



Panel 1: Innovating and Prospering in the New Energy Economy

1-01-11 Resolution Supporting Action on Job Creation

Submitted by Nickel Belt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 1.1 of the policy book be amended as follows:

New Democrats believe in:

- f. Targeting tax credits and incentives towards rewarding job creation, and encouraging job-supporting investment.
- g. Strengthening the *Investment Canada Act* and ensuring that foreign investment delivers and maintains quality jobs in Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the subsequent clauses be numbered accordingly.

1-02-11 Resolution on the HST

Submitted by Vancouver East

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party rejects the Conservative government's imposition of the HST on the citizens of British Columbia and Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, should the citizens of British Columbia vote to get rid of the HST, the Party will not support forcing the province to repay \$1.6 billion to the federal government, and will strongly urge the federal government not to do so.

1-03-11 Resolution on Foreign Investment

Submitted by the Council of Northern Ontario Federal Ridings, Sudbury

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal New Democratic Party support the strengthening of the *Investment Canada Act* by:

- Reducing, not raising, the asset threshold that determines whether an investment is subject to federal review;
- Providing explicit, transparent criteria for the "net benefit to Canada" test, with an emphasis on the impact of foreign investment on communities, jobs, pensions and new capital investments;
- Requiring public hearings that allow for community input into decisions on both the assessment of "net benefit" and conditions to apply to the investment;
- Public disclosure of all commitments undertaken by potential investors;
- Transparent decisions with reasons and clear conditions that must be met by the investor;
- Ongoing monitoring of performance to ensure conditions are met and investor commitments are implemented; and
- The imposition of effective penalties for non-performance, including the posting of a performance bond from which such penalties would be payable, where appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federal NDP call for legislation to ensure that the costs of financing a foreign takeover of a Canadian company be made ineligible as a deductible cost when determining Canadian taxes payable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federal NDP call for legislation to prohibit the writing off of offshore properties by a non-Canadian multinational company against their Canadian taxes payable.

1-04-11 Resolution on the Digital Economy

Submitted by the Quebec Section

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP endow Canada with a digital plan to make it a world leader in matters of infrastructure, reducing the digital divide, accessibility for all citizens, participation in the digital economy, and the involvement of the Canadian government as a stakeholder in the digital community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP encourage businesses to invest in ICT in order to support the process of business innovation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP encourage investment in training and skills acquisition for the victims of the digital divide;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP support investments in telecommunications infrastructure in return for fair rates for citizens that are comparable with those in other OECD countries.

1-05-11 Resolution on Supporting Canadian Shipbuilding

Submitted by Sackville – Eastern Shore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 1.1 of the policy book be amended as follows:

- c. Ensuring fairness and accountability in the tendering of defence and shipbuilding contracts to the various shipyards across Canada, and implementing a dependable policy of domestic procurement that ensures consistent demand and stable employment to eliminate boom and bust cycles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the subsequent clauses be renumbered accordingly.

1-06-11 Resolution on the Role of Farmers in the Canadian Wheat Board

Submitted by Wascana

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party call on the federal government to support the democratic rights of farmers to determine the direction of the Canadian Wheat Board, and preserve and strengthen the Canadian Wheat Board's position as a single-desk marketer.

1-07-11 Resolution to Protect Credit Card Holders

Submitted by Sudbury

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 1.13 of the policy book be amended as follows:

New Democrats believe in:

- e. Requiring the Consumer Finance Industry to provide clearer, easy-to-understand disclosure of the real costs of credit cards, store cards and alternative financial service loans.
- f. Granting federal financial regulators the power to identify and cap excessive interest rates on credit cards, store cards, alternative financial service loans and other forms of consumer credit.
- g. Granting federal financial regulators the power to cap excessive automated teller machine fees at a level that balances the need for consumer protection against predatory fees and ease of accessibility for consumers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the subsequent clauses be renumbered accordingly.

1-08-11 Resolution Supporting the Family Farm

Submitted by BC Southern Interior

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 1.9 of the policy book be amended as follows:

New Democrats believe in:

- c. Working with the provinces to provide easily accessible and cost-efficient business risk management programs for Canadian farmers
- d. Encouraging young people to take up farming by providing enhanced skills training and mentorship programs, and ensuring that arable land is more widely available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the subsequent clauses be renumbered accordingly.

1-09-11 Resolution on Support for Urban Workers

Submitted by Davenport

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal New Democratic Party spearhead an “Urban Worker Policy initiative” that will include, but not be limited to:

- Addressing the challenges faced by contract workers, temporary and part-time workers, and those with precarious employment such as artists and the self-employed,
- Improving and increasing the scope and effectiveness of Federal government employment and social programs to keep pace with the changing realities of employment in Canada, including allowing self-employed and temporary contract workers to contribute to and draw benefits from the Canada Pension Plan and Employment Insurance, and
- Improving labour laws to make benefits more accessible for workers on contract or in part-time positions.

