

PCWO Resolutions 1975 - 2007

With Summaries of Intent

1975

75.1 Alcohol: Advertising and Education

- < to take the initiative in abolishing all alcohol advertising which goes beyond naming the product and its producer
- < to carry out a wide-spread and realistic educational programme on prime time television, radio and other mass media
- < to show the price that all citizens are paying in money, tragedy and death, for the privilege of consuming ever-increasing amounts of alcohol;

75.2 Alcohol: Increase in Variety and Number of Outlets

- < to curb the increase in the variety and number of alcoholic beverage outlets;

75.3 Bureau of Child Development

- < to establish a bureaux of child development
- < to promote models for child development programs of high quality through assistance, innovative research and leadership;
- < to act as a public resource and information exchange centre on all matters pertaining to the child and the family
- < to provide leadership in the coordination of services and responsibility at other levels of authority
- < to cooperate with the coordination of provincial and federal services for the child and family
- < to advise the government on matters relevant to the child and the family
- < to regularly report on the Canada-wide position reached in relation to Canada's commitment to its children.

75.4 Accommodation for the Physically Disabled

- < to encourage the availability of innovative and dignified residential care and
- < to subsidize its use for those economically deprived
- < to make available, suitable housing and apartments (new and renovated) for the partially physically disabled to help them to maintain social and /or economic independence
- < to require municipalities to make available suitable housing for the physically disabled.

75.5 Economy: Teaching about the function of

- < to explore, as a matter of urgency, all ways and means of ensuring the students in Ontario schools have an adequate understanding of the functioning of the economy
- < that, in view of the subject selection system at present in force in Ontario schools, special emphasis be placed on its introduction (economy) at the primary, elementary and intermediate school levels by incorporating it into

the appropriate courses, already existing in the curriculum

75.6

Education for Operating a Marriage Partnership

- < to institute mandatory instruction in family property laws, marriage contracts, credit, mortgages, insurance, banking and investments
- < to commence in Grade 7 and 8 and to be continued in the secondary, and these incorporated into courses already in the curriculum.

75.7

Stereotyping

- < to take the necessary steps, through the Ministry of Education, in order that text books and other media provide students with educational aids, which do not stereotype or belittle anyone in regard to sex, creed, race, age or status, but encourage development of individual human potential

75.8

High-Rise Fire Safety

- < to incorporate the provisions of the National Building Code as the minimum basis for Ontario Building Codes.

75.9

Income Tax Collection

- < to advise the Province of Ontario of strong opposition to changing the income tax structure.

75.10

Integrated Family Court System

- < zoning for land with high potential for agricultural production to investigate the feasibility of establishing an integrated Family Court System.

75.11

Child Marriages

- < to revise Legislation regarding the permitted age for the solemnization of marriage, by the implementation of recommendations of ***Part II, Report on Family Law-Solemnization of Marriage.***

75.12

Marriage as an Economic Partnership

- < to proceed with careful deliberation toward legislation to make the principle of marriage, as an economic partnership, a fact
- < that the legislation as to matrimonial property regime under study by the Attorney-General's Department should apply to all marriages now in existence, but
- < couples may opt out of proposed matrimonial property regime and make their own contract, or revert to the present system, but must provide witnessed evidence of separate independent counselling and make sworn legal affidavit as to the plan chosen; that in the case of a marriage breakup
- < marital fault on the part of either spouse should not be a factor in determining the division of assets.

75.13

Economic Equity at Marriage Dissolution

- < to proceed with careful deliberation toward legislation to make the principle of marriage, as an economic partnership, a fact
- < that all assets, gained during marriage be shared equally during and at the termination of a marriage, with the exception of third party gifts, or bequests, as designated by the donor
- < that care and upkeep of the matrimonial home should be shared by both partners, each according to his or her means and ability, thus removing full responsibility for same from the husband

- < that each spouse should support the other, according to his or her reasonable means
- < that families with farms or businesses incorporate, so that in the event of a marriage breakdown, a spouse can draw an income without breaking up an enterprise
- < exceptions to be permitted on the advice of legal counsel to each spouse independently,

75.14 Reusable Containers

- < to institute measures to ensure that all beverage packagers start to standardize containers at the earliest possible time with the aim of having said containers returnable and reusable
- < to encourage all sectors of industry which use packaging to move towards standardized, returnable and reusable containers.

1976

76.1 Alimony and Maintenance

- < to enact Legislation that, at the dissolution of marriage, the Dum Casta clause be deleted and
- < that maintenance be based on need, having consideration of the ability of either spouse to be self- supporting and
- < of the continuing need of a parent in a home where there are children.

76.2 Bicycle Paths and the Enforcement of Safety Laws of the Road

- < to make provision for bicycle paths where feasible or properly marked lanes on the roads adjacent to the curbs;
- < that, in the case of an accident involving a juvenile bicycle rider, who has not obeyed safety rules (when this can be proved), the parents and/or guardians should be held responsible

76.3 Common Studies/Core Curriculum

- < to encourage the development of a cooperative, interprovincial program of common studies of
- < a core curriculum for students at the primary and secondary levels of education, throughout Canada

76.4 The Concerns of Women in Shaping the Urban Environment

- < to appoint a representative body
- < to have effective input to the Ministries TEIGA (Treasury, Economics, and Intergovernmental Affairs), Housing etc. and
- < to influence urban planning concepts, particularly residential planning and design, in municipalities across Ontario
- < to ensure that such a body has the potential for two way communication both in Government and down to neighbourhoods across Ontario;
- < to ensure that women are equally represented on such a body;
- < to recognize that such a body could be achieved under the umbrella of the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario, which has the required structure and province-wide affiliations.

76.5

Drinking Age

< to raise the legal age for purchase, and of drinking alcoholic beverages, to 21 years of age.

76.6

English Language Skills: improving education in

< that the curriculum direction at the Ministry level establish core subjects in the Intermediate Division, so that Language Arts form a part of that core, so that the concerns over diminishing time for English and the apparent absence of sufficient emphasis on skills development may be overcome

< that a mean standard be established to check for evidence of student competence

< that a greater use of unit testing and term testing be done at the classroom level to evaluate competence in the basis skills on a continuing basis

< that practical in-service workshops with parents be set up at the elementary school level, so teachers and principals can learn to talk more confidently, openly and candidly with parents and

< that, at the High School level, workshops be set up with parents, teachers and students for the purpose of three-way communication, to close the disparity gaps and encourage the common goal of all three groups towards competency in performance

< to emphasize the people component towards achieving a better quality in our overall society.

76.7

Management of National Waters

< that Provincial Councils of Women investigate, in conjunction with federal legislation, the legislative provisions for the management, preservation and control of waterways and water bodies with a view toward

< the development of a coordinated federal-provincial policy for the management of national waters, and

< report their findings at the NCWC Annual Meeting, 1977.

76.8

Firecrackers

< to take necessary legislative action to effect a ban on the sale and use of firecrackers in the Province and

< to require enforcement of such Legislation.

76.9

Hospitals: the need for day-care hospitals

< to provide Day Hospitals to take the place of essential services eliminated in certain facilities: using discarded space when available.

76.10

Inspection of Nursing Homes

< to urge the Minister of Health to use the powers given him in the Nursing Home Act (Section 5)

< to recognize those competent and well staffed Local Boards of Health and

< to Give them permission to carry out the duties of inspection under the Act

< the results of these inspections to be relayed to the Minister of Health when necessary

< to enforce, in the interim, existing Legislation pertaining to the matter.

76.11

International Control Standards

< that the Ontario Government urge and encourage the Government of Canada to continue working through the United Nations and other appropriate channels to ensure that the International Atomic Energy Agency be empowered to set and enforce international standards for safety and pollution control devices within

< nuclear plants and
< that the Agency seek to produce adequate safeguards against the misuse of
< nuclear reactors.

76.12 *Lawyers : listing*

< to legislate that lawyers, like the medical profession, list their specialties in the
< telephone and other directories
< the Upper Canada Law Society frequently publish any changes in policy; and
< make the public aware of any serious disciplinary action they may have found
< necessary to take on a member or members of the legal profession.

76.13 *Ontario Pension Benefit Act and Marriage Partnership*

< to amend the Ontario Pensions Benefit Act to require that a joint and survivor
< benefit be the base benefit of all pension plans
< that the benefit paid after one spouse dies be reduced and the benefit be paid in
< the new amount to whichever spouse survives.
< to accelerate the recognition, in Government and the private sector, of the fact that
< a pension for a married employee is earned by both partners in the marriage
< throughout the period of that marriage, because both partners, forego equally to
< make the monthly payment into the pension fund, and both partners produce within
< the partnership, productivity being more than a function limited to measurement in
< economic terms.

76.14 *Special Categories of Pensions*

< to amend the Ontario Pensions Benefit Act to vest the death benefits for
< employees who work more than ten years, and who, after age 45, either die in
< service of cease employment and die prior to attaining retirement age, so that their
< estates benefit from full employer-employee contributions, and the full earnings of
< a pension fund.

76.15 *Voting Practices:* Canadian Citizenship for the privilege of voting in Ontario
< to enact legislation to bring Ontario voting practices in line with the Government of
< Canada.

76.16 *“Young Persons in Conflict with Law” Act*

< to immediately consider the complementary provincial legislation required to match
< the *“Young Persons in Conflict with the Law” Act*, anticipated to be passed by the
< Federal Government.

76.17 *Land Use Planning: zoning for high potential for agricultural production*

< through Federal constitutional means of federal and/or provincial and territorial
< ministrations to encourage and assist provincial, territorial and municipal
< governments to ensure our future production of agricultural products by creating
< national zoning for land with high potential for agricultural production, based on the
< Canada Land Inventory

76.18 *Land Use Policy: to protect the future development of*

< to protect and enhance the future development of food production and agricultural;
< natural resources, such as forestry, fishing and mining
< transportation, in all its forms, and
< recreation and human settlements.

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77.1

Appointments/Government-Limiting Duration

- < to enact over-riding legislation affecting existing and future Boards etc.
- < to place a time limit on all appointments, with two terms (usually totalling 4 to 6 years) as the optimum,
- < with an additional limited provision for those who acquire executive duties.

77.2

Condominiums

- < to urge the Provincial Government and the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to amend the Condominium Act to provide for the Municipality to assume the roadways and servicing which run through condominium areas as municipal services
- < to amend the Condominium Act to require that management control be vested in the homeowners rather than allowing the mortgage companies to have overriding power
- < to set up a Design Review Committee to look into the design of condominiums particularly with respect to servicing, parking, adequate play area, open spaces and snow removal, which have been a serious concern to condominium owners.

77.3

Use of Renewable Energy Resources

- < to expedite and enhance long-term programs to encourage use of renewable energy resources, especially solar energy, such programs
- < to include tax incentives and financing schemes to encourage manufacturers and consumers to market and use innovative methods and products designed to conserve the earth's natural resources

77.4

Learning Disability: Children

- < to ensure through the Ministry of Education that there be professional testing for each child entering Kindergarten or Grade 1 and that
- < those with learning problems be given follow-up procedures of special remediation and periodic testing if required, until they have finished school.

77.5

Marriage Contracts

- < to include in the Government's educational campaign, regarding Marriage contracts, information concerning the obligations of spouses during marriage or following the dissolution of marriage by separation, divorce or death, and
- < urge that the information include consideration of property rights, support obligations, division of assets, religion and upbringing of children.

77.6

Mobile Homes

- < to urge the Provincial Government of Ontario and in particular the Ministries of Housing, Community Services, and Health to set up a Task Force to look into the benefits and problems which face the use of mobile homes
- < to establish provincial standards to create an acceptable quality within the mobile homes
- < to prepare guidelines for municipalities to assist in proper development of areas for mobile homes to be integrated into communities
- < to review ways in which municipal revenue is levied against mobile homes.

77.7

Municipal Zoning Restrictions

- < to provide information to municipalities that shows methods whereby official plans and zoning can be used to integrate employment opportunities within residential zones without harm to the quality of life of residents
- < to offer financial resources to an area which integrates residential and employment development, as a demonstration project to show the benefits of such integration.

77.8 Ombudsman

- < to legislate that the powers of the Ombudsman for the Government of the Province of Ontario be extended to cover investigative authority over matters such as functions of the Court and judges, actions of legal counsels and other self-disciplining bodies, so that all the people of Ontario who feel they have failed to get proper justice will be able to turn to the Ombudsman as a person of last resort.

77.9 Osteopathic Physicians in Ontario: practice rights

- < to grant the right to practice to Osteopathic Physicians and
- < to approach the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario with regard to the licensing of individual Osteopathic Physicians, with proper qualifications, by the College as Medical Practitioners, provided the Osteopath has graduated from a recognized Osteopathic Colleges, has passed the Medical College of Canada examinations and, if necessary, has completed a years appointment in an approved hospital program in Ontario.

77.10 Physical Education and Fitness

- < to urge the Ministry of Education to give physical and health education high priority in teacher training courses
- < to encourage each School Board to have full-time physical education supervisor for the elementary schools
- < to encourage each School Board to develop physical education programs and allocate funding so that emphasis is on participation rather than competition
- < that boys and girls have equal opportunity
- < that there is emphasis on individual life-time sports rather than team sports
- < that there is a daily exercise period
- < to make two credits in health education compulsory under the HSI and
- < encourage School Boards to make their facilities available to the community for fitness programs.

77.11 Prevention of Mental Retardation

- < to conduct continuing public education programs and the publicization of availability of immunization against "German" and "Red" measles and
- < to develop an immunization program whereby all children between the ages of 1 and 9 years are inoculated with Rubella and measles vaccine
- < to prevent the infection of pregnant women and all females e.g. nurses and teachers who risk contacting these diseases (which may cause pregnant women to give birth to a retarded child).

77.12 Proposed Young Offenders Legislation (NCWC request to Provincial Councils)

- < to require parents or guardians to be involved in all stages of the child's experience with the law
- < failing this, a relative or a responsible person to be chosen to act in place of the parents.

77.13 Moral and Spiritual Education

- < to urge the Minister of Education for Ontario to review the Education Act, 1974,

Section 48, subsections 1 and 2, in an endeavour to inculcate greater emphasis on moral and spiritual consciousness.

77.14 Reporting and Curriculum:

< to require teachers and principals to report suspected cases of child abuse.

77.15 The Right of the Public to Inquire Concerning Public Business

< to urge the Government of Canada to reach early agreement on the best methods to improve public access to government information and
< enact legislation to implement these methods.

77.16 Senior Citizens' Housing

< to reexamine the Provincial Policies with regard to housing for Senior Citizens, in order to allow for dispersal of housing for Senior Citizens throughout existing communities
< to include small community residences, housing 20 to 30 people within communities
< to provide ground-oriented units for Senior Citizens, as well as high-rise buildings;
< to encourage municipalities to allow Senior Citizens to share their home, within limitation, with others, even in areas zoned for single family residences
< to provide an income supplement or "house maintenance" for housing in areas where municipalities are not participating in programs for subsidized housing for Senior Citizens and/or require municipalities to participate in such programs,

77.17 Shoreline Management

< to urge the Government of Canada in cooperation with Provincial and Municipal Governments, to formulate a National Shoreline Management Act to assure for all coastal and inland waters, and the adjacent uplands, their best use, protection and preservation for future generations.

