

**Council of Canadians Resolution and Proposals
June 28, 2020 Annual Meeting of Members (AMM)**

RESOLUTIONS

These resolutions are non-binding and require 50% + 1 (*simple majority*) to be adopted.

#	RESOLUTION	SUBMITTED DATE & BY
R1	<p>COUNCIL OF CANADIANS TO PROMOTE THE CUBAN HEALTH TEAMS' GLOBAL RESPONSE TO COVID-19 FOR THE 2021 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE</p> <p>Category: Solidarity</p> <p>WHEREAS the deadly global COVID-19 pandemic reached every corner of the world in 2020; and</p> <p>WHEREAS hospitals and first responders in many countries have been overwhelmed by the sheer number of COVID-19 patients; and</p> <p>WHEREAS since COVID-19 struck the world, Cuba has sent some 25 medical teams specially trained in emergency aid for pandemics (part of the Henry Reeve Brigade, and totaling more than 2000 medical personnel) to countries in Europe, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean; and</p> <p>WHEREAS Cuba - a poor developing country - has more medical personnel on the ground working to buttress the COVID-19 response at an international level than all of the wealthy Western countries combined; and</p> <p>WHEREAS Canada's federal government rejected a request for Cuban medical personnel presented by Manitoba First Nations, giving Canada the dubious distinction of being the only country known to have taken such a step while its people are facing the COVID-19 pandemic; and</p> <p>WHEREAS Qualified Nominators for the Nobel Peace Prize include university professors, professors emerita and associate professors of history, social sciences, law, philosophy, theology, and religion in addition to directors of peace research institutes and foreign policy institutes (but not non-government organizations),</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council Of Canadians, through through the Board and Staff, agree to actively promote the candidacy of the Cuban Health Teams' global response to the COVID-</p>	<p>May 5, 2020</p> <p>Northumberland Chapter (Rick Arnold)</p>

	<p>19 pandemic for the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize, including the publicizing of this Council of Canadians decision nationally, and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of Canadians Board and Staff, following the formal passing of this resolution at the June 2020 AMM, immediately seek out a Qualified Nominator among its wealth of contacts with professors, directors of peace research institutes, and foreign policy institutes (February 2021 the final deadline for submissions), so that such a nomination can go forward with full Council of Canadians support.</p>	
R2	<p>SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT MEDIATION AND COOPERATION</p> <p>Category: Solidarity</p> <p>WHEREAS Canada has a long history of supporting international cooperation and peace; and</p> <p>WHEREAS such international organizations are being undermined by the government of the United States and other disruptive actors,</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council support the international conflict resolution authority of the United Nations, and to minimize future pandemics, the setting of health standards by the World Health Organization.</p>	<p>May 19, 2020</p> <p>Port Alberni Chapter (Colin Frazer)</p>
R3	<p>GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME FOR ALL CANADIANS</p> <p>Category: Solidarity</p> <p>WHEREAS this current covid-19 pandemic has uncovered the cumbersome bureaucracy of the provincial and national administrations in social services; and</p> <p>WHEREAS a basic income for all Canadians may well lower administrative fees and other costs,</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council investigate the benefits of a Guaranteed Basic Income for all Canadians.</p>	<p>May 19, 2020</p> <p>Port Alberni Chapter (Colin Frazer)</p>
R4	<p>PROVIDING ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Category: Energy & Climate</p> <p>WHEREAS the Coronavirus pandemic paired with the climate emergency has made critical the need for a genuinely renewable recovery plan which corrects the present inequality and offers a resilient Canadian made alternative; and</p>	<p>May 12, 2020</p> <p>Victoria Chapter (Sara Andrew)</p>

	<p>WHEREAS Canada Post has a publically owned infrastructure which could provide services and employment currently not available to people in Northern and rural Canada, to many First Nations, the elderly, and the disabled. Canada Post could be expanded to provide computer and internet access , public banking, electric charging stations, check in for seniors and disabled, local food and pharmacy delivery, and access to public interest programs to all Canadians; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Canadian Union of Postal Workers have put forward a plan called “Delivering Community Power” to use the already existing infrastructure to provide these vital services in an environmental and equitable manner. The program is supported by the workers and their union and by many other groups and citizens of Canada,</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Canadians will promote and encourage our government to work with Canada Post to adopt this program, and to this end endeavor to meet with the Prime Minister, the Minister of Northern Affairs, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, and the Minister for Rural Economic Development.</p>	
<p>R5</p>	<p>RE-ALLOCATING PUBLIC SPACE TO SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION</p> <p>Category: Energy & Climate</p> <p>Background: https://www.nationalobserver.com/2019/05/18/opinion/green-New-deal-must-include-transportation-transformation</p> <p>WHEREAS GHG pollution must be reduced by over 7% a year from now until 2030 to avoid disastrous consequences; and</p> <p>WHEREAS in December Professor Phil Goodwin, who advises the UK Labour Party, asserted that given the climate emergency “even on most optimistic assumptions about transition to electric vehicles, there needs to be overall reductions of traffic” on the order of 5 or 6 percent per year in wealthy countries. Goodwin said achieving this reduction by re-allocating space to walking, cycling and transit is feasible and would lead to improved quality of life and health; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the policies needed to reduce driving, and the resulting fossil fuel consumption, are well understood. When you make a car lane into a bus lane, a protected bike lane or more space for pedestrians, car traffic disappears; and</p> <p>WHEREAS cities are leading efforts to reduce the number of cars,and</p>	<p>May 18, 2020</p> <p>Victoria Chapter (Eric Doherty)</p>