1-10-11 Resolution on Improving Rail Travel

Submitted by Toronto Centre

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 1.3.b. of the policy book be amended to read:

New Democrats believe in:

- b. Improving rail travel for both passengers and goods, and developing proposals for high-speed systems, including links to the United States by working with the United States government and Amtrak.

Panel 2: Building a Clean and Sustainable Canada

2-01-11 Resolution on Establishing a Sustainable Water Policy

Submitted by Edmonton – Strathcona

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following new sub-section be added to Section 2 of the policy book:

2.2 Water

New Democrats believe in:

- a. Ensuring access to safe drinking water for all Canadians.
- b. Asserting federal powers to ensure that water resources are protected and managed to build and maintain a sustainable economy, including food security.
- c. Establishing and implementing a National Water Strategy, legislation and standards, in collaboration with the provinces, territories and First Nations, and in consultation with the public in accordance with the following principles:
 - Access to clean water for satisfying basic human needs is a human right.
 - Water is a public resource, not a commodity.
 - Water is a crucial component of habitat critical to the protection of biodiversity and species.
 - Respect for the water rights and entitlements of First Nations.
- d. The duty of the federal government to assert its jurisdiction and powers to protect and restore the health of aquatic ecosystems.
- e. The duty of the federal government to exercise its jurisdiction and mandate to ban bulk water exports, including in any existing or future trade and investment agreements.
- f. Encouraging research and development in water conservation systems, technologies and practices, including water efficiency standards for domestic and industrial use.
- g. Providing leadership on global water issues, including the protection of access to safe water for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly.

2-02-11 Resolution in Support of the *Climate Change Accountability Act*

Submitted by New Westminster – Coquitlam, Thunder Bay – Superior North

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party urges the re-introduction of legislation to ensure that Canada meets the long-term target of reducing our greenhouse gas emissions to a level 80 per cent below that of 1990 by the year 2050, and establishes interim targets for the period 2015-2045.

2-03-11 Resolution on Making Canada a World Leader in Renewable Energy

Submitted by Edmonton – Strathcona

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clauses be added to Section 2.3, Energy, of the Federal Policy:

New Democrats believe in:

- h. Discouraging bulk exports of our unprocessed natural resources and fossil fuels and providing incentives for value-added, responsible upgrading, refining and petrochemical manufacturing in Canada to maximize the economic benefits and jobs for Canadians.
- i. Managing transitional costs and re-engineering of energy-dependent industries to help them adapt to a low carbon world.
- j. Providing substantive support to workers in the transition to a cleaner energy economy.

2-04-11 Resolution on Ensuring Food Security and Food Sovereignty

Submitted by BC Southern Interior

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy be added to Section 2 of the policy book:

2.4 Food Security and Food Sovereignty

New Democrats believe in:

- a. A comprehensive policy on food security and food sovereignty, in accordance with the following principles:
 - Food is a fundamental human right, not a commodity like any other.
 - All Canadians should have access to adequate amounts of high-quality, healthy food.
 - Farmers should be empowered to earn a decent living producing quality food for Canadians.
 - A stable and sustainable agriculture sector is essential to Canada's national sovereignty.
- b. Strengthening our domestic markets and local economies as a way to reduce our dependence on imported food.
- c. Legislative initiatives that work to ensure the quality and safety of our food supply.
- d. Food labeling requirements that ensure that Canadians are able to make informed choices about what they eat, including whether it is genetically modified.
- e. Imposing a moratorium on new genetically modified crops until a comprehensive review and reform of the regulatory system has been conducted.
- f. Requiring that research on the safety of GM food on our health and the environment be conducted by independent and unbiased (unaffiliated with industry) scientists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Section 1.9.a. be deleted from the policy book.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly.

2-05-11 Resolution on a Tanker Ban

Submitted by New Westminster – Coquitlam, Skeena – Bulkley Valley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party urges the federal government to immediately ban bulk oil tanker traffic in Dixon Entrance, Hecate Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound as a way to protect the West Coast's unique and diverse ocean ecosystem, to preserve the marine resources which sustain the community and regional economies of British Columbia, and to honour the extensive First Nations rights and title in the area.

2-06-11 Resolution on Strengthening Public Transit

Submitted by Trinity – Spadina

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clauses be added to Section 2.4 of the policy book:

New Democrats believe in:

- g. Providing predictable, stable funding for municipal transit infrastructure.
- h. Enacting a National Public Transit Strategy in order to maintain and expand public transit across the country, with a clear mechanism for sustainable, predictable and long-term funding.