77.18 Encouragement of Small Business

< to ensure that all Government policies and programs with respect to fiscal and taxation measures, regulatory practices and stimulation programs, are conducive to the growth and development of the small business sector where goals are supporting productivity, individual responsibility and social contribution.

77.19 Societal Implications of Quick Divorce

< to require that Legislation and policy of any Ministry affecting family and marriage be drafted and
< stated in terms which recognize that marriage and family life are a concern of the state, as well as of the participation individuals
< to influence the Federal Government to require a waiting period of one year for the legal dissolution of any marriage, by any means and for any reason, including couples who agree to divorce

77.20 Spouses of Independent Immigrants: Province of Ontario

< to supply suitable literature to spouses of independent immigrants, at the time of application and at the point of entry, in their own language, outlining the rights, responsibilities and life-style of a spouse in Canadian society.
< to influence the Federal Government to do likewise.

77.21 Transition from Consumer to Conserver Society: to urge the Government of Canada....

< to continue to provide information, leadership and necessary financial resources to work towards better conservation of natural resources.

77.22**Venereal Disease**

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to establish a Task Force to investigate the control of venereal disease and make recommendations directed toward substantially reducing the sexually transmitted diseases by a well publicized educational campaign.

77.23**Voluntary Agencies: Property Tax Reform**

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to exempt voluntary agencies from any change in property taxes.

77.24**Welfare of Fathers Alone**

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to change family benefit acts and regulations to permit welfare payments to a father alone so that he may stay home and care for his children under the same terms as a mother alone.

1978**78.1****Canada Pension Plan and the Home Spouse**

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to urge the Government of Ontario to express to the Government of Canada, the need to amend the Canada Pension Act to provide for the participation of the spouse who remains in the home, such contribution to be tax deductible.

78.2**Biomass-Energy from Organic Plant Matter**

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to provide immediately increased financial support for the research and development of conversion technologies of renewable biomass (organic plant matter and the energy stored within it)

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to provide similar financial incentives and tax credits to corporations and individuals exploring potential uses of biomass as an energy source, as are provided to companies exploring new fossil fuel deposits in Canada.

78.3**Hearing Impaired Children**

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to ensure, through the Minister of Education, that the hearing impaired child be integrated into the regular school system

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that supportive services be developed to ensure that listening, speech and language skills are taught on a regular basis by a qualified itinerant teacher of the hearing impaired

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that the funds saved by removing these children from special classes be used to purchase audiology equipment and to hire additional teachers trained in the education of the hearing impaired child

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to augment the education of such a child within the regular school system.

78.4**Computerized Court transcripts**

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to enact Legislation to supplement the present slow, frequently inaccurate and outdated methods of Court reporting by the parallel use of electronic equipment of proven worth, wherever possible, throughout Ontario Courts

78.5**Consideration of Making information Available to the Public**

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to give further consideration to making information available to the public on the basis that documents which are to be kept private include those dealing with security, budget and personal matters

- < documents which are to be made public include those dealing with Government decisions and policies
- < documents to be made available to the public include those dealing with explanations, investigations and surveys
- < to protect civil servants by designation of documents as "Top Secret", "Secret", "Confidential" and "Restricted", for stated lengths of time and
- < maintaining a schedule for the release of those documents held for special reasons.

78.6 High-Rise Fire Safety

- < to enact the necessary legislation to make it mandatory that all new buildings over 75 feet in height be equipped with an automatic fire sprinkler system.

78.7 Hydro Rate Structure

- < to take steps resulting in a more appropriate hydro rate structure.

78.8 Osteopathic Physicians

- < to remove the restrictive Legislation governing the practice of Osteopathic Physicians in Ontario.

78.9 Milk Packaging

- < to establish conformity of packaging of milk in containers that will best preserve the quality of nutritional value for the most extended period of time.

78.10 Minimum Lighting on Dairy Outlets' Products

- < to take action to reduce to MINIMUM lighting on retail dairy products.

78.11 Nuclear vs Renewable Sources

- < to adopt the following energy policy:
- < that nuclear power stations under operation continue to produce electricity
- < that nuclear power stations under construction be completed and produce electricity
- < in lieu of further nuclear development, the Government be urged to shift investment priorities to energy conservation and the development of renewable energy.

78.12 The Rights of Native Women under the Indian Act

- < to support native women in their efforts to obtain equal rights under the Indian Act.

78.13 Traditional Ethics

- < to request the Minister of Education to uphold the intent, and ensure the application of the Education Act regarding the teaching of ethics.

78.14 Values Education

- < for the Minister of Education to work with the Ontario Teachers' Federation to establish Moral/Values Affective Education courses, programs and workshops on a formal basis.

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79.1 Apprenticeship Programs

- < to provide apprenticeship programs without (or with a minimum of) theory and

- < classroom requirements
- < with special emphasis on the "see and do" training approach and
- < on job appraisals by Ministry of Labour Licensing personnel of skilled tradesman designated by the Ministry.

79.2 Apprenticeship Programs

- < to attract young people into apprenticeship programs early in secondary school, by integrated system of creating career awareness, counselling and stress on the dignity and value of skilled trades
- < to work with Labour, Industry and Education institutions to prepare adequate numbers to meet present and anticipated needs for skilled workers

79.3 Drug Abuse-Prevention

- < to curtail the rapid spread of marijuana use, now and in the future. by establishing in all schools, a program for alcohol and drug education
- < courses in parenting, marriage and family; programs which offer alternatives to boredom, including sports, after-school activities in schools and homework
- < setting up centres for treatment and follow-up of all drug addicts, including chronic users of so-called soft drugs
- < embark upon a comprehensive and sustained public health program aimed at preventing drug abuse of all kinds
- < providing more funding for family counselling and family courts.

79.4 Employment Benefits: from the expenditure of public funds

- < to urge the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of Labour to require publicly funded bodies and publicly funded projects to comply with certain conditions
- < to increase the participation rate of those in groups disadvantaged as to employment
- < to recognize women as the largest of such groups and require, among such conditions that employers initiate affirmative action programs to improve the status of women employed
- < and, where applicable, the number of women employed.
- < Such programs must meet the standards of the Department of Labour and be implemented in good faith
- < to establish sanctions against those bodies and projects which may not comply satisfactorily
- < and have intent to implement such sanctions.

79.5 Employment of Deaf People

- < to give special consideration to the unique needs of deaf people
- < to make them self-supporting by reducing and simplifying the volume and minutiae of paper work and forms, presently required for vocational rehabilitation

79.6 The Future of Ontario Hydro

- < to clarify the existing working relationship between Ontario Hydro and the Government
- < to delineate the precise responsibilities and limitations of Ontario Hydro
- < to provide for a regular, independent management audit of Ontario Hydro to be presented in the Legislature
- < to establish an energy policy
- < to ensure that such policy establishes both responsibility and authority for implementation as well as for the role of Ontario Hydro in relation to it.

79.7

Foster Homes

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to make the allowance to foster parents more nearly commensurate with the responsibility and expense involved in this invaluable community service to children

79.8

Immunizations in Ontario: Levels/ Cards/ Immigrants

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to increase public awareness

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to encourage the use of wallet size immunization cards

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to work with the federal and provincial governments to raise immunization levels across Canada

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to require immigrants to be immunized within an appropriate period after arrival in Canada.

79.9

Interpretation Systems for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

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to encourage the establishment and maintenance of certified interpretation services for the deaf and hard of hearing

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to ensure that the availability of these services is understood and used by law-enforcement and employment agencies, hospitals and other public services.

79.10

Senior Citizens as Helpers with Pre-School Children

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to encourage such programs, to be run under the supervision of professionals through the Ministry of Community and Social Services

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to ensure the financial resources necessary for the education (i.e. training in early childhood education and development.

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80.1

Change in System of Citizen Registration: Enumeration

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to enact legislation which would effect compulsory individual registration by each citizen

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protect the privacy and confidentiality of these data by ensuring that it is made accessible only to those selected public servants who require such information in the conduct of government business.

80.2

Disciplinary Measures

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to bring to the attention of the Ministry of Education the seriousness of the situation and the necessity for stronger disciplinary measures throughout the school system.

80.3

Drinking Age

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to raise the legal age for purchase and drinking of alcoholic beverages to 21 years of age

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to establish in all schools a program concerning the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse.

80.4

Fluoridation of Water

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to urge that the Government of Ontario ensure that the addition of inorganic fluoride to water be carefully reviewed

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and that funding for further research to provide clean water be increased.

80.5

Health Insurance Plan

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to restore and maintain the universality of the health care system and

- < with the help of professionals and informed persons
- < to build a more satisfactory health care program under O.H.I.P.

80.6 Health Promotion and Life Style Counselling: for patients in acute care hospitals

- < to designate patients in acute care hospitals in Ontario for a health promotion program
- < to encourage and assist local hospitals to institute life style counselling programs
- < to encourage and assist local hospitals to adapt the physical environment of their hospitals to encourage appropriate health promising activities
- < to establish pilot projects to test a lifestyle counselling units within a hospital
- < a lifestyle counselling intern to serve acute care hospitals in the area
- < training volunteers with background in appropriate disciplines for some of the work.

80.7 Heritage Act

- < to include the principle of permanent demolition control of Heritage Buildings, in the Ontario Heritage Act.

80.8 Inclusion of Midwifery in Nursing Education

- < to give support to international standards of education for nurse-midwives throughout Ontario.

80.9 Perinatal Care

- < to provide special perinatal care for all high-risk pregnancies and for babies who are in trouble when they are born e.g. improved transportation including incubators in ambulances, aeroplanes or helicopters
- < to establish radio telephone links between the agencies involved during transfer of "high-risk pregnancy" with provision, if necessary, for a parent/guardian to accompany the child
- < to provide funding for medical research for the prevention treatment of physical handicaps
- < to provide more public education on disabling conditions and their prevention.

80.10 School Bus Safety

- < to require that every school bus be inspected twice annually by an independent Class A mechanic not in the employ of the bus company
- < and, before a school bus driver's licence is granted, that the school bus driver take compulsory, yearly, practical defensive driving courses
- < that the school bus driver receive and keep up to date compulsory Emergency First Aid training (e.g. St. John's Ambulance)
- < that school bus drivers attend compulsory School Bus Safety Meetings sponsored in their area by the Ministry of Transportation and the Ontario Provincial Police
- < it should be determined that the candidate is qualified to handle children, with more intensive examination of drivers over 65 years of age.

82.1 **Schooling of Hearing Impaired Children**

- < to ensure that hearing impaired children be exposed to the total communication method of education at the earliest possible age so that the child is communicating early and, therefore can progress intellectually and socially
- < to require the schools of Ontario involved in education of the deaf to use the method best suited to the individual child's needs
- < to develop, after consultation with the Canadian Hearing Society and other appropriate organizations, a resource information kit for parents and educational methods to assist the hearing impaired child, kits to be available to & from Physician, clinics and public health centres.

82.2 **Child Restraint System**

- < to enact legislation to make mandatory the use of approved car seats and restraints systems for babies and young children riding in cars
- < safety agencies and citizen's groups to make child seats and restraint available on a low-cost basis.

82.3 **Abuse of the Elderly**

- < to enact legislation or, incorporate in existing legislation, to make it mandatory for witnesses of known or suspected cases of abuse of the elderly to report these cases to the Department of Social Services or other governmental agencies for action
- < Legislation should contain provisions for penalties in the event cases are not reported pursuant to legislation.

82.4 **Public Safety in High Rise Buildings**

- < to revise building codes to improve fire safety and rescue procedure for occupants of high rise buildings
- < to enact retrofit Ontario Fire Code legislation with respect to high rise buildings
- < to provide public education with respect to high rise fire safety and rescue, in a way similar to the Construction Safety Program.

82.5 **Public Safety in Emergencies: multilingual information**

- < to ensure that Emergency Preparedness Systems be coordinated and promoted; to provide multilingual emergency information.

82.6 **Improvement of Pension Regulations**

- < to revise legislation governing pension control to permit registration of pensions in the names of both husband and wife with joint equity
- < to require a benefit for the survivor to be at least 70%
- < to make vesting compulsory after one year of contributions
- < to protect pension erosion from inflation by making obligatory the crediting to the employee or pensioner of any excess interest over the actuarially established base rate, or by indexing of benefits from termination of contribution until retirement
- < to require that pension plans provide adequate benefits for the surviving spouse and dependents of a contributor who dies before being pensioned
- < special consideration should be given to two groups- the parent with pre-school children, and - the older wife whose age makes re-entry into the work force difficult or impossible
- < to approve the amendment in line with the Canada Pension Act for the child-rearing drop-out provision, thereby enabling this federal legislation to take effect without

delay.

82.7 Physical and Health Education

- < to improve the level of physical and health education at the elementary level by urging more elementary teachers
- < to seek special training in physical and health education and sports leadership
- < to make physical education compulsory in secondary school to Grade 8.

82.8 The Sale of Electricity to the U.S.A. by Ontario Hydro

- < to subject this project to an environmental assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act of 1975 and
- < to proceed with this project only after proper emission controls have been established.

82.9 Education on Hazards

- < to establish an information program on the proposal to transfer marijuana from the Narcotics Control Act to the Food and Drugs Act, prior to the introduction of legislation
- < to establish a national television education program to bring vital information to children and young persons on the hazards of the use of marijuana
- < to establish widespread public education programs through the Departments of Education, Health and Social Development

82.10 Housing Crisis

- < to renew its strong commitment to the support and stimulus of the housing market
- < to stimulate the production of modest family housing
- < to increase support of existing social housing programs, i.e. Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program, Non-profit and Co-operative Programs and other federal social housing programs
- < to initiate and/or improve shelter allowance programs, basing them on total family income and actual shelter costs, with either National Revenue Income Legislation or Federal Provincial agreements as the vehicle

82.11 Lawyers

- < to encourage the legal profession in Ontario to provide information to the public regarding areas of specialization, if any, in telephone directories.

82.12 Farmland Retention in Ontario

- < to enact Legislation which would give teeth to the current White Paper on agricultural land use (the Foodland Guidelines)
- < to establish an independent commission to administer the land use in the resultant agricultural area, with funds to purchase lands and
- < with terms of reference to allow the sale or lease of land to farmers at current farm rates, with some leeway for speculative land values in lands adjacent to dense urban areas
- < to establish permanent boundaries for urban centres which border on specialty and class 1-4 agricultural land
- < to establish local agricultural Boards which would increase public awareness of the importance of retaining farmlands in Ontario.

82.13 Decorum in the Provincial Legislature

- < to address itself to developing a mode of conduct more in keeping with the dignity which this institution should exemplify.

