suffer from an urban heat island effect which results in urban areas having higher temperatures than surrounding rural/suburb regions.

WHEREAS the federal government already funds a carbon off-set scheme.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian government passes legislation to use high albedo building materials in road maintenance, future building developments, and incorporate these materials in future city planning. High albedo building materials include light coloured gravel for roads, light coloured sand for median strips and playgrounds, and whitewashed roofs. Using high albedo materials would significantly cool cities down. Scientists at Concordia University in Canada have cited that having a higher reflectivity in buildings can reduce electricity consumption for air conditioning by 10-15% and increase a city's albedo by 10%. Globally, this could provide a CO<sub>2</sub> offset of between 130-150 billion tonnes, the same as taking every car in the world off the road for 50 years. It is an innovative example of geo-engineering that would offset carbon emissions in a low-cost manner.

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