2-07-11 Resolution on the Triple Bottom Line

Submitted by Victoria, Saanich – Gulf Islands, Vancouver East, Nanaimo – Cowichan, Vancouver Centre

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 2.1.b. of the policy book be amended to read:

New Democrats believe in:

- b. Ensuring that protecting and restoring ecosystems, maintaining Canada's social fabric and creating sustainable economic growth are integrated into NDP policy by adopting the Triple Bottom Line approach as a key analytical and decision-making tool in researching, developing, determining and endorsing policy proposals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, so as to provide a meaningful use and gain in the long-term sustainability benefits of the Triple Bottom Line approach, that the Policy Review Committee report to Federal Council by the end of 2011 on an action plan to implement the Triple Bottom Line approach in future policy and platform development.

2-08-11 Resolution on Protecting BC Wild Salmon

Submitted by New Westminster – Coquitlam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party supports protecting west coast wild salmon by moving to closed containment fish farm systems.

2-09-11 Resolution on Protecting Public Land and Waters

Submitted by Ottawa Centre

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 2.1.f be amended to replace it with the following:

New Democrats believe in:

- f. Working with provincial and territorial governments, Aboriginal Peoples, civil society and other interested parties to protect at least half of Canada's public lands and waters from industrial development.
- g. Establishing new national parks and a network of marine protected areas, and ensuring that ecological integrity remains the first priority in the establishment and management of all parks.

2-10-11 Resolution on Retrofit Canada

Submitted by Trinity – Spadina

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a New Democratic Party government will act quickly to direct infrastructure stimulus spending in a strategic way to focus on public transit, retrofitting buildings to make them more energy efficient and following urban design to make our communities more energy efficient.

Panel 3: Investing in a Canada Where No One is Left Behind

3-01-11 Resolution on the Negotiation of the 2014 Health Care Accord

Submitted by Ottawa Centre

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party recognizes that the 2014 renegotiation of a new ten-year health accord with the provinces and territories provides an important opportunity to enhance public health care and address the future health care needs of Canadians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Party supports the guarantee of a continued strong federal contribution – including the 6 per cent escalator – to Canada’s public health care system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Party urges the federal government to require of the provinces and territories a clear, monitored and enforced commitment to respect the principles of the *Canada Health Act*, including promoting a clear commitment to the single-payer system and appropriate steps to replace fee-for-service delivery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Party urges the federal government to require of the provinces and territories a clear, monitored and enforced commitment to the integrity and modernization of health care, including making progress on primary care and taking steps to reduce the costs of prescription medicines for Canadians, employers and governments.

3-02-11 Resolution on Expanding the Canada Pension Plan

Submitted by the Canadian Labour Congress

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party will continue to work with the CLC, its affiliated unions, senior organizations, student and anti-poverty organizations, and other coalition partners to campaign to pressure the federal and provincial governments to double Canada Pension Plan/Quebec Pension Plan (CPP/QPP) benefits from 25% to 50% of average earnings through a phased-in increase of employer and employee premiums, to increase the Guaranteed Income Supplement by 15% to a level sufficient to eliminate poverty among the elderly, and establish a federal system of mandatory national pension insurance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP will expose the flaws and inferiority of the private sector Pooled Registration Pension Plans (PRPP) being promoted by the federal government and the insurance industry, and expose self-interested industry lobbying for PRPPs.

3-03-11 Resolution on Ensuring Retirement Security for all Canadians

Submitted by London - Fanshawe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 3.7 of the policy book be amended as follows:

New Democrats believe in:

- d. Working with the provinces to bring about increases to the Canada/Quebec Pension Plan benefit
- e. Working with the provinces to allow the flexibility for Canadians and their employers to make voluntary contributions to individual public pension accounts
- f. Moving pensioners and long-term disability recipients to the front of the line of creditors when employers enter court protection or declare bankruptcy

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the subsequent clauses be renumbered accordingly.

3-04-11 Resolution on Expanding Health Options for Seniors

Submitted by London - Fanshawe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clauses be added to Section 3.1 of the policy book:

New Democrats believe in:

- p. Facilitating the desire of Canadians to age in their place of choice with integrated health and social care services.
- q. Providing leadership and coordination in health care services for seniors through initiatives such as a designated federal home care transfer to guarantee a basic level of home care services to all Canadians, and a designated federal long-term care transfer to begin to address the shortage of quality care spaces across the country.