- 82.14 Boards of Health: assumption of by Regional Municipalities**
< to set up a Task Force to study the ramifications of Regional Councils replacing local Health Unit Boards
< the Task Force to include representation from the Association of Ontario Health Boards and the Minister of Health
< the study to include efficiency, quality of services, fiscal responsibility, ways of improving the existing Board structure and cost effectiveness of all alternatives
< that the Province increase the proportion of Provincially appointed citizens to Local Boards of Health, and to include representation from local Boards of Education

- 82.15 Compensation for Jurors and Witnesses**
< to increase the fees and travelling expenses paid to jurors and witnesses

- 82.16 Transition Houses for Battered Women**
< to give a much higher priority to the acute need for a reliable, sustaining funding mechanism for the Ontario Interval or Transition Homes
< Local Council of Women in Ontario to promote increased awareness of wife battering
< the laws surrounding family life; the value, use and availability of social services.

1983

- 83.1 Audio Library at Trent University**
< to urge the Government of Ontario to provide funds to allow the Audio Library at Trent University to remain open

- 83.2 Citizenship: A Canadian Citizenship Program for Ontario Schools**
< to include the *History of Citizenship in Canada* in the compulsory credit course on Canadian History, in the secondary school system
< to establish daily citizenship exercises in the elementary school system, with the goal of fostering pride in being a Canadian and understanding the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship
< to urge TV Ontario to create more programs along these lines and to show them in the viewing time of young people.

- 83.3 CO-OP Housing**
< to increase its subsidies for co-operatives
< modify the regulations governing subsidies to fill the need more realistically
< to urge the federal government to increase its unit allocation for cooperatives and
< to encourage the use of existing unoccupied/houses for co-operatives, with special emphasis on CHMC holdings.

- 83.4 Employment Training: Female Students and New Technology**
< to implement programs of affirmative action in education and technological employment and
< to require Guidance Counsellors to direct female students' attention to a wide range of opportunities in technical and technological fields

- 83.5 Fetal Alcohol Syndrome**

< to emphasize an education program on fetal alcohol syndrome

83.6 Homes for the Aged

< to enact legislation which would ensure annual assessment and adjustment of the ratios of extended care beds to residential beds to more adequately reflect the needs of seniors and make better use of available facilities.

83.7 Nuclear Power and Alternate Energy Sources

< to continue to use and greatly expand its reliance on soft energy paths for our energy needs

83.8 Old Age Security Pensions

< to upgrade the GAINS program, increasing the supplement for married couples with no personal income

83.9 Pornography

< to approach local and municipal councils to implement by-laws limiting access to pornography by children

83.10 Safe Drinking Water

< to urge the Government of Ontario to urge the Government of Canada to enact a Safe Drinking Water Act for Canada to ensure safe drinking water at the tap
< to legislate and rigorously enforce an Ontario Safe Drinking Water Act to complement Federal Legislation and, also,
< to contain more stringent regulations and standards for chemical parameters
< to direct the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to conduct research into methods of treating drinking water to reduce or eliminate the presence of organic and toxic inorganic chemicals from the finished water

83.11 Services

< to discontinue the current program of closure of six centres for the developmentally handicapped until the standards for the quality of services provided by group homes are firmly established, including provisions for providing such services
< to establish an independent accreditation team to review the overall standards of care offered by the large institutions where the more severely handicapped will be housed

83.12 Transition Houses/Legislation

< to enact new legislation making provision for the funding of transition houses for battered women, giving financial recognition to the services provided by the houses
< to make the funding not dependent on residency, municipal or regional interpretation, or on means testing

83.13 Wage Settlements

< to support the principle that increases in wages and salaries, awarded to those employees of the Public Service and agencies and institutions under their jurisdictions governed by collective agreements, are granted in dollars on a sliding scale instead of by percentage increases, in order to guarantee more equitable settlements.

1984

84.1 Collection of Maintenance and Alimony

- < to put in place Legislation to set up a collection of maintenance or alimony facility when default of payment occurs
- < coordinated with the National Registry presently being proposed by the Justice Department of the government of Canada
- < reciprocal agreements re default with all other jurisdiction in which the defaulter might reside
- < to support the Federal Government in new proposals to enforce compliance across Canada.

84.2 Health Hazard Advertising

- < to enact Legislation to prohibit the use of health and fitness images in advertising of tobacco and alcoholic beverages

84.3 Housing for Transient Youth

- < to find ways and means of integrating into their overall strategy plans to house young people adequately, according to their particular needs, with priority consideration given to accessibility of support services

84.4 Legislation and Licensing

- < to implement Legislation for the recognition and educating of midwives in Ontario and to license the practice of midwifery under the Health Disciplines Act.

84.5 Licensing Midwives in Ontario

- < to license the practice of nurse-midwifery under the Health Discipline Act

84.6 Police Commission

- < to legislate that ratios of municipality elected-provincial appointments to Police Commissions (should) favour the municipality
- < Where Regional Government exists, numbers of both should increase to match the increased work-load
- < criteria for non-elected appointments to include a rotating period of service, not exceeding four years
- < the amendment of the Ontario Police Act so that it no longer be necessary to appoint a Judge of the County (District) or Provincial Court to each commission
- < recognition of potential women appointees
- < appointments to be made on the basis of merit and qualifications, not as a regard for services rendered to a political party.

84.7 Reduction of Lead Levels in the Environment

- < to encourage the use of unleaded gasoline by revising the tax structure on gasoline to eliminate the price differential between the leaded and unleaded gasoline.

84.8 Safety at Night: wearing of retroflective clothing etc.

- < to direct the Ministry of Education to integrate into the Elementary and Secondary School curricula the teaching of the necessity for wearing retroflective clothing or accessories when cycling, jogging or walking at night
- < to direct the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation to initiate a public education

< program to promote the use of retroreflective material at night by pedestrians, joggers and cyclists as part of their "Participation Fitness Program"
< to substantially increase the fine for riding a bicycle after dark without a light and /or reflective material

84.9 Sexual Education: Human Sexuality

< that procedures be developed and implemented throughout the province to facilitate the teaching of "Human sexuality" at all levels, on an ongoing and regular basis, with particular emphasis on the relationship between fertility and personal responsibility, emphasizing the ideal of strengthening the health and sanctity of human life.

84.10 Smoking

< to provide any person or persons the right by law to apply for and receive without prejudice, the protection from prolonged exposure to second-hand smoke in the work place etc..

84.11 Teen Age Mothers

< to direct the Ministry of community and Social Services to withhold direct public financial assistance from mothers eighteen years and younger. Such funds to be applied to her maintenance under responsible supervision by her family or an approved adult if the mother chooses to keep her baby and remain in a family home setting or a supervised residential home for teen-age mothers.

84.12 Universities: Financial Assistance

< to establish an agreement with the Government of Canada for an equitable, reasonable and stable system of financial support for Universities

84.13 Use of the Strap

< to amend the Education Act so as to abolish the use of the strap in Ontario's schools and
< to encourage the' use of more appropriate and effective methods of discipline.

1985

85.1 Immunization of School Pupils Act (1982)

< to amend Section 3 (2) (a) (iii) to include all pupils except those who are exempted for medical reasons

85.2 Preservation of Ontario Wetlands

< to impose an immediate moratorium on the promotion and funding of all projects which have a potential to destroy wetlands
< to implement a vigorous public education program on wetlands value
< to extend their protection by the Environmental Assessment Act
< to include drainage works
< to commit funding for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive areas of both local and provincial significance

85.3 Soil Erosion and Degradation

- < to recognize the magnitude and severity of soil degradation and erosion problems and the need for preventative and remedial measures
- < to work cooperatively with all levels of government to provide the maximum technological and financial assistance, thus enabling farmers and others to implement soil conservation measures

85.4 Funding of Services

- < to commit substantial funds adequate to and specifically designated for the provision of services for the prevention of abuse and neglect of children
- < to ensure that a spectrum of services is provided which includes both in-home support service and health, education and community programs available to the general population

85.5 Alternate Education for Deaf Children

- < to require the Ministry of Health to provide funding to commence an alternative "**Total Communication**" program at the Hospital for Sick Children, so that parents have the option of giving their deaf children education using residual hearing, speech, finger spelling, signs and any method which helps a deaf child acquire communication skills, thus progressing educationally and socially

85.6 Housing for Psychiatrically Disabled

- < to require the Ministry of Urban Affairs and Housing, together with the Ministries of community and Social Services and Health, to develop a program to meet the special housing needs of the psychiatrically disabled
- < where such housing is inadequate or does not exist; to require the Ontario Housing Corporation to eliminate the phrase "**(excluding persons whose primary disability is of an emotional or psychological nature)**", from the eligibility requirements in their Field Manual Number One.

1986

86.1 Self Defence

- < to make available mandatory courses to help young people to learn how to protect themselves from abuse

86.2 Legislation

- < to initiate legislation to help municipalities formulate and enforce regulations regarding rooming houses
- < to establish a Task Force to study the rooming house problem, including the need, security of tenure and quality, and to report on solutions.

86.3 Coverage of Extended Travel and Accommodation

- < to ensure that OHIP covers necessary medical travel to the nearest qualified facility, if it is over 200 miles distance
- < to ensure that standard accommodation costs directly related to medical, surgical or out-patient services (for persons who must travel over 200 miles) are claimable expenses under OHIP

86.4 Affordable Rental Housing

- < to increase the supply of affordable rental accommodation by the funding of more

- < non-profit and co-operative housing and
- < at the same time, ensuring greater enforcement of guidelines which govern distribution of this type of housing
- < strengthen the rent review process by establishing a central rent registry to protect tenants from illegal rent increases.

86.5 Midwifery

- < to enact Legislation for the recognition of Midwifery as a self-regulating Profession in Ontario

86.6 Volunteers

- < to request that volunteer hours be documented by all users of these services and
- < that volunteers be used to enhance programs, not to replace permanent part-time or full-time employees.

86.7 Adoptions

- < to reinstate in legislation, provision for adopting subsidies, where appropriate for hard-to-place children
- < to ask the Federal Government to adopt a policy of reimbursing the Provincial Governments for adoption subsidies

86.8 Curriculum

- < to make available mandatory courses to help young people to learn how to protect themselves from abuse.

86.9 Solvency Guaranteed Fund

- < Insurance Program to develop a "*solvency Guaranteed Fund*" insurance program, covering all types of instruments sold by insurance companies.

1987

87.1 Alcoholic Drinks Available to Minors: Sarasoda

- < to cause SARASODA and like products to be removed from super-markets, grocery stores, gourmet shops, drug stores etc.
- < to prohibit the promotion of these products through advertising and give-away samples.

87.2 Daycare Safety Standards

- < to provide subsidies to operations of daycare facilities in private homes with the provision that the premises will be inspected regularly to ensure that they meet fire health and safety standards established for Daycare facilities in private homes.

87.3 Fruitland of Niagara

- < to disallow any new quarrying of the specialty lands of Niagara

87.4 Health Education and Information Centres

- < to urge the Government of Ontario, together with other appropriate agencies, to

< establish Health Education/Information Centres which would act as umbrella organizations to coordinate Health Education/Information and analyse needs and establish Health Education/Information programs where needed, making these Centres readily accessible to the public, both in geographical location and the services provided.

87.5 Human Embryos: experimentation on

< to establish a Task Force upon the moral and ethical implications of experimentation on human embryos and
< to request the Medical Research Council not to legitimize embryo experimentation, either by endorsement or by producing guidelines to govern this technology.

87.6 Infant Safety in Cars

< to promote the education of the public as to the correct usage of infant car restraints

87.7 Nuclear Projects

< to halt all further construction at Darlington and other planned nuclear projects
< to proceed diligently to pursue environmentally-safe alternative methods of providing and conserving energy for Ontario.

87.8 Payment of Pensions

< to enact Legislation allowing money in Pension Funds to be withdrawn safely for the purpose of paying pensions

87.9 Public Safety in Emergencies

< in cooperation with regional and municipal government to review recent disasters to discover ways of improving public response in emergencies
< to assess current community emergency plans for adequacy and revise them where appropriate
< to educate the public to understand the emergency plans and what is expected of citizens
< to initiate regular emergency plan practices in order that they become tested and refined, and citizens gain experience and familiarity with the procedures

87.10 Provision and Funding of Sexual Assault Centres

< to set up area Sexual Assault Centres as a cost effective and necessary community service
< to recognize the expertise already available in rape-crisis centres throughout Ontario and refrain from unnecessary duplication of existing mechanisms providing services to victims of sexual assault where members of the Ontario Coalition of Rape-Crisis Centres are available to provide such services
< to provide adequate courses for law enforcement officers, advising them of the problems and. subsequent trauma faced by victims of sexual assault in our society

87.11 Safety Standards

< to provide subsidies to operators of daycare facilities in private homes, with the provision that the premises will be inspected regularly to ensure that they meet fire, health and safety standards established for Daycare facilities in private homes

87.12 Television Awareness Training for Pre-Schoolers

- < request the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Community and Social Services to study the problem with a view to providing programs and resources that will enable parents and teachers to encourage pre-schoolers to acquire critical viewing skills.

87.13 Trained Workers

- < to provide subsidies to operators of Daycare facilities, sufficient that trained daycare workers receive salaries in line with those of health-care and educational workers having comparable education

1988

88.1 Child Poverty

- < to take urgent action to restructure public assistance rates to the poverty line with automatic indexed adjustments
- < to increase earning exemptions for families on welfare
- < to urge the Government of Canada to take into consideration these concerns when reviewing its national economic policies.

88.2 Ethanol Gasoline from Agricultural Products

- < to continue to invest in the research of alternative transportation fuels making Canada less dependent on petroleum products and
- < to request the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to continue to invest in the research of alternative transportation fuels, making Canada less dependent on petroleum fuels in the future.

88.3 Free Trade: Niagara Fruit Industry and the Impact of Free Trade

- < to take all possible measures within its Provincial power, to retain and expand the Niagara fruit industry and within these measures
- < to reconsider its plan to remove 1/3 of the Niagara vines and the disallowance of Labrusca grapes in the table wines
- < to support the expansion of the burgeoning market for these grapes and their by-products
- < to stand firm in its oppositions to Free Trade as it impacts on the whole fruit industry to protect our long-term self sufficiency
- < to support the marketing Boards in their dealings with GATT
- < to consider its role as a possible buyer of last resort for lands which farmers must sell land to hold this land in trust for purchase for farm use
- < to urge the Government of Canada to take action immediately.

88.4 Financial Assistance

- < to request Ministry of Community and Social Services to define provincial levels of adequate financial assistance which takes into consideration costs and increase in costs of shelter, food and other necessities to maintain life and
- < to increase allowances for psychiatrically disabled to those, defined levels

88.5 Health: Care Improvements for Ontario Seniors

- < to bring under one Ministry all paid care-givers and institutions providing home nursing care for seniors
- < to standardize and coordinate the regulations affecting seniors

< to ensure that appropriate funds are being used for the health Care of seniors

88.6 Housing: A Provincial Emergency

< to declare a "Provincial State of Emergency" as it relates to housing those persons most in need

< to initiate a ten year plan of action to provide adequate, affordable housing by making a major financial commitment to maintain and improve existing programs and to facilitate the establishment of new and innovative programs with funds being channelled, mainly through non-profit and co-operative housing programs

< with the addition of 20,000 new units per year

< an increase in the number of co-operative units to at least 1/3 of the total allotment of housing units

< an increase in subsidy for RGI units in co-ops to allow for up to 50% RGI

< special needs persons, i.e. psychiatrically disabled, included as part of the mainstream program.

