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88.1 Child Poverty

- a) to take urgent action to restructure public assistance rates to the poverty line with automatic indexed adjustments
- b) to increase earning exemptions for families on welfare
- c) 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

- a) to continue to invest in the research of alternative transportation fuels making Canada less dependent on petroleum products and
- b) 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

- a) to take all possible measures within its Provincial power, to retain and expand the Niagara fruit industry and within these measures
- b) to reconsider its plan to remove 1/3 of the Niagara vines and the disallowance of Labrusca grapes in the table wines
- c) to support the expansion of the burgeoning market for these grapes and their by-products
- d) to stand firm in its oppositions to Free Trade as it impacts on the whole fruit industry to protect our long-term self sufficiency
- e) to support the marketing Boards in their dealings with GATT
- f) 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
- g) to urge the Government of Canada to take action immediately.

88.4 Financial Assistance

- a) 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
- b) to increase allowances for psychiatrically disabled to those, defined levels

88.5 Health: Care Improvements for Ontario Seniors

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

- c) to ensure that appropriate funds are being used for the health Care of seniors

88.6 Housing: A Provincial Emergency

- a) to declare a "Provincial State of Emergency" as it relates to housing those persons most in need
- b) 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
- c) and to facilitate the establishment of new and innovative programs with
- d) funds being channeled, mainly through non-profit and co-operative housing programs
- e) with the addition of 20.000 new units per year
- f) an increase in the number of co-operative units to at least 1/3 of the total allotment of housing units
- g) an increase in subsidy for RGI units in co-ops to allow for up to 50% RGI
- h) special needs persons, i.e. psychiatrically disabled, included as part of the mainstream program.

88.7 Land Supply for Non-Profit Housing Development

- a) 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

- a) to institute literacy programs in government workplaces
- b) 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

- a) 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
- b) to provide more publicity for incentives and other basic information which would encourage municipalities to adopt multi-material recycling
- c) to strongly promote the upgrading of present recycling systems to maximum efficiency
- d) o 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
- e) 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

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

88.11 Accessibility for the Physically Disabled

- a) 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
- b) 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

- a) to ensure adequate co-ordination among the relevant Ministries in order to provide a more satisfactory continuum of linked services for clients
- b) 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
- c) 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

- a) to increase employment opportunities for the physically disabled
- b) to increase the allotted amount of \$1.500 liquid assets
- c) 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

- a) to provide financial assistance and tax relief for all disabled people to make
- b) 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
- c) purchase prescribed drugs, pharmaceutical supplies and repair and replace wheelchairs, special appliances and aids, where prescribed by a physician, for children and adults.
- d) to provide sufficient funds for adequately designed apartments, housing and facilities for the disabled
- e) to provide ongoing support services for those disabled people attempting to live independently with minimum care.

88.15 Regular School Systems: physically disabled children

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

88.16 Education Act

- a) 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

- a) 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

- a) 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

- a) 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

- a) to provide public transportation designed for access and use by the disabled
- b) to provide financial assistance where needed for the purchase of specially equipped lift vans for the disabled
- c) 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
- d) 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

- a) 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

- a) to investigate and report on the increasing use of pesticides and herbicides, particularly 2,4-D
- b) 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
- c) to license persons for the application of pesticides with a contract required which would state the chemicals used and their possible dangers
- d) and that the area in question be posted to alert the neighbouring residents
- e) and that no application would take place on windy days
- f) 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
- g) 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.