3-05-11 Resolution on Employment Insurance

Submitted by Acadie – Bathurst

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 3.6 of the policy book be amended as follows:

New Democrats believe in:

- a. Increasing EI benefits and flexibility for caregivers to allow family members to take leave of employment for up to six months in order to care for loved ones nearing the end of their life.
- b. Making EI benefits more flexible and generous to allow families to take time off to care for dying parents at home.
- c. Guaranteeing that parents who have taken maternity or parental leave are not penalized in terms of their EI benefits when they return to work.
- d. Extending EI stimulus measures until the unemployment rate returns to pre-recession levels.
- e. Restoring the integrity of the EI program by amending the Employment Insurance Act with the following concrete measures:
 - Eliminate the two-week waiting period
 - Bring the eligibility threshold back to a minimum of 360 working hours, regardless of the unemployment rate in the applicant's area
 - Increase the benefit rate to 60% and calculate benefits based on the best 12 weeks in the reference period.
 - Improve the quality and monitoring of training and reorientation programs

- f. Offering employers a one year reduction on Canada Pension Plan and EI contributions for each new employee hired
- g. Reviewing EI eligibility criteria to ensure that those who receive parental leave benefits remain subject to the same eligibility criteria for regular EI benefits
- h. Improving access and eligibility to support programs like EI, retraining, and skills development for small business owners and self-employed individuals
- i. Boosting EI benefits in case of illness or injury

3-06-11 Resolution on Post-Secondary Education

Submitted by the Quebec Section

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP again prioritize increased investment in the Canada Social Transfer (CST), more specifically to ensure a predictable and stable source of funding for the provinces in the area of postsecondary education.

3-07-11 Resolution on Advocating for Pan-Canadian Child Care

Submitted by the Canadian Labour Congress

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party will continue to campaign and engage in parliamentary and extra-parliamentary activities for federal government funding and a legislative framework for a pan-Canadian early childhood education and care system that:

- Provides children from birth to 12 years with optional environments in which to grow and thrive,
- Provides those who care for our children the wages, working conditions, and respect that reflect the value of the work they do, and
- Is non-profit, public, high quality, accessible, inclusive and affordable, with adequate compensation to Quebec.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP will make childcare a priority in the next federal election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NDP will oppose privatization and public funding for for-profit child care companies.

3-08-11 Resolution on Support for Affordable Housing Strategy

Submitted by Vancouver East

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 3.5 of the policy book be amended to read as follows:

New Democrats believe in:

- a. Ensuring the availability of housing that is safe, secure, adequate, affordable and accessible;
- b. Supporting social and cooperative housing, in cooperation with all levels of government;
- c. Adopting specific strategies to address homelessness, with special attention to the needs of Aboriginal peoples;
- d. Assisting low-income households to improve household energy efficiency;
- e. Ensuring accessibility standards for all forms of disability are met in social housing;
- f. The establishment of a national housing strategy designed to respect, promote and fulfil the right to adequate housing as guaranteed under international human rights treaties ratified by Canada, and including the following:
 - Ensuring that the cost of housing in Canada does not compromise an individual's ability to meet other basic needs,

- Incentives for affordable rental housing,
- Giving priority to ensuring the availability of secure, adequate and affordable housing to those without housing and to members of groups particularly vulnerable to homelessness.
- Including no discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation or social and economic condition, and
- Clear objectives and targets for the implementation of the national housing strategy.

3-09-11 Resolution on Supports for People with Mental Illness

Submitted by Ottawa Centre

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 3.1 of the policy book be amended as follows:

New Democrats believe in:

I. Establishing, in consultation with provincial and territorial governments, a comprehensive policy on mental illness and mental health, including investment in supports for people living with mental illness and those caring for people living with mental illness, and including investment in mental health promotion initiatives such as public health education to address the stigma of mental health issues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the subsequent clauses be renumbered accordingly.

3-10-11 Resolution in Support of InSite

Submitted by Vancouver East

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party supports the harm-reduction work of Canada's safe injection site, InSite, as part of the solution in addressing the spread of HIV/AIDS and incidences of drug overdose, and in increasing the number of users accessing rehabilitation and similar services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Party recognizes over twenty peer-reviewed studies showing that InSite is effective in saving lives, and affirms that such evidence should be used in shaping Canada's drug policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Party calls on the federal government to stop ignoring this evidence and to stop spending taxpayer dollars in legal fees trying to shut down InSite.

Panel 4: Redefining Canada's Place in the World

4-01-11 Resolution on Support for Accessible Medicines

Submitted by Victoria

BE IT RESOLVED THAT at the earliest opportunity the NDP introduce a new bill to amend the Canada Access to Medicines Regime so that generic drugs from Canada can be shipped with the fewest encumbrances possible to countries that request them.