88.7 Land Supply for Non-Profit Housing Development

< to pass enabling Legislation which will permit municipalities to require that developers of any major plans for subdivision (50 acres or more) reserve for up to 5 years, 10 percent of the land, to be used for development, which will provide rent supplement units, or be sold for the development of non-profit housing at market value.

88.8 Literacy in the Workplace

< to institute literacy programs in government workplaces

< to do everything in its power, including cost sharing, to encourage workplace literacy programs in industrial and commercial enterprises in Ontario.

88.9 Multi-Material Recycling

< to increase and expand promotional campaigns re: the benefits of recycling paper, metal cans, glass, plastics etc. and emphasize the importance of full personal participation

< to provide more publicity for incentives and other basic information which would encourage municipalities to adopt multi-material recycling

< to strongly promote the upgrading of present recycling systems to maximum efficiency

< to withhold approval of new landfill sites and expansion of existing sites until, wherever possible, commitments have been made for first class, source separation, multi material recycling

< to ensure that any waste management study done by a municipality include a recycling component

88.10 Parents/Spouses/Guardians: Respite and Assistance for Caregivers

< to develop respite programs for periodic relief of parents/spouses guardians of disabled children and adults

88.11 Accessibility for the Physically Disabled

< to include in the Human Rights Code, explicit reference to the right of access to community facilities, in old as well as new buildings, by people who are physically disabled

- < to adopt as part of the building standards required by each of the Provincial and Municipal Governments, Supplement No.5 of the National Building Code so that it more comprehensively addresses the accessibility of Ontario's disabled community in all aspects of their lives

88.12 Psychiatrically Disabled

- < to ensure adequate co-ordination among the relevant Ministries in order to provide a more satisfactory continuum of linked services for clients
- < to ensure consultation and co-operation between Provincial Ministries and the relevant municipal and voluntary bodies, in order to set appropriate priorities for additional or improved services most needed in the community
- < to ensure that adequate representation, if services provided, consumer groups and their advocates sit on such relevant bodies or otherwise have a voice in the arrival of the recommendations.

88.13 Employment for the Physically Disabled

- < to increase employment opportunities for the physically disabled
- < to increase the allotted amount of \$1.500 liquid assets
- < to remove the penalty involving the loss of pension benefit attached to earnings over \$75.00/Month

88.14 Improved Lifestyles for the Physically Disabled

- < to provide financial assistance and tax relief for all disabled people to make alternations to their homes (i.e. special equipment, kitchens, washrooms, ramps etc.) to enable them to live at home or attempt to live independently and to purchase prescribed drugs, pharmaceutical supplies and repair and replace wheelchairs, special appliances and aids, where prescribed by a physician, for children and adults.
- < to provide sufficient funds for adequately designed apartments, housing and facilities for the disabled
- < to provide ongoing support services for those disabled people attempting to live independently with minimum care.

88.15 Regular School Systems: physically disabled children

- < to continue to promote the integration of physically disabled children in regular school systems to the fullest extent possible
- < with the provision of social facilities and health aids when required and feasible
- < to provide special classes only when absolutely necessary.

88.16 Education Act

- < to amend the Education Act to ensure that an elementary school in a family of schools, will be accessible, provide health care and that a secondary school in the area be similarly accessible.

88.17 Support Services

- < to increase funding to permit substantial improvements to community based services made available to the psychiatrically disabled, including community-based courses, out-reach intervention services and an improved system of after-care or case management tied to special needs housing and/or hospital discharge systems.

88.18 Religious Education in Public Schools

< to develop, at elementary and secondary levels, a religious education curriculum which will allow young people to develop appreciation and understanding of the history and beliefs of the major world religions,

88.19 Recreation

< to provide for the physically disabled, at various stages of their development, a continuum of recreational services, integrated as well as segregated

88.20 Transportation and Access

< to provide public transportation designed for access and use by the disabled
< to provide financial assistance where needed for the purchase of specially equipped lift vans for the disabled
< to ensure the right of physically disabled persons to public transportation by the adoption of public transportation and development of special services, as well as access to public buildings
< to reduce the physical obstacles in existing and development plans under review, which impede the physically disabled from competing for jobs and so maintaining themselves.

88.21 Safety-truck Collisions

< to initiate a detailed, independent study of heavy vehicle collisions to provide the public with a better understanding of the number, type severity and other pertinent characteristics of truck collisions so that they can make informed representations and decisions concerning the proposals to increase overall vehicle length and weight.

88.22 Use Of Pesticides and Herbicides

< to investigate and report on the increasing use of pesticides and herbicides, particularly 2,4-D
< to document the effects with regard to our environment and the ecosystem, and if required, initiated a phase out system for those found to be harmful and undertake a complete ban as required
< to license persons for the application of pesticides with a contract required which would state the chemicals used and their possible dangers
< and that the area in question be posted to alert the neighbouring residents
< and that no application would take place on windy days
< to require municipal governments to set especially rigid safety and health regulation in any spraying programs carried out by their staff and to use alternate weed/pest control methods wherever possible
< for the Government of Ontario to work more closely with the Government of Canada to research more extensively and to document the effects of pesticides in the urban environment

1989

89.1 Environment and Economic Policy Formulation

< to urge continuing involvement of the Public in environmental and economic policy formation and the review process, according to the recommendations of the

< national Tack Force on Environment and the Economy
< specifically in environment/economy decision-making, Round Tables and
< conservation strategies, and by the proclamation of 1990 as the Canadian Year of
< the Environment.

89.2 Forest Resources and Management

< to make available the funds necessary as recommended in "*Ontario's Forest
Resources Inventory*" and
< implement without further delay the recommendations made in reports and
< improve existing Forest Management Agreements.

89.3 Groundwater Quality - Contamination

< to take immediate and strong action to identify sites of groundwater contamination
< and institute remedial measures
< to conduct a systematic survey of the Province's groundwater resources
< to inaugurate a long-term groundwater monitoring program
< to legislate and enforce strict ground use controls

89.4 Hazards to the Environment

< to strictly enforce surveillance of carriers transporting possible environmental
< pollutants at points of loading, coupled with inspections enroute to determine if
< cargoes are secure and to keep the possibility of spills to a minimum.

89.5 NIMBY Syndrome

< the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario is seriously concerned that the
< development of new group homes and special needs housing is becoming
< increasingly difficult in an age of NIMBY Syndrom (Not in my. Backyard)and that
< municipal councils have reacted with more restrictive zoning By-Laws and Official
< Plans
< urges that the members of all Local Council of Women in Ontario support the
< integration of group homes and special needs housing in residential areas of their
< communities and
< to engage in active education of the general public for the acceptance of group
< homes and special needs housing.

89.6 Ontario Pension Plan

< to initiate a pension plan for persons not adequately covered by the Canada
< Pension Plan (CPP), using the Saskatchewan Pension Plan as a model.

89.7 Pesticides/Herbicides

< to ban the use of all questionable pesticides, especially 2-4D, Chlordane and Aldrin
< to phase out existing supplies over a shorter period, and ensure that use of
< products is discontinued according to regulations.

89.8 Postponement of Sexual Involvement

< to implement the use of the program "*Postponing Sexual Involvement*", as used in
< the Federally funded pilot project run in selected schools in Montreal in 1987-1988
< as a complement to existing family life or sex education programs
< to provide translation into French and Native peoples' languages, as requested
< make appropriate slide material reflecting the appropriate educational institutions.

89.9 Self-Help Groups

< to recognize the need for Self Help Groups for Ontario's physically mentally and

- < psychiatrically "challenged" persons
- < to recognize and accept the expertise these groups can offer to the Government in the drafting of legislation and policy that can affect such persons
- < to provide increased funding to existing and future self-help/mutual help groups allowing such groups to develop networks and improve their advocacy role

89.10 Sheltered Workshops

- < to act immediately to resolve any remaining inequities still existent at Ontario's Sheltered Workshops and training agencies
- < to restrict the entry into such programs to those who truly could not function in competitive employment
- < each worker to be regularly assessed for their abilities
- < to ease the transitional problems of "sheltered" workers by funding of "sheltered workshop" program that upgrade workers' skills so that many could go on to competitive employment
- < to provide funding assistance to workers leaving these programs, so they have an easier transition to other jobs

89.11 Social Assistance Review Committee (SARC)

- < to act upon the recommendations of the Report of the Social Assistance Review Committee (SARC) "*Transitions*", as expeditiously as possible.

89.12 Rail Transportation

- < urge the Government of Ontario to lobby vigorously for the retention and expansion of rail transportation services for the citizens of Ontario and Canada
- < urge all Local Councils of Women in Ontario to actively support the efforts of their municipal governments for the retention and expansion of rail transportation services for the citizens of Ontario.

89.13 Wife/Partner Batterers

- < to expand government support for the elimination of wife/partner battering
- < to include permanent operational funding in a sufficient amount to provide ongoing financial security to organizations which exist to teach effective alternatives to abusive behaviour toward women.
- < to encourage judges in Ontario to include the mandatory participation in a government endorsed counselling program for abusive batterers as of the sentence/probation order.

89.14 Abortion

- < to uphold the *January 28, 1988 Ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada*
- < to ensure that abortion is considered a medical rather than a legal procedure by having any Legislation concerning abortion remain outside the Criminal Code
- < to show leadership and commitment through increased financial support to family planning organizations working to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

1990

90.1 Educational and Treatment Centres

- < to improve Ontario based programs for drug education, research and treatment, providing an appropriate spectrum of services for each age group

- < ensure that all service agency personnel receive in-service training in drug counselling techniques
- < arrange at the municipal level, the coordination of various local programs of drug education and treatment that are currently in operation

90.2 Emergency Shelter and Assistance Program (ESAP)

- < to immediately act upon one of the basic recommendations of "Transitions" and commission a study to develop a definition of adequacy based on the "Market basket method"
- < to raise Social Assistance rates to a level of adequacy and index them against loss of progress
- < to concurrently implement a "phase-in/phase-out program" of funding to Food Banks and Community Food and Clothing Shelters, to allow them to continue to provide the "necessities until Social Assistance rates reach a realistic level of adequacy
- < to progressively develop alternative projects such as Food Cooperatives and Employment Support Programs, thus giving Food Programs an opportunity to remove themselves from the secondary welfare system

90.3 Disruptive Students/Truancy and Suspension

- < to review Section 29:5 of the Education Act with the intent of bringing forth legislation that will effectively deal with the truant
- < to review policies of suspension and seek to identify the causes of delinquency with the intent of developing more effective and satisfactory alternatives to the current practice of suspending troublesome students
- < to reintroduce regulations which will require the recording of absenteeism and the reporting of this information to parents

90.4 Foodland Preservation Legislation

- < to reiterate 1982 policy which urged the enactment of Foodland Preservation Legislation and to include in the Legislation measures to incorporate the protection of all Class 1-3 foodlands in Municipal Official Plans with particular concern for specialty area lands such as the Niagara Fruitlands
- < to grant prime foodlands priority within the Ontario Planning Act
- < to enact a Foodland Trust Act which would allow government trusts to be set up and encourage private trusts to preserve foodlands, particularly those under the most direct threat of urban pressure.

90.5 Funding for Treatment

- < to make funds available immediately for the expansion and the improvement of existing community-based programs and
- < make the facilities available to young adolescents, especially those under the age of 16
- < to develop new treatment facilities, especially for younger adolescents

90.6 Improving Human Rights

- < to ensure that the Ontario Human Rights Commission plays a strong advocacy role, as it was established to do, by appointing persons to the Ontario Human Rights Commission who are committed to human rights
- < by providing the resources necessary to make the system work well
- < by ensuring that the settlement of human rights complaint addresses the overall issue of discrimination against a category of persons

90.7 Regulation of Private Rest Homes and Retirement Homes
< to enact Legislation to establish operating standards for private rest homes and retirement homes

90.8 Review of Retirement Communities
< to undertake a review of retirement communities that will include the apportionment of common amenities and services, tenure arrangements including leasehold, life leases and condominiums
< verification of maintenance and operating expenses, contractual restrictions on the right of resale of units
< the absence of fiduciary regulation, the registrability of leases, the role of rent regulation
< the establishment of a Ministry to administer regulatory legislation affecting seniors and retirement communities.

90.9 Integrating Federal and Provincial Sales Tax
< to enter immediately into open negotiations with the federal government for the purpose of developing a joint system for collecting the Federal Goods and Services Tax and the Provincial Sales Tax, using a common base price

90.10 Tractor/Semi Trailer Truck Regulations
< to maintain and enforce the existing length, height and total capacity regulations for tractor and semitrailer trucks, ensuring at least the present level of safety

90.11 Unequal Treatment of Women in Ontario Court System
< to give priority to seminars and other educational methods to ensure that all judges, legal counsel and police under provincial jurisdiction receive "sensitivity" education in order that they better understand and deal with the crime in the context within which it is committed, such education to focus on:
a) the impact of violence on women
b) the psychology of abuse
c) the nature of the crime of sexual assault, including the physical, social, psychological and emotional impact on the victim
d) gender, class and racial differences
< **N.B. The above was also referred to the Law Society of Upper Canada.**
to include in the criteria for the selection and appointment of judges, a demonstrated understanding of gender equality
< also, to urge the Ministry of Education to include discussions on gender equality at all levels of education

90.12 Visiting Homemaker Services
< to extend the implementation of the recommendations of the *Inter Ministerial Report on Visiting Homemaker Service (1987)*

90.13 The Young Offenders Act
< request to the Government of Ontario to urge the Government of Canada to place a moratorium on any amendments to the Young Offenders Act until a thorough national examination of the Act and of the root causes of youth violence have been completed, in order that informed decisions can be made
< and until consultation has taken place with those organizations and persons concerned with youth in conflict with the justice system, such consultations to include young people; until public hearings are held across Canada (witness funds to be available).

< that PCW Ontario urge its Local Councils and members to write to their Mps and MPPs, urging their support for a moratorium on any amendments to the Young Offenders Act, at this time

1991

91.1 Child Access Centres

< to provide leadership and financial resources toward the development of Child Access Centres in the Province of Ontario.

91.2 Child Welfare

< to encourage the development of a system of support services within the child welfare system that would be readily available to families when difficulties arise that could lead to the removal from their natural parents, with the consequent dissolution of families

91.3 Eliminating Child Poverty

< reiteration of existing policy (1988) and
< to urge the Government of Ontario to fully implement the recommendations of the ***Social Assistance Review Committee (SARC)*** to set an example for the Province of Canada by adopting as its goal, the reduction of the number of families in poverty by providing more adequate income support
< and by improving opportunities for self-support.

91.4 Gypsy Moth

< to escalate and renew efforts to eradicate the Gypsy Moth from Ontario by the use of a non-toxic substance such as *Bacillus Thuringiensis*
< to provide assistance with finances and equipment to Ontario land-owners in their personal assistance to townships and municipalities in their efforts to eradicate the Gypsy Moth.

91.5 Incineration

< to implement the use of incineration to deal with solid waste and with hazardous waste
< to enforce, without exemption, the Ontario Environmental Act standards with respect to incineration

91.6 The Interdiction of Unauthorized Hazardous Waste Entering Canada

< to inspect dumps regularly
< enforce safe disposal regulations and
< establish high landfill- use charges
< make Canadian sites less economically viable for American waste disposal companies.

