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2008:01 JUSTICE FOR INJURED WORKERS

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

- a. Injured workers receive comprehensive benefits and cost of living increases
- b. Health and safety of the workplace be a priority
- c. All workers in Ontario be covered by workers' compensation.

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

- a. Extend the full cost of living increases to injured workers' compensation
- b. Have the Minister of Labour use his power under Section 167 of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act to direct WSIB to eliminate the practice of deeming injured workers to have jobs which they do not have
- c. Change incentives to employers to improve actual health and safety in the workplace rather than lost-time measures
- d. Extend workers' compensation coverage to all workers in Ontario.

2008:02 PHYSICIAN PROMOTION OF INSURANCE POLICIES FOR UNINSURED MEDICAL SERVICES

RESOLVED #1 that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that Physicians be prohibited from promoting insurance policies for services not covered by the Ontario Health insurance Plan.

RESOLVED #2 that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to prohibit Physicians from promoting insurance policies for services not covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan.

2008:03 DENTICARE

RESOLVED #1 that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that preventive and remedial dental costs for low income persons and those receiving social assistance be paid through a provincial health program.

RESOLVED #2 that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to initiate a dental program so that all low income persons may receive preventive and remedial dental care.

2008:04 INTER-PROVINCIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS THAT UNDERMINE GOVERNMENT POLICY

RESOLVED #1 that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that inter-provincial agreements not undermine the protective laws, policies and programs of the Provincial government, or its delegated authorities in law, such as municipalities.

RESOLVED #2 that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to refrain from signing any inter-provincial agreements that could undermine any of its protective laws, policies and programs, and those of its delegated authorities in law.

2008:05 THE NEED FOR SUPPORTIVE HOME CARE FOR SENIORS

RESOLVED #1 that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that publicly funded supportive home care and comprehensive community services for seniors with functional deficits and/or chronic illness be provided to enhance quality of senior's lives and the sustainability of our health care system.

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

- a. Invest in supportive home care to allow seniors with age-related functional deficits and/or chronic illnesses to "age in place"
- b. Expand community services which will enable seniors to stay in their own familiar homes as long as possible.

2008:06 THE COST OF CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

RESOLVED #1 that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy the need to stress the economic advantages of solving the bulk of the chronic homelessness problem.

RESOLVED #2 that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to work with community 2 leaders and agencies, and other levels of government to provide and fund a long-term plan to reduce chronic homelessness in Ontario.

2008:07 PROTECTION FOR ANIMALS

RESOLVED #1 that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario establish as policy that:

- a. The abuse and neglect of animals be an offence in Ontario
- b. There be a provincial standard of animal care
- c. The penalty be strong enough to be a deterrent to abuse and neglect
- d. Cruelty officers be authorized to inspect any place that has animals, where there is suspected abuse.

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

- a. Amend the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act to make abuse and neglect of animals an offence in Ontario
- b. Establish a provincial standard of animal care
- c. Significantly strengthen penalties for animal abuse and neglect including up to a lifetime prohibition from having an animal
- d. Authorize cruelty officers to inspect places that raise, sell, display or process animals - domestic, native or exotic – where there is suspected abuse or neglect
- e. Authorize cruelty officers to inspect the condition of animals in transit.

2008:01PU PAYING FOR ESSENTIAL CLASSROOM SUPPLIES AND FEES IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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

- a. Classroom supplies deemed essential at each grade level of elementary school be supplied without cost to pupils
- b. Fees for extra-curricular school activities be discussed with parent councils.

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

- a. Determine what classroom supplies are essential at each elementary grade level
- b. Mandate its public school boards to provide each of its elementary school pupils with grade-appropriate essential classroom supplies without charge to parents

RESOLVED #3 that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to increase per pupil funding to cover the cost of classroom supplies and curricular-related school activities outside the classroom.

2008:02PU STANDARDS OF CARE IN LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES

RESOLVED #1 that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy that the mandatory minimum standard of “hands-on” care in Long Term Care facilities be set at 3.5 hours per patient per day.

RESOLVED #2 that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario urge the Government of Ontario to legislate a mandatory minimum of three and one-half hours of care per patient per day for residents of Long Term Care facilities.