4-02-11 Resolution on Improving our Immigration System

Submitted by Ottawa Centre, Trinity – Spadina

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clauses be added to Section 4.4 of the policy book:

New Democrats believe in:

- j. Allowing Canadians a one-time opportunity to sponsor a relative who is not a member of the family class to come to Canada
- k. Ensuring that tough laws against corrupt immigration consultants are enforced
- l. Fast-tracking family class sponsorship from disaster areas

4-03-11 Resolution on Standing Up for Military and RCMP Veterans and their Families

Submitted by Sackville – Eastern Shore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clauses be added to Section 4.6 of the policy book:

New Democrats believe in:

- j. Ending the unfair reduction of pensions for retired and disabled Canadian Forces and RCMP veterans.
- k. Ending the unjust cuts to the *Service Income Security Insurance Plan* for medically released members of the Canadian Forces and former RCMP members.
- l. Supporting initiatives to help veterans transition into the civilian workforce, such as a “Helmets-to-Hardhats” program to help veterans transition to construction and shipbuilding trades.
- m. Responding to veterans’ organizations, spouses, widows and widowers, and initiating a public inquiry into toxic chemical defoliation at CFB Gagetown.
- n. Expanding the Veterans’ Independence Program for all veterans, widows and widowers, including the RCMP.
- o. Supporting modern day veterans’ access to long-term care veterans facilities, and initiating discussions for new Health Care Centres of Excellence that specialize in veterans care.
- p. Ensuring that all veterans and their estates have access to a dignified funeral and burial by expanding federal government allowances.
- q. Removing the restrictive marriage after 60 clause so surviving veterans spouses can access pension and health benefits.
- r. Increasing the survivor’s pension amount from 50% to 66% so surviving veterans’ spouses can manage basic living expenses with dignity.

4-04-11 Resolution on the Veterans Review and Appeal Board

Submitted by Sackville – Eastern Shore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to Section 4.6 of the policy book:

New Democrats believe in:

- j. Eliminating the Veterans Review and Appeal Board and/or reforming the Board by appointing its members from military, RCMP and medical personnel, in order to ensure that veterans’ appeals are fairly reviewed by their peers.

4-05-11 Resolution on Fair Trade

Submitted by Guelph, London – Fanshawe, Guelph, London West, London North Centre

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 4.5.c. in the policy book be amended to read:

New Democrats believe in:

- c. Subjecting all proposed international trade agreements and international treaties to a Parliamentary vote and ratification through the legislative process.

4-06-11 Resolution on the Situation in Libya

Submitted by Ottawa Centre

BE IT RESOLVED THAT New Democrats are deeply concerned about the humanitarian crisis caused by the ongoing violence in Libya.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT New Democrats stand in solidarity with the democratic aspirations of the people of Libya.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT New Democrats condemn the violence against civilians in Libya and call for an immediate ceasefire.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT New Democrats support UN efforts for the protection of civilians from violence and the establishment of a ceasefire.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT New Democrats call for Canada's leadership role in coordinating a stronger response to the humanitarian needs both inside Libya and the refugee camps in Egypt and Tunisia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT New Democrats demand that Canada's role must be strictly within the scope of the UN resolution mandate.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT New Democrats request that Parliament conduct an immediate review of Canada's role in Libya and develop a plan for a strengthened humanitarian response to the crisis.

4-07-11 Resolution Supporting the new UN Women's Agency

Submitted by Ottawa Centre, London – Fanshawe, London West, London North Centre

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to Section 4.2 of the policy book:

New Democrats believe in:

- a. Supporting the work of the UN Women's Agency to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, and to accelerate progress on meeting the needs of women worldwide.

4-08-11 Resolution on Uniting Families for a Stronger Canada

Submitted by Trinity – Spadina

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party of Canada act quickly to enact a law to remove unjust barriers to family reunification which bar children with disabilities to be granted permanent residency status under family class application.

4-09-11 Resolution on Maternal Health

Submitted by London – Fanshawe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to section 4.2 of the policy book:

New Democrats believe in:

- i. Supporting funding for global maternal mortality reduction initiatives that includes funds for contraception and for the provision of safe abortion, as well as for trained providers for contraception, abortion, pregnancy and childbirth care.

4-10-11 Resolution Supporting a Commission of Inquiry for Burma

Submitted by Ottawa Centre

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party of Canada supports the establishment of a United Nations Commission of Inquiry into crimes against humanity and war crimes committed by the illegitimate military regime in Burma.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party take an active role in promoting the coordination of such a Commission of Inquiry, both within the Canadian government and in collaboration with international partners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party urges the Canadian government to press for the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners in Burma.