91.7 Labelling of Prescriptive Drugs

< to ensure that prescription writers, doctors and Dantists, be required to provide precise instructions in prescriptions
< that precise instructions for use are noted on the labels of the prescriptive medications

- < that the purpose (rash, pain etc.) of the medication is also clearly noted on the labels
- < that pharmacists are instructed to obtain such information from the doctor if the prescription does not clearly describe directions for use
- < that pharmacists be instructed not to cover the original label on a container when placing their own label
- < upon request, pharmacists provide written information on possible side effects

91.8 Long-Term Housing Strategy

- < to develop and implement a comprehensive, long-term Ontario Housing strategy which includes a renewed non-profit housing initiative and addresses the lack of available affordable land

91.9 Packaging Reduction

- < to fully endorse the National Packaging Protocol with its six policies and its Milestone targets as follows:
- < that all packaging shall have minimal effects on the environment
- < that priority will be given to the management of packaging through source reduction, reuse and recycling
- < that a continuing campaign of information and education will be undertaken for making all citizens aware of the function and the environmental impact of packaging
- < the policies to apply for all packaging in Canada including imports
- < the regulations will be implemented as necessary to achieve compliance with these policies
- < all government policies and practices affecting packaging will be consistent with these national policies:
- < by December 31, 1991, all Provinces must have in place a nationally co-ordinated data collection program to make possible the monitoring of the following Milestone Targets
- < by December 31, 1992, packaging sent for disposal shall be no more than eighty percent of the amount sent in 1988
- < by December 31, 1996, packaging sent for disposal shall be no more than sixty-five percent of the amount in 1988
- < by December 31, 2000, packaging sent for disposal shall be no more than fifty percent of the amount sent in 1988

91.10 Preservation of Tree Cover in Southern Ontario

- < to take the necessary action to ensure that financial incentives are put in place to make it economically preferable for a developer to dedicate land for conservation in its natural forested state
- < that priority is placed on retaining larger areas in their natural state and maintaining corridors of natural vegetation which link those areas together
- < that an Urban Trees Act be written to provide for protection of trees in private ownership
- < that the Conservation Land Act be expanded to include locally significant natural areas, woodlands and wetland.

91.11 Purple Loosestrife

- < to designate Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum Salicaria*) as a noxious weed and prohibit the import, sale and transport of plants and seeds
- < to undertake a provincial program to eradicate, safely, Purple Loosestrife in Ontario
- < to educate and assist the public on measures which can be taken to combat Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum Salicaria*).

91.12 Services to Youth: 16-18 Years of Age

- < to promote co-ordinated services to youth 16-18 years of age by providing greater financial resources to youth serving agencies
- < to include in Municipal or Regional Social Services in the Province.

91.13 The United Nations Convention-on the Rights of the Child

- < to move with haste to amend Ontario Legislation which violates the Articles of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child

91.14 Urban Transit

- < use of 'environmentally fuels"
- < and, to accelerate research to make engines more "environmentally friendly"
- < promote public awareness through education programs and campaigns of the environmental benefits of increased transit usage.

91.15 Urban Transit

- < to place a high priority on public transit within its Provincial program to reduce air pollution
- < to provide funding subsidies for the construction of rapid transit facilities and the purchase of rapid transit rolling stock
- < the retro fitting of diesel bus engines to other, more "environmentally friendly" fuels
- < accelerate research to make current engines more "environmentally friendly"
- < support public education programs and campaigns promoting public awareness of the environmental benefits of transit and increased transit usage and investment

Local Councils to press their respective municipal/regional governments to adopt similar priorities for promoting increased use of urban transport.

91.16 Worker Training in Ontario

- < to rapidly organize a system of Training and Adjustment boards to be responsible for on-the-job skills training in Ontario

1992

92.1 Access to Resources to Reduce Elder Abuse

- < to provide funding for the establishment of Elder Abuse Resource Centres with programming which will meet the needs of the victims of elder abuse and their families
- < appropriate emergency accommodation for abused elders
- < respite programs for the caregivers of the elderly
- < an emergency twenty four hour '1-800" telephone number for victims of elder abuse.

92.2 Asbestos-Health Hazard..reviewing asbestos regulations

- < to lower exposure limits
- < to license contractors for safe removal and disposal of asbestos
- < to ensure strict enforcement of any standards which are set
- < to require aggressive air monitoring tests and follow-up procedures for the renovation or the demolition of buildings with asbestos insulation

92.3 Endangering Wildlife Through Poaching and Trafficking for Profit

- < to ensure that penalties for poaching are increased in severity and strictly enforced
- < to increase public awareness regarding poaching and encourage such measures as the *"Turn in Poachers"* program in Saskatchewan
- < pass legislation regulating the sale of animal organs and body parts to ensure that organs and body parts be available for research and medical purposes, but not for profit.

92.4 Contempt Proceedings

- < to work with the Government of Canada and other Provincial Governments to adopt a common policy of recognizing the factors which make women reluctant to testify and that contempt of Court proceedings be used only in exceptional cases.
- <

92.5 Idling of Internal Combustion Engines

- < the Government of Ontario to urge the Government of Canada to develop and publish regulations prohibiting the idling of motor vehicle engines beyond a specific period
- < to develop and publish regulations to prohibit construction site machinery from idling unnecessarily
- < to investigate the effects and cause of aircraft idling before take-off

92.6 Common Core Program

- < to implement and fund a common core program, with common achievement standards, throughout Ontario
- < to provide additional funding at a set rate per student for extension of school beyond the core program
- < to ensure that all non-core programs be determined locally for each school or family of schools

92.7 Gender Unfairness

- < to support the establishment of a national task force on gender equality in the courts

92.8 Improved Treatment for Women with AIDS

- < to increase research, particularly into the symptoms of HIV infection and AIDS in women
- < to allow women into clinical trials
- < to ensure that women have equal access to treatment of HIV infection for AIDS

92.9 Mobile Elementary School Modules

- < to propose that architects be called to a competition to design small, comfortable, functional, affordable, safe and healthy mobile elementary school modules for the Ontario climate
- < all modules, regardless of size, to be equipped with a washroom and two exits

92.10 Noise Pollution: a public health danger

- < to improve the hearing section of the Occupational Health and Safety Act to meet current World Health Organization standards
- < to set limits of noise levels in public places and places of recreation similar to the Occupational Health and Safety Act regulations

- 92.11 Non Traditional School Year**
< to propose that communities with over crowded elementary schools consider the adoption of a non-traditional school year in some schools
<
- 92.12 Plea Bargaining**
< to adopt legislation that
< prosecutors, unless circumstances make it impossible to do so, solicit and weigh carefully the views of victims prior to concluding plea agreements
< that victims be told the substance of, and reason for, plea agreements, unless disclosing those agreements would cause serious harm to another person
- 92.13 Protection of Ontario's Ecosystem and Parks**
< to proceed without delay to produce targets, timetables and maps of areas to be protected in the Endangered Spaces Campaign
< to integrate ecological considerations into all parks systems
- 92.14 Pulp and Paper Company Emissions**
< to ban the use of chlorine by Ontario pulp and paper mills for bleaching
- 92.15 Reducing the Fragmentation of the Elementary and Secondary School System**
< to adopt a policy that will reverse the fragmentation of the elementary and secondary school system in Ontario
< reduce the number of School Boards in Ontario so that each Board represents a separate geographic region
- 92.16 Right to Refuse to Pollute:** ...to enact Legislation which would establish the right for an employee to refuse to pollute by:
< amendment to the Environmental Protection Act
< provide protection from reprisals for workers who refuse to carry out tasks that endanger the environment
< provide for the right of the worker to inform authorities about a polluting employer, without fear of reprisals
< include in the Legislation, a mechanism for resolving environmental disputes between employers and employees
- 92.17 Sentencing**
< to work with the federal government and other provincial governments to establish uniform policies which require
< that Prosecutors protect victims by opposing the release of men accused of crime relating to domestic violence, who have violated the terms of their release
< that priority in court time be given to charges involving domestic assaults and any breach of conditions arising out of those charges
< that victim impact statements be used wherever possible to assist in sentencing submissions
< that resources be made available for the use of expert evidence to advise the court of psychological damage done by the crimes of domestic assault and child abuse victims
- 92.18 Services to Children in the Province of Ontario**
< to pursue the goals of the *Children First* report and ensure that the integration of

Children's Services become a top priority on the government agenda

92.19 Use of Tire Tax Monies

- < to set up a Scrap Tire Management Fund which would ensure that tax revenue from new tire sales be given to companies which require financial assistance to implement proven processes for scrap tire recycling
- < to direct any balance in the Scrap Tire Management Fund to the research of Improved or new methods of recycling and safe disposal of used tires.

92.20 Labour Law Reform

- < to delay introduction of legislation (Bill 40) to amend the Labour Relations Act, until a strong effort is made to find compromise with the opponents of the suggested amendments.

1993

93.1 Beds for Long-Term Care

- < concomitant to pursuing its goal of in home support for seniors
- < to continue to ensure an adequate supply of quality institutional beds with adequate institutional care.

93.2 Welfare Regulations to Restrict Access to Working Poor

- < that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to revise the income exemption formula to disallow those who do not need assistance and include the employed, self employed and the unemployed, who are in need.

93.3 Incentive for "Tax for Fuel Conservation" Program

- < that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to expand the "Tax for Fuel Conservation" program by
- < increasing the incentives under the "Tax for Fuel Conservation" program, over the next three years, for the purchase of fuel-efficient vehicles
- < creating new categories of fuel-efficient vehicles that qualify for credits
- < expanding the fee/credit to vans and trucks for the 1994 model year
- < labelling all vehicles in the "Tax for Fuel Conservation" program in order to improve the consumer awareness of the program

93.4 Protecting Employees Who Report Wrongdoing

- < to introduce "*whistleblowing*" legislation to protect public employees and all employees in government funded enterprises who, after unsuccessfully pursuing internal channels of redress make public, information on illegal and unethical behaviour
- < hold accountable to those laws, government institutions and institutions which are government funded, that harass whistleblowers
- < that the National Council of Women of Canada urge its Provincial and Local Councils of Women to urge their respective governments to act similarity

93.5 Reducing the Debt Through Expenditure Control

- < to introduce efficiencies in delivery systems and develop methods to focus on reduction of government deficits for 1993-94 and into 1994-95 with the aim to eliminate the deficits by 1994-95
- < restructuring of the Public Services to make all Ministries return each year to the

- < Treasury 2% of the previous year's budget, through cost savings, program simplifications, elimination of duplications and
- < standardization of accounting systems for all government departments and agencies (municipalities, hospitals, school boards, etc.) and
- < harmonization requirements for expenditure controls and performance indicator
- < prorating capital infra-structure expenditures by a priority list based on measures of program accountability and productivity improvement targets
- < making sure that training dollars result in the provision of skills required by business.

93.6 Reducing Unemployment

***NCWC resolution**

- < to initiate suitable action on some innovative measures for adapting programs so as to deal with present problems and to substantially reduce unemployment
- < urge its Provincial Councils of Women to ask their respective provincial governments to institute innovative changes in programs under their jurisdiction

93.7 Restruction of the Economy

that the Provincial Council of Women on Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to:

- < redefine its role on the creation of an environment where business can flourish and individual needs are addressed with greater emphasis on opportunity
- < recognize the importance of international trade agreements in opening new markets and the concomitant needed to address problems in the Ontario Economy which seriously limit industry's ability to compete
- < institute measures to combat school drop-out on an urgent basis, recognizing that greatly expanded employer contacts and counselling which convey clearly defined routes to jobs would provide incentives to stay in school
- < make industry a full partner in the training system, with government contribution to the cost of long-term training for skills necessarily learned on-the-job, with business contributing to the educational system
- < recast social policy to emphasize the importance of job skills, recognizing that welfare income can never rise above poverty levels and that reducing the present high levels of welfare dependency would release public funds for productive purposes.

93.8 Violence and Media Campaigns

- . the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario
- < to develop and actively promote media campaign concerning the rejection of violent behaviour.

93.9 Violence in Schools

- < to endeavour to prevent violence in schools by encouraging; discussion in schools about violent behaviour in the news and in entertainment
- < the development of programs in schools of methods of conflict resolution
- < peer counselling programs in schools
- < the referral of students who display violent behaviour to Social Workers who can work with the student and parent to resolve violent behaviour.

93.10 Water and Free Trade and NAFTA

- < resolve the uncertainty surrounding issue of water in the Free Trade Agreement through the execution of separate and binding joint diplomatic agreement and
- < prohibit all water related commitments except the sale of bottled water in containers of 5 litters or less in size, under the North American Free Trade Agreement and

- < further
- < urge Provincial and Local Councils of Women to urge their respective governments to place a moratorium on all bulk water exports including water diversions until the Government of Canada has concluded a joint diplomatic agreement concerning the issue of water.

1994

94.1 Structural Changes Needed in Delivery of Health Care

- < urge the Government of Ontario to work with groups, such as Ontario Medical Association to bring about structural changes in delivery of health care
- < to reject user fees and look to more efficient use of existing health dollars
- < continue to fund, through OHIP, health care services for vulnerable segments of our society.

94.2 Jobs and the Environment

- < develop and act upon an environmental recovery plan to create jobs and enhance environmental sustainability
- < develop a program to determine cost effectiveness of utility leasing program for solar water suppliers at the residential level
- < ensure all ministries involved work together

94.3 Introduction of Vehicle Maintenance Inspection and License Fee Adjustment to Reflect Vehicle Efficiency

- < introduce *'in use'* vehicle maintenance inspection programs, along with enforcement measures for all transportation modes
- < undertake pilot program for development of mobile on-road infra-red vehicle emission sensing system.

94.4 Concerning Education Spending Cuts

- < urge Government of Ontario to continue to fund special education programs and services

94.5 Include Parenting/Life Skills in Core Curriculum

- < urge the Government of Ontario to include teaching of parenting/life skills in the school core curriculum.

1995

95.1 Supporting Physiotherapists in Ontario

- < to review regulations governing licensing of physiotherapists in Ontario
- < allow greater number of licensed physiotherapists to have an OHIP billing number

95.2 Preventing Spina Bifida

- < to publicize, more widely, facts about potential benefits for a woman of child-bearing age to ingest a 0.4mg daily supplement of folic acid.

95.3 Women as Caregivers

< to identify issues and proposals to ensure greater responsibility is taken by both government and community for giving support to women with care giving roles

95.4 Making Children's Mental Health a Priority

< make children's mental health a priority
< ensure the three ministries involved in children's mental health cooperate in developing a plan for effective use of funds
< focus on prevention of mental health problems in children and youth.