	<p>the resulting greenhouse gas pollution by reallocating road and parking space away from the private automobile to walking, rolling (including wheelchairs and mobility scooters), public transit and cycling. These efforts have sped up radically during the COVID 19 pandemic ,as making space for physical distancing while walking, rolling and cycling has become an urgent priority; and</p> <p>WHEREAS Vancouver’s Climate Emergency Response plan calls for an “allocation of public space [that] supports walking, cycling and transit [to] greatly reduce dependence on fossil fuels through a reduction in vehicle ownership and kilometres travelled by vehicle.” Many other municipalities are watching to see if civil society will support this and other bold initiatives,</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Canadians actively support municipal proposals to re-allocate public space from private automobile use to walking, rolling, public transit and cycling.</p>	
<p>R6</p>	<p>AGROECOLOGY AS A KEY ADDITION TO THE GREEN NEW DEAL PROJECT WITHIN THE COUNCIL’S ENERGY AND CLIMATE CAMPAIGN</p> <p>Category: Energy & Climate</p> <p>Background https://www.nfu.ca/campaigns/agroecology/</p> <p>WHEREAS the CoVid-19 pandemic has laid bare Canada’s lack of local food security and the country’s social inequities in the midst of climate crisis and degradation of biodiversity and species’ habitats; and</p> <p>WHEREAS agroecology, as a scientific yet locally-based agricultural system developed internationally and taking root in Canada (vis: Canada’s National Farmers Union and college and university programs), supports farmers through sustainable, healthy, permaculture methods drawing from traditional (often women’s) and Indigenous farming practices; and</p> <p>WHEREAS Council of Canadians’ Green New Deal project proposes “transformation [that is] carried out equitably, that is rooted in climate justice [and] respects the rights of Indigenous peoples” (We Decide, 2019, p.3),</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that agroecology and its eight pillars (as detailed by the National Farmers’ Union) be incorporated into the Council of Canadians Green New Deal project as a discrete topic (replacing and including the subtopic of “food security” (We Decide, 2019, p.15) thereby furthering the scope of the Council’s local, national, and international community building initiatives.</p>	<p>May 18, 2020</p> <p>Medicine Hat Chapter (David Condon)</p>

<p>R7</p>	<p>DIRECT PUBLIC FINANCING OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS BY THE BANK OF CANADA</p> <p>Category: Energy & Climate</p> <p>WHEREAS the COVID-19 corona virus has severely disrupted the world economy and that of Canada, damaging the livelihoods of much of the population, including low wage workers in essential jobs, youth, women, and those in Indigenous and marginalized communities in this time of climate crisis, and has also clearly revealed the flaws and inequities in our for-profit economic and social sectors; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Bank of Canada has existed as a public bank since 1938 for the benefit of the nation and its physical and social infrastructure, and could be required, upon the order of the Canadian government as enshrined in The Bank of Canada Act, to provide, as it has in the past and has started to do again, low interest financing to the Canadian and provincial governments, with the possibility of transferring some of those funds to municipalities; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the large-scale abandonment in 1974 of this legislated function of The Bank of Canada has led to unprecedented levels of national debt to private domestic and international financial institutions by the government and therefore the citizens of Canada, resulting in a lack of funds for proper maintenance of the country's infrastructure by all levels of government; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Trudeau government set up the Canadian Infrastructure Bank in 2017 for the purpose of funding public infrastructure projects but employs Public-Private Partnerships (P3s) which benefit the private corporations involved more than they do communities, and are therefore contrary to the values of the Council of Canadians,</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Canadians' Climate and Social Justice campaigners and any Council of Canadians representatives at the table of the Pact for a Green New Deal, with full support of the Council of Canadians staff and Board, will endeavour to include direct public financing of Canadian governments by the Bank of Canada in the agenda, deliberations, communiqués, press releases and broadcasts of the Pact, to ensure affordable financing for a just recovery from the pandemic and for Canada's transition to a sustainable, green economy.</p>	<p>May 19, 2020</p> <p>Hamilton Chapter (Mary Love)</p>
<p>R8</p>	<p>NO COMMERCIAL MEDIA DAY OCTOBER 9TH</p> <p>Category: Democracy</p> <p>WHEREAS; it is so undemocratic to be relying on accessing</p>	<p>May 15,2020</p> <p>Edmonton Chapter (Breezy Brian Gregg)</p>