Panel 5: Governing in an Inclusive and Fair Canada

5-01-11 Resolution on Forging a New Relationship with First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples

Submitted by the Aboriginal Commission

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to Section 5.7 of the policy book:

New Democrats believe in:

- a. Building a new relationship on a nation-to-nation basis with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples that will enhance social justice, strengthen the economy, and reconcile the rights and interests of Aboriginal peoples with those of all Canadians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all existing clauses of Section 5.7 be renumbered accordingly.

5-02-11 Resolution in Support of the Mandatory Long-Form Census

Submitted by Nickel Belt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party urges the federal government to immediately restore the mandatory long-form census.

5-03-11 Resolution Protecting Language Rights

Submitted by Nickel Belt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 5.4 of the policy book be amended as follows:

New Democrats believe in:

- a. Protecting and fostering Canadians' right to live and grow in the official language of their choice.
- b. Upholding the Official Languages Act and the language rights in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
- c. Protecting the language rights of French-speaking employees in federally regulated industries.
- d. Strengthening the role of the Commissioner of Official Languages.
- e. Enhancing minority language services in education, community health and child care, in consultation with representative organizations.
- f. Restoring the Court Challenges program.
- g. Ensuring better representation of linguistic communities in public broadcasting (CBC-Radio-Canada).
- h. Strengthening exchange and immersion programs for students, civil society and businesses.

5-04-11 Resolution on Setting a New Tone in Parliament

Submitted by Acadie – Bathurst, Ottawa Centre

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clauses be added to Section 5.3 of the policy book:

New Democrats believe in:

- f. Fostering a cooperative approach in Parliament and working constructively with other political parties in the House of Commons.

5-05-11 Resolution on Timely By-Elections

Submitted by Trinity – Spadina

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP commit to and actively campaign for an electoral process whereby when a seat in the House of Commons becomes vacant, the timing of the subsequent by-election is to be set by the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada without any political interference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a seat in the House of Commons belongs to the people of the riding, not to the Prime Minister.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chief Electoral Officer should set a date under the guiding principle is that people in vacant ridings should regain representation as quickly as possible. Therefore the by-election should occur on a Monday no less than six weeks and no more than ten weeks from the date that the seat becomes officially vacant.

5-06-11 Resolution on Support for Electoral Reform

Submitted by Palliser

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the federal New Democratic Party make electoral reform and proportional representation a priority issue within the next Parliament and in communities across Canada.

5-07-11 Resolution Recognizing Fundamental Right to Peaceful Protest

Submitted by Langley

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will recognize the fundamental right to peaceful protest and will refrain from criminalizing and provoking protestors.

5-08-11 Resolution on Bringing Fairness to Federal Political Tax Credits

Submitted by Renfrew – Nipissing – Pembroke

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party of Canada work tirelessly to amend Canada's tax laws such that Canadians without a taxable income are treated on an equal basis as those Canadians with a taxable income who are now the only people who can take advantage of political tax credits while donating to a federal political party.

5-09-11 Resolution on the Federal Role in Social Programs

Submitted by Victoria, Saanich – Gulf Islands, Vancouver East, Nanaimo – Cowichan, Skeena – Bulkley Valley, Vancouver Centre

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party continue to fight for increased transfer payments to the provinces on an equitable basis that takes into consideration provincial financial capabilities while ensuring that the federal government funds 50% of the national cost of health care, post-secondary education and social programs including social assistance, social services, child care and early learning programs as well as programs for seniors, the disabled and others in need. Conditions for the transfers would include public and non-profit delivery of these services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party of Canada also reaffirm the important role of the federal government in the direct delivery of programs. This includes its role in providing pensions and employment insurance, as well as housing – rebuilding and extending the social housing programs cut by the Liberals in the mid 1990s – and its leadership role in providing incentives for new initiatives such as ensuring affordable drugs, and initiatives like provincial poverty reduction plans that have concrete, legislated targets to reduce homelessness and poverty.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT to fulfill these commitments the NDP develop comprehensive strategies for detailed research, public hearings and an aggressive communication plan.

5-10-11 Resolution on Supporting Municipal Infrastructure

Submitted by Thunder Bay – Superior North

BE IT RESOLVED that New Democrats urge the Government of Canada to provide the financial resources municipalities require to fulfill their responsibilities in developing and maintaining infrastructure.

Panel 6: Strengthening Human Rights and the Canadian Identity

6-01-11 Resolution Supporting Status of Women Canada

Submitted by London – Fanshawe, London West, London North Centre

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 6.1.e. of the policy book be amended to read:

New Democrats believe in:

- e. Making Status of Women Canada a full ministry responsible for advancing women's rights, including a legislated mandate for advocacy and research in line with Canada's international obligations.