95.5 Alternate Treatment to Incineration of Sewage Sludge

< replace incineration of sewage sludge with safe alternate treatment measures
< prepare formal policy statement requiring municipalities to adopt the MOEE's model sewer-use bylaw as an interim measure until MISA municipal regulations are in place
< continue 3Rs Waste Reduction Program

95.6 Encourage the Use of Ethanol Blended Fuels

< to encourage increased use of ethanol blended fuels by internal combustion engines by establishing a tax structure that would be less for ethanol blended than for petrocarbon fuels

95.7 3Rs and Alternative Technologies for Waste Treatment and Disposal

< promote, as an alternative to incineration, the proven and available technologies for waste disposal
< continue 3Rs Waste Reduction Program

95.8 Legislative Recognition for Early Childhood Educators

< to expedite granting of formal legislative recognition to the profession of Early Childhood Educators.

1996

96.1 Trucking Standards and Highway Safety

< mandatory training/certification for tire and wheel installers
< require licensed Class "A" and trailer mechanics to upgrade skills and be certified to install heavy truck wheels
< prosecutors and judiciary educated on consequences of mechanical and load infractions, endangering public safety, and
< fraudulent use of annual inspection certificate.

96.2 Preventing Social Assistance Dependency

< design measures which help people avoid reliance on social assistance, i.e., more practical training for teenagers, encouragement to complete school using co-op education program.

96.3 Teacher/Child Ratio for Junior and Senior Kindergarten

< replace teacher to child ratio in Junior and Senior Kindergartens to 1 to 15

96.4 Posting of Voters Lists

- < amend Elections Act to eliminate posting of electors' lists in conspicuous place in each polling division and
- < require instead they be available for public inspection in returning office

96.5 Idling of Internal Combustion Engines

- < develop and publish regulations prohibiting idling of motor vehicle engines beyond specified time period and
- < also prohibiting construction site machinery from idling unnecessarily.

96.6 Native Studies in Ontario Schools

- < Make this a mandatory component of social studies and history curricula in all elementary and secondary schools
- < cooperate with province's aboriginal organizations to develop study materials reflecting native history and culture for use in Ontario schools
- < develop and distribute in cooperation with Ontario Council of Elders, speakers' list of native elders who would be willing to visit Ontario schools

1997

97.1 Health Care Ensuring Quality

- < monitor changes to ensure system does not compromise quality of health care
- < guarantee savings from hospital re-structuring are invested in relevant community care

97.2 Privatization of the Ontario Clean Water Agency

- < retain and continue to operate Ontario Clean Water Agency as an essential public service.

97.3 Supporting Public School Education

- < affirm commitment to public education
- < financially support public education at progressive levels and
- < remove threat to local governance of school systems

97.4 Child Protection Services

- < develop, in conjunction with federal and other provincial governments, national standards under new Canada Health and Social Transfer to ensure adequate designated funds to provide child protection and preventive community services.

97.5 Respite Care Relief for Caregivers

- < ensure adequate respite care, on regular basis and for emergencies, is available across province through government funded programs to provide relief for family caregivers

97.6 Accepting Responsibility for Housing

- < create housing policies publicly ensuring citizens shelter in suitable, affordable and adequate housing
- < re-affirm responsibility to provide adequate housing rather than transferring it to municipalities.

97.7 Plant and Work Sites Abandonment: Responsibility for Public Safety

- < enact legislation requiring those responsibility for plants and work sites being closed, sold or abandoned to
- < leave site free from hazards
- < conduct safety and environmental audit
- < act upon safety and environmental audit recommendations before closing site or transferring ownership
- < establish perpetual care policy with appropriate funding for insurance coverage
- < ensure ownership be transferred or creditors receive money only after site is deemed safe and secure.

97.8 The Importance of Nutrition

- < adequately fund prenatal education with emphasis on importance of nutrition
- < ensure adequate nutrition for low-income pregnant women through community-based nutrition programs
- < ensure child nutrition by adequately funding community and school supplementary meal programs

97.9 Restoration of Social Program Funding

- < restore funding to social programs rather than make tax deductions

97.10 Ontario Hydro: Moving to a Sustainable Energy Future for Ontario

- < retain Ontario Hydro as a Crown Corporation
- < ensure nuclear plants are phased out
- < ensure sustainable energy strategies and alternative energy sources be key features of long term provincial energy plan

97.11 Safety of Young People in the Work Force

- < ensure each new worker receives training and written training information from the employer, outlining worker's rights and responsibilities and employer's expectations
- < instruction on health and safety in workplace be made available in all applicable educational institutions

97.12 Opposing Video Lottery Terminals in Ontario

- < repeal Bill 75
- < in interim, regulate location, accessibility and operation of VLTs to ensure restricted access
- < strict enforcement of regulations by trained inspectors
- < municipalities allowed to prohibit VLTs in areas under their jurisdiction
- < provide education on extent and risks of gambling
- < provide public disclosure of costs and profits from operation of VLTs

97.13 Lawn Pesticide Application

- < phase out use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes
- < in interim require homeowner to post sprayed areas for public notification.

1997 Emergency Resolutions

97.14E Devolution of Social Housing to Municipalities

- < commit funds to remedial repair of Ontario's public housing, non profit and

- < non-profit co-op housing projects before devolution takes place
- < maintain and enforce province-wide standards in eligibility and maintenance to ensure social housing is delivered effectively and equitably to low income households across province
- < ensure in passing social housing to municipalities that financial viability for both short term and long term will be maintained by municipalities
- < ensure existing community-based governance structures of current non-profit and non-profit co-op housing in Ontario are maintained

97.15 E Downloading of Social Assistance to Municipalities

- < withdraw proposal to devolve responsibility for welfare to municipalities
- < make sure new proposed shifts are revenue neutral
- < obtain suitable agreement among affected municipalities before enacting legislation.

1998

98.1 Child Care Standards

- < maintain and enforce standards of Ontario Day Nurseries Act including licensing
- < increase penalties, including substantial fines and closures for non-compliance

98.2 Funding for Child Care

- < Increase funding to provide sufficient spaces in licensed non-profit child care facilities to prevent increased private unlicensed care
- < retain wage subsidies in non-profit child care sector

98.3 Women and Education

- < separate social assistance payments from OASP loans so eligible women can receive both to encourage continuance of education for women

98.4 Province-Wide Junior Kindergarten

- < mandate and fully fund junior kindergarten for 3 and 4 year olds

98.5 Lands for Life Program

- < ensure real conservation measures such as protection of wild areas and sound logging practices are observed when making decisions in Lands for Life Program
- < observe target of 15 to 20 per cent of area be designated as protected areas where no industrial uses would be allowed, including forestry and mining activities
- < provide transition funding through small percentage of stumpage fees collected in a Public Lands fund to be invested in forests and communities
- < retain public control over public lands

98.6 Refillable, Reusable Beverage Containers: Product Stewardship

- < institute, through regulation, comprehensive deposit-return system for all beverage containers with goal that system will
- < lead to ultimate phase-out of non refillable beverage containers
- < be convenient for consumers to return empty containers to retailers,
- < ensure retailers will be adequately compensated to fully cover handling costs
- < provide fair and equitable treatment for all producers — domestic and foreign

98.7 Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

- < designate as workplace hazard under Ontario Health & Safety Act and other appropriate legislation
- < allow choosing in taking case to Human Rights Commission or Health and Safety Act
- < make provisions for human rights or health and safety cases to be taken to civil court
- < require completion of investigation of a case by one year after complaint is filed
- < require all employers to provide policies dealing with sexual harassment to all employees.

98.8 Multilateral Agreement on Investment

- < intervene strenuously in MAI negotiations in order to retain abilities to protect citizens in all areas of the public good, e.g., health, culture, environment, labour and social welfare
- < allow meaningful input from non- government organizations throughout Ontario

98.9 Sex Trade and Business License

- < under Travel Industry Act, revoke business registrations and fine owners of tour companies or travel agencies operating in Ontario who are found to arrange travel for the purpose of child prostitution and exploitation

98.10 Ontario Human Rights Commission

- < keep Ontario Human Rights Commission in present form as separate entity from private industry
- < funding for Commission be maintained at least at present level

98.11 Office of the Ombudsman: Name Change

- < change title of the Office of the Ombudsman so that it is gender neutral

98.12 Mental Health Services

- < take steps to see that adequate continuum of services is in place for those with mental illness
- < providing sufficient institutional beds, locating acute care beds within reasonable distance of community services
- < providing supportive housing accommodation
- < improving level of out-reach, case management, and after-care services so that are no gaps in coverage
- < funding community-based day programs and drop-in centres which can support a safe, secure and supportive environment
- < funding under Drug Benefit Formulary, medications doctors consider most effective and have least side effects on patients.

98.13 Mental Health Act

- < Draft better definition of need for involuntary treatment which will recognize deterioration of person's health, general condition and social function
- < create, in new legislation, a better balance between a person's right to necessary treatment and person's right to refuse treatment
- < link involuntary treatment to adequate community support and treatment systems
- < study, review and revive overall mental health legislation to improve its protection of

needs of patients, their families and society

98.14E Supplementary Aid/Special Assistance (now called Discretionary Benefits)

< reinstate eligibility for coverage of "*discretionary benefits*" under Bill 142 , Social Assistance Reform Act, for working poor, low-income elderly and low-income disabled not covered under Ontario Disability Support Plan

98.15E Legislating Parental Responsibility

< not to introduce new legislation to make parents/caregivers more responsible for cost of damages done by child or children under their care

< increase funding and support of existing and new programs to assist parents who seek help with a child who is at risk.

1999

99.01 Expansion of the Role of the Ombudsman and Adequate Funding: to include public complaints re municipal services

99.02 Age of Licensing for Firearms: rescind regulation allowing children under age 15 to be licensed to use firearms

99.03 Services for Developmentally Disabled:

< provide for continuum of services throughout lifespan

< ensure moving people from institutions to community that well staffed homes are available

< provide funding for more community beds to shorten waiting and ensure staff ratio for quality care

< restore funds removed from system, after 1995, to provide quality services and

< funds be added to reduce waiting lists for day programs, respite care, etc.

< ensure, in amalgamating and tendering services, that high standards be required and funding provided to maintain services

< review funding for Ontario schools to ensure special needs and extra costs of providing service be taken into account so services are not cut or overloaded

99.04 Funding and Standards for Home Care

< ensure standards be of high quality and strongly enforced

< provide funding to guarantee sick and frail access to care their condition requires

< fund services on same basis as hospital care, i.e., cover prescription drugs, therapies, etc., through OHIP

99.05 Health Care: Privatization

< primary mission of providers be well-being of consumers rather than profitability of enterprise

< consumers be consulted by an independent evaluation team when a contract is under review and review be on a regular, frequent basis

99.06 Health Care: Premature Hospital Discharge

< enough acute care beds to avoid premature discharge

< discharge team consider patient home situation to coordinate transition seeking input of patient, family, and Community Care Access Centre representatives

99.07 Health Care: Local Accountability

< establish Health Councils in each region/municipality with redefined public health department
< with authority to monitor all aspects of integrated health care system and
< report regularly through local government
< ensure priorities for action in restructuring health care be established with local input.

99.08 Energy Future for Ontario

< review issue of decommissioning nuclear stations to develop timetable for Bruce and Pickering A and set up fund for same
< amend Bill 35 to enhance promotion of energy conservation and renewable energy by mandatory quotas
< funding and renewable energy research through use of a Systems Benefit Charge on all electricity
< disclosure of fuel sources and emissions through labelling
< place aggressive new caps on fossil and radioactive emissions for all generators of electricity.

2000

00:01 Legislative Democracy in Ontario

< ensure Parliamentary Standing Orders and Calendar allow time for debate and input from all parties
< refrain from invoking closure indiscriminately
< govern by legislation rather than by Order-in-Council
< ensure Standing Committee hearings on major legislation at accessible locations throughout the province, with sufficient time allowed for interested citizens and groups to present their views
< revise Bill 36 to place reasonable limitations on political contributions
< lengthen election period to six weeks
< reintroduce enumeration.

00:02 Provincial Early Years Study: Mustard/McCain Report

< adopt recommendations of Early Years Study
< commit resources to enable all recommendations be carried out in cooperation with other sectors
< take on-going leadership role in carrying out recommendations of Study
< review/revise Ontario government policies, legislation and regulations to be consistent with findings and recommendations of Study.

00:03 Parenting Courses be Required in Secondary Schools in Ontario

< ensure parenting courses are required of all students in secondary school

00:04 Education for Parents

< provide additional funding for seminars and
< increase support for organizing educational workshops for parents

00:05 Private Sector TV News and Commercials in Schools

< ban private sector TV news and commercial ads in Ontario schools

00:06 Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation

< establish structure to address critical donation issues and regulate safety standards
< establish accountability system for donation performance and address unacceptable practices

< change focus to recognizing donation as critical and essential health-care service

< ensure patients are not at risk by enacting safety standards within a provincially regulatory framework to ensure compliance

< develop, support and maintain a provincial real-time waiting list

< clearly identify donor process roles and responsibilities for hospitals and Organ Procurement Organizations

< support education initiatives to increase donor awareness

< provide recognition and support to donor families

< mandate each death in Ontario be considered for donor suitability and

< next of kin be approached for permission for organ and/or tissue donation

00.7 Legal Fee: Court-Based Fee Assessment

< provide an independent body to review legal fee disputes

00:08 Emergencies/Emergency Planning & Public Safety

< strengthen Ontario Emergency Planning Act to encourage/enforce emergency planning and audits and practices in community

< involve providers of home care, disabled, seniors and other vulnerable groups in disaster planning

< involve women's anti-violence network in disaster planning and during disasters

< investigate and provide safeguards against internet terrorism

< improve emergency training and information for the public

00:09 Smog

< apply **Smog Patrols** and **Drive Clean** facilities to all areas of Ontario
< and to vehicles over 5 years of age

< identify health effects of various chemical combinations and long-term exposure

< take measures to decrease amount of smog produced in Ontario

< protect the consumer in this environmental initiative rather than support the business opportunity this initiative promotes

00:10 Regulation of Pesticide Use on Private Property

Provincial Enabling Legislation for Municipal By-Law Use

< pass legislation to enable municipalities to restrict or ban use of pesticides on private property

< encourage use of safe and natural alternatives through education

2001

01:01 Funding of Successful Prenatal Programmes

< promote implementation of successful prenatal programmes such as Health Fairs
< commit core funding to Health Units throughout province that desire to offer such prenatal programmes

01:02**Child Development Parenting Information**

- < promote implementation of parenting information initiatives such as *"Let's Grow Newsletter"* province wide
- < commit ongoing funding to Health Units across province to offer such parenting information initiatives, if desired

01:03**Promotional/Educational Events that Provide for Positive Child/Parent Interaction**

- < promote expansion and implementation of promotional educational events, such as Parent Fairs, province wide
- < commit ongoing core funding to Health Units throughout province to offer such parenting events if they so desire

01:04**Integrated Funding, Management and Delivery of Health Services**

- < to plan and fund health care at all levels as an integrated program whether the care will be delivered in hospital, at home, or in a long-term care facility

01:05**Illness Prevention and Health Education**

- < that promotion of health receive greater emphasis and increased funding and
- < that the program be aimed at all ages
- < that nutritional information stress portion control at home and in restaurants and that the Ontario Ministry of Health promote a specific ratio of physical activity to sedentary time

01:06**Health Care Staffing**

- < investigate realistic levels of qualified staff needed for a functional health care system
- < ask for input from health care workers to define working conditions
- < apply any savings achieved by efficiencies in health care system to improve health care and increase the hiring of health care workers rather than provide profit for agencies and
- < offer full- time employment to sufficient numbers of qualified health care workers to meet the needs of the system and to encourage those who have left the health care field to return

01:07**Bill 74: An Act to Amend the Education Act**

- < to Increase Education Quality
- < to Improve the Accountability of School Boards to Students, Parent, Taxpayers, and
- < to Enhance Students' School Experience

to ensure optimum learning conditions for students and quality public education throughout Ontario by:

- < immediately repealing Bill 74
- < reinstating power and authority to school boards and their trustees
- < restoring teachers' rights in their workplace as well as their right to collective bargaining

01:08**Increased Emphasis on Physical Education in Ontario Schools**

- < recognize, in funding formula, the place of physical education as integral to the health and education of our students

- < emphasize the long-term benefits of a regular, good physical education program for all children at all levels, in all schools and
- < ensure that the guidelines for schools include a specific ratio of physical activity to sedentary time and
- < encourage teachers to support and cooperate in the implementation of a regular daily routine of simple physical activity in their schools

01:09 New Ontario Works Service Delivery Model

- < to cancel the "**New Ontario Works Service Delivery Model**" and
- < reinstate the previous system where all people making application for social assistance do so through a face to face interview with a worker from a local office who is able to take into account relevant personal data and has knowledge of local resources.

