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## **2006:1 OLDER WOMEN'S BREAST AND GYNECOLOGICAL HEALTH STATUS**

**RESOLVED #1** 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.

**RESOLVED #2** 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
- b. develop similar routine gynecological health screening programs for cervical, ovarian and other forms of gynecological cancer.

## **2006:2 ELIMINATING DRIVER AGE DISCRIMINATION**

**RESOLVED #1** 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.

**RESOLVED #2** 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**

**RESOLVED #1** 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.

**RESOLVED #2** 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**

**RESOLVED #1** 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

**RESOLVED #2** 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**

**RESOLVED #1** 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.**

**RESOLVED #2** 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**

**RESOLVED #1** that the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario adopt as policy:  
**That post-secondary education be affordable to all qualified Ontarians.**

**RESOLVED #2** 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**

**RESOLVED #1** 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

**RESOLVED #2** 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**

**RESOLVED #1** 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

**RESOLVED #2** 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**

**RESOLVED #1** 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

**RESOLVED #2** 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**

**RESOLVED #1** 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

**RESOLVED #2** 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**

**RESOLVED #1** 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.

**RESOLVED #2** 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**

**RESOLVED #1** 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.

**RESOLVED #2** 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.