6-02-11 Resolution on Eliminating Violence Against Women

Submitted by London – Fanshawe, London North Centre, London West

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to section 6.1 of the Policy book:

New Democrats believe in:

- e. Adequate, sustained and multi-year funding to expand access to shelter and transition houses to support women fleeing violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to section 6.4 of the Policy book:

New Democrats believe in:

- d. A coordinated federal response to violence against Aboriginal women, led by Aboriginal communities, and including the ongoing funding of Aboriginal women's organizations

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the subsequent sections in 6.1 and 6.4 be renumbered accordingly.

6-03-11 Resolution on Investments in First Nations, Métis and Inuit Communities

Submitted by the Aboriginal Commission

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clauses be added to Section 6.4 of the policy book:

New Democrats believe in:

- e. Fostering economic opportunity and lasting prosperity for First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada by advocating for shared resource management decision making, resource revenue sharing and increased access to capital for Aboriginal business development.
- f. Affirming the rights of all Aboriginal children to equal educational opportunities supported by adequate funding throughout elementary and secondary school.
- g. Ensuring that First Nation, Métis and Inuit students receive sufficient funding in order to obtain post-secondary education at levels consistent with other Canadians and to participate equally in Canada's labour market.
- h. Developing a coordinated federal response to violence against Aboriginal women, led by Aboriginal communities and organizations, with sustained and multi-year funding sufficient to include expanded access to shelter and transition houses to support women fleeing violence.

- i. Establishing a sustainable, predictable, reliable and accountable long-term funding model for all federal programs and services delivered to Aboriginal people that meets the minimum standard of equity with funding for other Canadians, addresses the challenges created for Aboriginal peoples through Canada's history, and supports the attainment of equal outcomes for First Nations, Inuit and Métis people in all walks of life.

6-04-11 Resolution on Independent Production and the CBC

Submitted by Outremont

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party call on the Canadian government to require the CRTC to maintain strict Canadian content standards for all public and private broadcasters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copyrights for programs created by independent producers be payable to those producers, except for broadcast rights, which broadcasters will pay to independent producers accordingly.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the "Canada Media Fund" be composed of representatives appointed from all sectors of the public and private industry;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Canadian government recognize the importance of Radio-Canada and the CBC and therefore protect them.

6-05-11 Resolution on Children's Rights

Submitted by London – Fanshawe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy section be added to the policy book:

6.2 Children's Rights

New Democrats believe in:

- a. The Rights of the Child as expressed in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child ratified by Canada December 13, 1991.
- b. Governing to provide an economically and ecologically sustainable and peaceful future for generations to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly.

6-06-11 Resolution on Recognizing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Submitted by the Disability Rights Committee, London – Fanshawe, Toronto Centre, Guelph, London West, London North Centre

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 6.3.f. in the policy book be amended to read:

New Democrats believe in:

- f. Establishing legislative, administrative and other measures necessary to protect the rights of Persons with Disabilities as recognized in the present UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following clause be added to Section 6.3 of the policy book:

New Democrats believe in:

- j. Ending Canada's reservation on Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

6-07-11 Resolution on the Elimination of Discrimination Based on Family Genetics

Submitted by Vancouver East, North Vancouver, Chilliwack – Fraser Canyon, Skeena – Bulkley Valley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party of Canada calls on the federal government to implement anti-genetic discrimination protections and establish a standing body to enforce protection(s), document genetic discrimination cases and assess the effectiveness of enacted protection(s).

6-08-11 Resolution on Strengthening Multicultural Canada

Submitted by Trinity – Spadina

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a New Democratic Party government act quickly to strengthen Canada's multicultural policies following extensive consultations with communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an NDP government act quickly to support social and cultural activities of communities based on merit, not political or partisan considerations.

6-09-11 Resolution on Intergenerational Equity

Submitted by the Quebec Youth Commission

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NDP adopt the principle of equity between generations, which is defined as ensuring equality between current and future generations. This principle must be observed in all policy decision processes.

6-10-11 Resolution Affirming Veterans' Rights

Submitted by London – Fanshawe, Guelph, London West, London North Centre

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following new policy section be added to the policy book:

6.5 Veterans' Rights

New Democrats believe in:

- a. The appointment of an injured veterans' ombudsman to investigate concerns and advise the government on the maintenance and provision of care, both physical and mental, to injured veterans
- b. Veterans having access to Veterans hospitals/wards throughout Canada, staffed with health care professionals trained or experienced in the dedicated and exclusive treatment of injured veterans
- c. Valuing the work and sacrifice of all Canadian soldiers, whether serving at home, in active wars or in peacekeeping

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly.