01:10 Social Assistance Rates and Clawbacks

- < increase social assistance rates to the level prior to the 1993 reductions plus an adjustment for inflation during the intervening period
- < extend benefit of the Child Tax Benefit supplement, with no clawback, to all poor children in Ontario, including those families on social assistance

01:11 Access to Family Information for Crown Wards

- < proclaim section VIII of the Family and Children's Act which includes the right to access family information and
- < require staff at Local Children's Aid Societies/Family and Children's Services to do all they can to locate members of former Crown Wards' birth families and to assist in family reunions, recognizing the right of either party to veto personal contact

01:12 Adoption Disclosure

- < to review adoption laws to give adult adoptees information from their files including their name at birth
- < provide assistance to help them find their birth parents/siblings, recognizing the right of either parent or adoptee to veto personal contact
- < give birth parents the right to have information about a missing family member given up for adoption
- < continue to make sure that adoptees get the health information from records permanently maintained

01:13 Accreditation of Immigrant Professionals

- < facilitate the ability of immigrant professionals to practice in Ontario without lowering standards, by
- < developing academic assessment tools that are binding on regulatory bodies
- < making loans available to immigrant professionals to enable them to take the tests required
- < eliminating unnecessary re-testing; enabling immigrant professionals to get Canadian experience under supervision

01:14 Agricultural Workers: Protection Under the Labour Relations Act

- < revoke Bill 7 and reinstate the provisions in law which provide basic protection for farm workers under the Labour Relations Act that are afforded to all other workers in Ontario and
- < protections under the Occupational Health and Safety Act

01:15 Bill 73: The Child and Family Services: children from birth to eighteen years of age

- < amend the Child and Family Service Act to include children from birth to eighteen years of age so that their well-being, education, shelter and protection from harm, are ensured

UPDATES 2001

01:01U Regulation of Retirement Homes

- set up a Provincial Task Force to develop recommendations through public consultation on:
 - < basic standards of care in retirement homes
 - < criteria for licensing
 - < enforcement procedures
 - < complaint procedures
 - < standards for Care Home Information packages
 - < enact legislation that regulates retirement homes, based on the recommendations of the Provincial Task Force

01:02U Public Transit

- < to invest substantive monies in public transit

01:03U Niagara Tender Fruitlands

- < provide long-term protection for Niagara's unique fruitlands through Provincial Policy and a renewal of 1995/95 Tender Fruitland Program
- < provide protection of other specialty croplands through restrictive Provincial Policy.

01:04U Affordable Housing Crisis

- < to commit at least 1% of its annual budget as a housing expenditure to construct and maintain appropriate affordable and adequate housing for Ontario citizens.

01:05U Trucking Standards and Highway Safety

- < to continue strict enforcement of truck safety
- < implement the "black box" system
- < urge Government of Canada to implement safer "standards of work and rest hours, regulation and policy for truckers, such as those in Europe and the USA
- < support public consultations on this issue

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

01:01 ER Help for Acute Care Hospitals

- < to pay accumulated debt and deficits of acute care hospitals
- < fund acute care hospitals according to actual costs based on the average per weighted case in efficient hospitals of each class
- < compensate acute care hospitals fully when new procedures are added to the insured services they are mandated to provide.

2002

02.01 The Government of Ontario New Education Curriculum

02:02 Discontinue Provincial Testing of English (and French) as Second Languages

< discontinue provincial testing of ESL students in language related areas (reading and writing) until student demonstrates English proficiency or has been in Canada maximum of four years

02:03 Education Funding in Ontario

1. that education in Ontario be funded to amount required to provide:
- a. qualified teaching assistants for students with special needs (if integrated into regular classroom)
 - b. full-time librarians
 - c. adequate custodial staff and services
 - d. enrichment programs
 - e. teachers who are certified
2. that school boards be funded according to the differences in cost of providing services and differing needs of students in each geographical area

02.04 Provincial Teacher Testing Program

< to refrain from implementing any program of testing qualified teachers and withdraw program for teacher testing as per *'The Quality in the Classroom Act, 2001,'* and the, *"Ontario Teacher Testing Program, dated December 5, 2001"*.

02:05 Teacher Mentoring

< provide adequate funding for mentoring positions in elementary schools.

02.:06 Planning for Ontario's Double Cohort

02.:07 Government Infringement of Privacy

< withdraw outstanding legislation where questions of privacy infringement have been raised

< set up an all-party committee to study issue of privacy as it relates to existing and proposed legislation to protect privacy of citizens against government intrusion and to recommend how existing privacy legislation can be strengthened, and

< cut interests of citizens and their privacy ahead of any potential for gains in government efficiencies or commercial profit, by withdrawing from consideration of use of "smart card" for purposes of provision of government services or transfer of personal information, e.g., health and financial, that hitherto has remained private, and refrain from using "smart card" which has

- < a) been biometrically programmed
- < b) and further urge privacy legislation be strengthened to protect against commercial gain or criminal use.

02:08 Financial Support for Former Wards of the Province

< age ceiling for extended care and maintenance, for former crown wards who are still in school, from 21 to 24 years of age

02:09 Reducing Truck Traffic on Highways

< find ways to improve movement of transport trucks, trailers and containers

< assist trucking firms to use rail beds and tracks.

02:10 Nurse Practitioners in the Health Care System

- < work with nurse practitioners to integrate them into health care system
- < encourage more students to enter into nurse practitioner field by ensuring these professionals can work at their full potential
- < promote establishment of multi-disciplinary teams of health care workers including nurse practitioners, using a patient-centred model of service delivery.

UPDATES

02:01 U Bill 45: The Equity in Education Tax Credit

- < repeal Bill 45, the Equity in Education Tax Credit and restore funding to public education in order to prevent further damage to integrity of public education system and its ability to serve the educational needs of Ontarians.

02.03U Gambling in Ontario

2003

03:01 Conditions of Pre-Trial Detention in Ontario Provincial Prisons

- < to ensure that pre-trial detention is used as the last resort
- < ensure that an accused is not unnecessarily detained because surety (bail) is set too high
- < expand bail supervision programs
- < greatly improve the conditions of confinement for those who must be detained

03:02 Highway Proliferation

- < to consider negative impacts on farmland, environmentally sensitive areas and human health as paramount when developing long range plans for new highways and highway extensions, expansions, and connections and
- < limit planned construction to those that will have negligible impact
- < ensure the public is involved in early planning stages of highway projects, and
- < that all highways, highway extensions, expansions and connections be subjected to individual environmental assessment hearings, rather than 'class' environmental assessments
- < ensure the public is presented with improved and expanded transit alternatives in lieu of building highways

03:03 Staffing Levels and Practices in Long-Term Care Facilities

- < to increase mandatory staffing levels in long-term care facilities to meet requirements of actual hours of care required by residents
- < ensure the use of physical restraints in long-term facilities be critically examined and promote restraint-reduction programs in these facilities

03:04 Preventive Services Funding Streams Within Funding Framework for Children's Aid Societies/Family and Children's Services

- < to create and adequately fund preventive services for families in the Funding Framework for Children's Aid Societies/Family and Children's Services to prevent children having to be taken into care

03:05 Funding to Children's Aid Societies/Family and Children's Services for Post-Adoption Services

- < to provide funding to Children's Aid Societies/ Family and Children's Services for provision to adoptive parents of counselling support groups, respite care and financial

assistance when required to enable them to meet the exceptional needs of their adopted children

UPDATES

03:01 U The Need for Homemaking Services as Part of Home Care

- < to provide sufficient funding to Community Care Access Centres to permit them to reverse their decision to eliminate homemaking services where they occurred
- < work with non-profit service providers in the community, consumers and other community partners to explore the development of options for the delivery of homemaking services.

03:02U Technical Training for Youth

- < some hands-on technical experience for students beginning in Grade 5 and gradually increasing in content during subsequent grades so students will have an opportunity to consider future studies and/or employment in fields other than that requiring a university degree or post secondary diploma
- < a classroom technical training program, including an on-the-job apprenticeship program, beginning in Grade 7 or Grade 9, according to the academic requirements for a particular trade or skill. The Program, in some cases, may allow the students to earn some remuneration for their efforts

03:03U Violence Against Women: The Hadley inquest Recommendation

- < conduct audits of police services to monitor compliance with the "**Model Police Response to Domestic Violence**"
- < ensure training of police recruits includes at least forty hours of domestic violence investigative training
- < ensure police services classification of complaints status on domestic violence call assignments be changed to "**without delay**"
- < invest new provincial money to immediately provide additional permanent subsidized housing units and "**second state**" subsidized units sufficient to meet the current and forecast needs for subsidized housing in each community in Ontario
- < target federal capital grants toward increasing the supply of subsidized housing units

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

03:01 E Access to Oral Health Care and Oral Health Care Professionals

- < amend Dental Hygiene Act, 1991, to remove requirement for an order from a dentist in order for a dental hygienist to clean teeth
- < refrain from passing any regulations that would further restrict public access to dental hygiene services.

2004

04:01 Adequate Minimum Wage

- < raise minimum wage to ensure low wage earners an adequate standard of living, with further minimum wage increases tied to rate of inflation

04:02 Protection of Ontario's Parks and Conservation Reserves

- < commit to protection of parks and Conservation Reserves including species and ecosystem protection

04:03

Public Private Partnership

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reject Public-Private Partnerships for Health Care and education Institutions and for other essential public infrastructure.

04:04

Services for Women Recently Released from Provincial Custody

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commit to allocation of long term funding to approved non-profit organizations to provide women released from prison options and resources for rehabilitation and reintegration into society.

UPDATES

U01:04

Regulation of Nursing Homes and Rest and Retirement Homes

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conditions for licenses and maintaining be reviewed, updated and strictly enforced facilities pass mandatory annual unannounced inspections and results be readily available to public

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mandatory standards for minimum amount of nursing care per resident per day be reinstated at three years

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legislation be enacted to protect well being of residents

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owners be required to post bonds to be held by government in trust, to protect residents and that all residents' accounts be similarly held in trust with legislation covering their use

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Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care conduct rotating audits to be reported to Provincial Legislature or Auditor General

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owners of facilities be required to ensure security and safety of personal effects of residents

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all staff required to go through criminal check to protect residents from known inappropriate care-givers.

U02:04

Waste Management

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re-institute 1992 ban on municipal solid waste (MSW) incineration and ban other advanced combustion technologies, until proven safe to human health and environment

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enhance "producer responsibility" legislation to encompass "life" of manufactured products

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strengthen Air Quality Standards (A07s) to measure quantity as well as concentration of air emissions from existing municipal incinerator

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adopt "zero waste" as Provincial and Municipal strategy goal, backed by producer responsibility legislation and support of municipal 3R programs

U03:04

Supportive Housing/Hostels

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recognize homelessness crisis and value of emergency shelters in providing short term housing and crisis intervention, as well as meeting needs in a holistic way and helps people find permanent housing and access to community supports

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invest in more emergency housing projects and provide adequate funding for provision of emergency housing, early intervention support services, community development outreach activities and administrative overhead

U04:04

Groundwater Protection

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develop legislation

<

reinstate conservation authority funding and

- < broaden mandate to all
- < help to develop and implement integrated strategies for management and protection of groundwater.

U05:04 Pesticides

- < enact legislation to ban use of chemical pesticides for cosmetic purposes
- < regulate use of chemical pesticides for infestations
- < work with municipalities to educate public as to alternatives to chemical pesticides

U06:04 Ontario's Disaster Prevention and Planning

- < ensure Provincial Emergency Planning Act is strong in preparing Ontarians in event of highly infectious diseases and other natural and human error (or design) disaster, including internet and other acts of terrorism
- < involve representative group, e.g., general public, press, front line emergency workers, service providers for elderly, vulnerable and anti-violence networks in strengthening of Emergency Planning Act
- < educate and prepare citizens in event of highly infectious diseases and other natural and human error/design disasters, of both short and more lengthy duration
- < in event of emergency, ensure occupational safety for EMS and health care workers through Health and Safety Act and Emergency Planning Act
- < put plans in place to ensure disaster supplies are delivered expeditiously

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

E01:04 Protecting Family Law

- < support common civil code for all Canadian Courts
- < respect equality for women, imbedded in Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- < reject binding arbitration in family law disputes
- < follow Canadian Law, rather than any alternative system, in Ontario Courts
- < investigate and implement ways to save court time and costs That do not put equality of women in jeopardy.

E02:04 Anaphylaxis Management Plans

- < ensure all institutions dealing with children establish anaphylaxis management plans that would inform institutions, children, and parent communities about life threatening allergies
- < adopt measures aimed at reducing risk of exposure to allergy causing substances for children who are at risk of a life threatening reaction
- < train all people in supervisory positions to recognize symptoms of allergic reactions and follow an established emergency protocol

E03:04 Water Taking

- < new water taking rules be based on total availability of water in watershed that can be removed without damaging ecosystem
- < include clear, legally established water use priorities
- < ensure Ministry of Environment and local conservation Authorities have sufficient staff and resources to carry out necessary studies and implementation of new rules

2005

2005:1 Full-time Nursing Positions

1. RESOLVED that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy

- a. support for 70% full-time employment for Registered Nurses and Registered Practical Nurses, with strategic staffing plans developed co-operatively by the nursing profession, employers, and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC), to meet the needs of patients and staff; and
- b. where nurses are working part time, they should receive benefits which are, at a minimum, proportional to their working time: and further be it

2. **RESOLVED** that PCWO urge the Government of Ontario to

- a. aim for 70% full-time employment for Registered Nurses (RN) and Registered Practical Nurses (RPN) and that MOHLTC work co-operatively with staff and employers to develop strategic staffing plans that ensure that the needs of patients and staff are met; and
- b. where nurses are working part time they should receive benefits which are, at a minimum, proportional to their working time, and further be it:

2005:2 Health Premium Tax

1. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that health care costs be paid from personal taxes, not health premiums, thus ensuring equity and access to all, as required by the Canada Health Act; and

2. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to withdraw the Health Premium, and rely instead on personal income taxes for health provision dollars.