Panel 7: Building on Our Momentum

7-01-11 Resolution to Adopt a New Constitutional Preamble

Submitted by Resolutions Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the existing Preamble to the Constitution be deleted;

“The New Democratic Party believes that the social, economic and political progress of Canada can be assured only by the application of socialist principles to government and the administration of public affairs.

The principles of democratic socialism can be briefly defined as:

- That the production and distribution of goods and services shall be directed to meeting the social and individual needs of people within a sustainable environment and economy and not to the making of profit;
- To modify and control the operations of the monopolistic and distributive organizations through economic and social planning. Towards these ends and where necessary the extension of the principle of social ownership;
- The New Democratic Party holds firm to the belief that the dignity and freedom of the individual is a basic right that must be maintained and extended; and
- The New Democratic Party is proud to be associated with the democratic socialist parties of the world and to share the struggle for peace, international cooperation and the abolition of poverty. “

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following preamble be adopted:

The New Democratic Party believes that social justice, equality, and environmental sustainability are vital to achieving a strong, united and prosperous Canada for all.

To that end, the New Democratic Party is dedicated to the application of social democratic principles to government.

These principles include an unwavering commitment to economic and social equality, individual freedom and responsibility, and democratic rights of citizens to shape the future of their communities.

New Democrats hold firm to the belief that individual freedom and dignity are basic rights that find the fullest expression in healthy and prosperous communities, where individuals can realize their full potential and contribute to a stronger Canada.

Established in partnership with the Labour movement in 1961, the New Democratic Party is the voice of working people in the Parliament of Canada, advocating and implementing laws that advance their collective and individual interests.

New Democrats are proud to stand in solidarity with its allies around the world working for international peace and justice, ending discrimination and exploitation, eliminating poverty and ensuring that wealth and power are in the hands of the many and not the few.

7-02-11 Resolution on a 50th Anniversary Commission

Submitted by Vancouver Centre

BE IT RESOLVED THAT New Democrats direct Federal Council to establish a 50th Anniversary Commission to reach out to Canadians, through public meetings in riding associations across Canada, and report back to the next convention on a renewed vision and future direction for the country, so as to ready the Party for the next 50 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT building upon the energy generated by the successful election of 103 MPs, the Commission proceed in the spirit of the party founders, the Canadian Labour Congress and the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation: what we want to see for ourselves, we want to see for all.

7-03-11 Resolution on the Accessibility of NDP and Associated Offices

Submitted by the Council of Northern Ontario Federal Ridings

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party develop and follow a policy that all offices associated with the party be totally accessible to all and that prior to entering into a contract an accessibility audit similar to that of the CAW or OPSEU be done and the building meet the established criteria.

7-04-11 Resolution Rejecting a Merger with Liberal Party

Submitted by Toronto Centre

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Party reject any proposals to merge with the Liberal Party.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Party extend a warm welcome to all former Liberal supporters who wish to join the genuine anti-Conservative opposition – the NDP.

7-05-11 Resolution on Forming a Seniors' Commission

Submitted by Chilliwack – Fraser Canyon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Canada's New Democrats immediately form a Seniors Commission.

7-06-11 Resolution on Making Organizing a Priority

Submitted by Winnipeg North

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the federal party begin funding on-the-ground organizing teams in each region of the country, as soon as possible, not simply several months before the next election, in order to enable the establishment of the relationships, trust and solidarity that is the result of successful grassroots organizing efforts; organizing that wins seats and creates the progressive political capital needed to elect a New Democratic Party government in 2015.

7-07-11 Resolution on Membership Communications

Submitted by New Westminster – Coquitlam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Federal Office consult as much as possible with provincial and territorial divisions and presidents of local electoral district associations regarding the scheduling of communication with members via voice broadcast or for the purpose of fundraising.

7-08-11 Resolution on Federal NDP Membership

Submitted by Victoria, Skeena – Bulkley Valley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal Party develop a plan to create an independent federal membership under rules set by the New Democratic Party of Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT updates on the progress of the plan be reported to each federal council meeting in 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the plan ultimately include a resolution for consideration at the 2013 federal convention.

7-09-11 Resolution on Seeking the Supporting Vote from BC Union Members

Submitted by Chilliwack – Fraser Canyon

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Democratic Party of Canada initiate a study to determine the percentage of unionized workers in each Electoral District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Democratic Party of Canada approaches the labor unions to solicit their voting support in Federal and Provincial election campaigns.

7-10-11 Resolution on Cooperation Between Levels of the Party

Submitted by the Council of Northern Ontario Federal Ridings

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all levels of the New Democratic Party commit to working together to achieve shared aims in Northern Ontario, across the province and the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT agreements between diverse groups of the party be negotiated without prejudice in good faith and positive spirit, and that those agreements be respected as integral to achieving our shared aims.