2005:3 Delisting of Health Services: Chiropractics, Optometry and Physiotherapy

1. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that the provision of the health services of Chiropractors, Optometry and Physiotherapy be provided under OHIP to all Ontario citizens, regardless of their ability to pay.

2. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to re-list the services of Chiropractors, Optometry and Physiotherapy under OHIP, as integral to a comprehensive curative and preventative range of public health service and investigate an extension of OHIP coverage for these services.

2005:4 The Canada Learning Bond and Registered Education Savings Plan

*****Note:** PCWO is pleased that the Government moved to allow social assistance recipients to retain RESP assets, after this resolution was formulated, however PCWO approved this resolution in order to have policy for future use.*

1. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that Registered Education Savings Plans, including the Canada Learning Bond not be considered an asset when families apply for income assistance.

2. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to not include Registered Education Savings Plans, including the Canada Learning Bond as assets when families apply for income assistance.

2005:5 Landfills

1. **RESOLVED** that Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that:

- a. landfills must be engineered in such a way that
 - < they are safe,
 - < complementary to efforts to enhance 3 R programs,
 - < able to increase opportunities for environmentally sustainable co-generation projects and/or produce electricity, and
 - < be turned into beneficial public uses in future;
- b. municipalities look after their own waste within their own jurisdictions; and
- c. landfills be remediated so they are
 - < safe, and
 - < of beneficial public use at the end of their life cycle, eg.. parks and to provide electricity etc.; and

2. RESOLVED that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to:

- a. ensure through regulation and encourage through policies and programs the engineering of landfills that are
 - < safe,
 - < complementary to enhanced 3 R programs, and
 - < able to provide opportunities for environmentally sustainable co-generation projects, and /or electricity generation; and
- b. legislate that municipalities deal with waste within their own jurisdictions
- c. ensure the remediation of old landfills, so they are both safe and of public use at the end of their life cycle.

2005:6 Support for Extended Families

1. RESOLVED that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that

- a. custodial care by extended family members be recognized in Legislation; and
- b. the allowance rate reflect established rates for similar care by foster parents; and
- c. open adoptions be allowed through Legislation.

2. RESOLVED that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to:

- a. amend the Child and Family Service Act to allow custodial care by extended family members;
- b. alter the allowance rate for temporary care to reflect established rates for similar care by foster parents; and
- c. 1#make legislative changes to allow open adoptions.

UPDATES:

U1:2005 Deposit-return System for Beverage Containers

1. RESOLVED that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy the adoption of a deposit-return system for all beverage containers with the goal that such a system will

- a. lead to the ultimate phase-out of non refillable plastic beverage containers,
- b. be convenient for consumers to return empty containers to retailers,

c. provide fair and equitable treatment for all producers, and

2. RESOLVED that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to institute through regulation a comprehensive deposit-return system for all beverage containers that will:

a. lead to the ultimate phase-out of non refillable plastic beverage containers,

b. be convenient for consumers to return empty containers to retailers,

c. provide fair and equitable treatment for all producers

U2:2005 Gambling

1. RESOLVED that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy:

a. opposition to government promotion of, and benefit from, gambling in Ontario

b. support for strong government regulations to control youth access to gambling, the prohibition of promotional advertising for gambling and any targeting of certain ethnic groups

c. support for government investments in advertising re the dangers of gambling, particularly its addictive nature, such as is done in other jurisdictions

d, support for adequate funding for programs for problem gamblers, prevention of problem gambling and protection of problem gamblers

e. the need for government funded yearly studies of all aspects of gambling, including societal costs, eg. lost earned income due to addictions, hospital stays and public disclosure of same

f. the need for adequate funding from tax revenues of public institutions and charities, rather than through gambling revenues.

g. opposition to any expansion of gambling in Ontario

2 RESOLVED that Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to:

a cease the promotion of gambling in Ontario and refrain from expanding gambling opportunities

b. strictly enforce regulations regarding youth access to gambling

c. initiate programs in the school system, starting at the elementary level, to alert children to the allure, and the dangers of gambling

d. invest substantively in programs to help problem gamblers control their addiction and protect them from harm and to help those at risk of becoming problem gamblers

e. fund yearly studies to assess the true social costs of gambling and make them public

f. reduce the reliance of institutions and charities on gambling revenues and fund public health services through taxes, rather than gambling revenues.

- g. institute effective methods to control compulsive gambling within casinos such as those used in other jurisdictions

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

E1:2005 Insulin Pumps for Diabetics

7. **Whereas,** Bill 55 received all party support in its introduction, passed second reading and has been referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy for study prior to its return to the House for third reading; therefore be it
1. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy support for an amendment to the Health Insurance Act to include the provision of insulin pumps and related supplies as insured services for diabetics; and
2. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to pass Bill 55, An Act to Amend the Health Insurance Act (Insulin Pumps etc on OHIP)

2006

2006:1 Older Women's Breast and Gynecological Health Status

1. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy **that older women be eligible for routine annual or bi-annual breast and gynecological examinations.**
2. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to:
- a. provide notification of eligibility for an annual or bi-annual breast screening examination and mammogram to women over the age of 74 years; and
 - a) develop similar routine gynecological health screening programs for cervical, ovarian and other forms of gynecological cancer.

2006:2 Eliminating Driver Age Discrimination

1. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that all drivers be treated equally, with re-examination of driving ability for those aged 70 to 80 years to be the same as required for drivers under age 70.
2. **RESOLVE** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to: Amend Ontario Traffic Act B, Regulation 340-94 Section 16B, under the Ministry of Transportation Driver Improvement, so that re-examination of driving ability for those aged 70 to 80 years is the same as required for drivers under age 70.

2006:3 Seniors Age 60 to 65 On Social Assistance

1. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that persons aged 60 to 65, in need of financial assistance, automatically qualify for adequate financial support until they are gainfully employed or reach age 65.

2. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to:
- a. enact legislation to ensure that persons aged 60 to 65, in need of financial assistance, automatically qualify for adequate financial support until they are gainfully employed or reach age 65, and
 - b. ensure that the public is notified of this change.

2006:4 Rental Protection for Tenants

1. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy:
- a. tenants protection from evictions under provincial rent protection legislation, through automatic access to a hearing and a consideration of individual circumstances such as risk of homelessness
 - b. evictions be an extraordinary remedy of last resort, to be ordered if there are no other reasonable alternative remedies
 - c. time for notification of a hearing be extended with assurance that the tenant understand the notification; and
2. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to
- a. immediately repeal the provisions of the Tenant Protection Act 1997 that allow for evictions without a hearing
 - b. amend the Tenant Protection Act or introduce new legislation that requires the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal to consider granting relief from eviction, taking into consideration affordable housing availability, disability or other factors recognized under human rights legislation
 - c. provide an over-riding policy within new legislation that eviction is an extraordinary remedy of last resort, that should not be ordered if there are other reasonable alternatives and remedies.

2006:5 Workplace Rights for Part Time Workers

1. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy:
The principle of full workplace protection, rights and pro-rated benefits to all part-time workers.
2. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to:
- a. amend provincial labour standards and regulations to ensure that all part-time workers receive the same protection, rights and pro-rated benefits as those guaranteed to full-time workers;
 - b. regulate temporary work agencies under a strengthened Employment Agencies Act;
 - c. remove the minimum hourly limit for paying minimum wage to employees;
 - d. vigorously enforce labour standards under the Employment Standards Act

2006:6 Access to Post Secondary Education

1. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy:
That post secondary education be affordable to all qualified Ontarians.
1. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to:
Work with the Federal Government and other provinces and territories to develop a national post secondary education finance plan that ensures affordable post secondary education for all qualified Ontario students through:
- a. greatly increased investment in grants to low and middle income students
 - b. renewed and substantive provincial and federal investments in post secondary institutions
 - c. greater flexibility in the recognition of degrees, certificates and course credits between provinces and between universities and colleges.

2006:7 Music in Elementary Schools

1. **RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy:
- a. recognizing music as an aid to learning and re-instate music education into elementary school curricula
 - b. that Colleges of Education include a unit on basic music education for elementary school teachers
 - c. that School Boards be encouraged to hire qualified music teachers
 - d. supporting programmes such as the National Arts Centre's Vivaldi teacher resource kit
 - e. the use of technology as an aid for music education in schools; and
2. **Resolved** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to:
- a. recognize music as an aid to learning and re-instate music education into elementary school curricula
 - b. ensure that Colleges of Education include a unit on basic music education for elementary school teachers
 - c. encourage Boards of Education to hire qualified music teachers
 - d. support programmes such as the NAC's Vivaldi teacher resource kit e) support the use of technology as an aid for music education in schools.

2006:8 Childcare in Schools

1. **Resolved** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that where practical, schools house licensed childcare centres which are affordable and meet the QUAD principles of quality, universality, accessibility, and are developmentally appropriate

- 2. Resolved** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to ensure that
- a. schools in the province provide space for childcare centres which meet the QUAD principles (quality, universality, accessibility and are developmentally appropriate), and are affordable, as an investment in our children;
 - b. childcare space in schools not be included in calculating school capacity; and
 - c. any childcare funding go to care and not to private/for profit, and existing private centres be grandfathered, but no more allowed.

2006:9 Bill 183, The Adoption Information Disclosure Act, 2005

1. RESOLVED that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy:
That safeguards and guidelines be established to ensure that

- a. the existence of the right to register a notice of unwillingness of either an adopted person or a birth parent to be contacted is well publicized
- b. counselling around reunions and continued assistance around searches is available to those seeking such services; and

2. RESOLVED that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario, **In connection with the implementation of Bill 183, the Adoption Information Disclosure Act, 2005**, ensure that

- a. the existence of the right to register a notice of unwillingness of either an adopted person or a birth parent to be contacted is well publicized
- b. counselling around reunions and continued assistance around searches is available to those seeking such services.

2006:10 School Fundraising

1. RESOLVED that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy:
That essential school needs, as required by the official school curriculum, be funded by the Government of Ontario; and

2. RESOLVED that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to: Ensure funding for education be sufficient to provide for all essential school needs, as required by the official school curriculum, so that schools do not need to fundraise for items such as library books, textbooks and other school programs and services.

2006-11 School Advertising

1. RESOLVED that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy, that the marketing of commercial products or services to students in publicly supported schools be prohibited.

2. RESOLVED that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to: the marketing of commercial products or services to students in publicly supported schools be prohibited.

2006-12 Prevention of Violence Against Aboriginal Women On and Off Reserves

- 1. RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy; Support for the rights and safety of aboriginal women and girls on and off reserves.
- 2. RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to: Work closely with aboriginal Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and, aboriginal women in particular, to institute plans of action that include:
 - a.** the development of appropriate and effective protocols for police response to missing persons cases consistent with the specific risks to aboriginal women and girls
 - b.** clear instructions to police to ensure that the fundamental rights of women involved in the sex trade are protected in all law enforcement activities
 - c.** adequate sustained, multi-year funding to culturally appropriate services, such as shelters/safe houses and counselling for aboriginal women and girls on and off reserve, needed to prevent violence
 - d.** urging the federal government to
 - i) hasten the passing of Bill S-45, an Act to Change the Human Rights Act so that all aboriginal people are given anti-discrimination protection afforded by the Canadian Human Rights Act, and
 - ii) ratify the Inter American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence Against Women.

2007

2007: 1 Protection of Ownership Under the Land Titles Act

- 1.. RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that the bona fide land title ownership of all Ontarians be thoroughly protected against subsequent unlawful registrations on title, and
- 2. RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to
 - a.** Amend the Land Titles Assurance Fund (LTAF) to simplify compensation and to include information on how to establish that fraud has occurred;
 - b.** immediately enact ironclad legislation to protect bona fide title ownership of Ontarians against title fraud without the necessity of them having to buy title insurance;
 - c.** immediately place safeguards in the Teraview/Polaris electronic registration and data storage systems to prevent such easy accessibility to the land titles of unsuspecting homeowners;
 - d.** ensure that Agreements of Purchase and Sale should be conditional on the approval of the lawyer for each party, and especially when a Power of Attorney is used.

2007: 2 Regulation of the Payday Lending Industry

- 1. RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario establish as policy their support for consumer protection through provincially legislated regulation of the payday lending industry.
- 2. RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to enact and enforce legislation regulating the payday lending industry that will:
1. License all lenders
 2. Cap interest rates
 3. Ban rollover loans
 4. Allow the client until the end of the next business day to rescind the loan
 5. Institute a mandatory cooling-off period between loans
 6. Ban deceptive advertising
 7. Limit the amount of a payday loan (to a reasonable portion of the client's next pay cheque)
 8. Ensure clear and complete disclosure of the cost of credit
 9. Ensure contracts include contact information for credit counselling services

2007: 3 Rental Housing Rights for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking

- 1. Resolved** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, have a right to rental housing that is safe and the right to terminate a rental agreement quickly ; and be it further
- 2. Resolved** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to:
1. allow a substantiated victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, to end a lease or rental agreement with a 14 day notice;
 2. not require the agreement of another person who co-signed the lease in order to terminate it;
 3. allow a substantiated victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking to have the locks changed without requiring the permission of the landlord, on providing the landlord with a means of access.

2007:4 Funding to Second-stage Housing and Services for Abused Women

- 1. RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that Second-Stage housing with supportive services for abused women and their children be available with sustained, adequate government funding; and
- 2. RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to provide adequate, sustained funding for Second-Stage housing and supportive services for abused women and their children in Ontario.

2007:5 The Inclusion of Women's Studies in the Ontario Curriculum

- 1. RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that Women's Studies be part of the Ontario Curriculum.
- 2. RESOLVED** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to

make Women's Studies courses part of the Ontario Curriculum.

2007:6 Psychological Harassment in the Workplace

1. RESOLVED that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that all workers have the right to a workplace that is free of psychological harassment; and

2. RESOLVED that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to create and implement legislation on psychological harassment in the workplace.

2007: 7 Midwifery Services for Ontario Women

1. RESOLVED that the PCWO adopt as policy that publicly funded, regulated midwifery services be available to all Ontario communities, and be it further

2. RESOLVED that the PCWO urge the Government of Ontario to:

a) ensure that the Midwifery Educational Program be expanded in Ontario to respond to the emerging maternity care crisis,

b) develop a provincial maternity strategy which will give women in Ontario access to comprehensive prenatal, intrapartum and postpartum care close to home,

c) ensure that barriers for licensing of midwives trained outside of Canada be reduced

2007: 8 End-of-Life / Palliative Care

1. RESOLVED that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that good quality palliative care in institutions or at home be available in all settings in Ontario, whether urban, rural or northern, and

2. RESOLVED that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to ensure that::

a) good quality end-of-life care at home or in an institution be available in all settings in Ontario, whether in urban, rural or northern regions,

b) education programs for all health care workers include the principles and practices of palliative care

c) clinical support by experts in palliative care be available in all regions in Ontario

d) personal care workers have access to continuing education in end-of-life care

e) performance indicators be established to monitor end-of-life care in all Ontario regions.