	<p>information from private for-profit services that thrive on selling access to our attention; and</p> <p>WHEREAS; the unfair result is that the most wealthy people in society use that purchased privilege to influence people's commercial and political choices; and</p> <p>WHEREAS; the commercial communications system has a built in advantage for the already advantaged; and</p> <p>WHEREAS; this is a bold but totally peaceful way to disrupt and to make a point that our governments need to strengthen nonprofit public media; and</p> <p>WHEREAS; this action is totally doable while physically distancing; and</p> <p>WHEREAS; making a public statement of support for — No Commercial Media Day October 9 — should take next to nothing away from the energy the Council puts towards its priorities and in fact participating may help The Council's progress,</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Canadians make a public statement of support for “no commercial media day October 9th” and that the statement should include the following:</p> <p>“No Commercial Media Day October 9th” — To bring attention to the need to strengthen non-profit public media services in Canada, The Council of Canadians is asking all Canadians to abstain from using commercial media on October 9th. Turn it off for 24 hours. For safety and practical reasons total abstinence may be difficult. Everyone is encouraged to just do their best and in this way show that Canadians want strong non--profit public media services —</p>	
<p>R9</p>	<p>WATER PROTECTION CAMPAIGN</p> <p>Category: Water</p> <p>WHEREAS clean drinking water is essential to life, and hence is a basic human need, as well as being essential to healthy ecosystems; and</p> <p>WHEREAS gold mining threatens fresh water supplies by using vast quantities of water drawn from fresh water lakes and rivers, thereby lowering the water table; and</p> <p>WHEREAS gold mining further threatens fresh water resources by leaching toxic chemicals, such as sodium cyanide, into the groundwater, thereby posing a significant risk to human health and</p>	<p>May 18, 2020</p> <p>Halifax Chapter (Deedee Slye)</p>

	<p>wildlife; and</p> <p>WHEREAS gold mining further threatens fresh water resources by leaching heavy metals, such as arsenic, mercury, and antimony, and lead into the groundwater, thereby posing another significant risk to human health and wildlife; and</p> <p>WHEREAS gold mining further threatens fresh water resources by leaching acids into lakes and rivers in a process known as ‘acid rock drainage’, which lowers the pH of these water bodies, thereby posing a significant risk to aquatic life, especially fish; and</p> <p>WHEREAS gold mining further threatens fresh water resources by leaching nitrates and ammonia into surrounding lakes, causing the lakes to become atrophic, thereby posing another risk to aquatic life, especially fish; and</p> <p>WHEREAS gold mining is a non-essential industry given the vast oversupply of gold already in existence, its limited range of uses, and the ease with which it can be recycled from discarded electronics in our landfill sites,</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Canadians develop and implement a public awareness campaign to educate the public regarding the threat to Nova Scotia’s fresh water resources by current and proposed gold mining activity around HRM and throughout the province.</p>	
<p>R10</p>	<p>WATER PROTECTION - ALTON GAS</p> <p>Category: Water</p> <p>WHEREAS clean drinking water is essential to life, and hence is a basic human need, as well as being essential to healthy ecosystems; and</p> <p>WHEREAS Alton Gas, a subsidiary of the Calgary based energy giant Alta Gas Ltd., has plans to pump water from the Shubenacadie River to an underground site 12 kilometres away, where it will be used to flush out salt deposits and create up to 15 natural gas storage caverns, each 800 m to 1,000 m deep; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Sipekne’katik First Nation has been fighting against the Alton Gas plans for over a decade as they pose a danger to the traditional fisheries of the Mi’kmaq, and risk harming the 73-kilometre river used by Indigenous populations for thousands of years; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the salt caverns will store between 4 to 6 billion cubic feet of LNG - a process with a known 65% failure rate, potentially</p>	<p>May 18, 2020</p> <p>Halifax Chapter (Deedee Slye)</p>

	<p>leading to massive explosions that could kill or injure the locals, plus lead to the uncontrollable release of extremely toxic chemicals into the air, soil and water, further threatening the health of the locals; and</p> <p>WHEREAS Sipekne’katic First Nation has an indisputable claim to Aboriginal title to the portion of the Shubenacadie River where the brining will occur, as well as title to the Crown dyke, which was leased to Alton Gas for the Project, yet were not adequately consulted and have not given their consent,</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Canadians support the Sipekne’katic First Nation as they fight to protect clean water and the aquifers and ecosystems connected with the Shubenacadie River, their traditional lands.</p>	
<p>R11</p>	<p>CHAPTER TASK FORCE DRAFT RESOLUTION</p> <p>Category: Governance</p> <p>WHEREAS the Council of Canadians has recently weathered enormous changes that were directly concerned with the Chapters – National Office relationship and Chapter influence in the organization; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Good Governance Task Force set aside some issues before them because they believed the issues would be better addressed by the proposed separate Chapter-focused task force; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Chapter Task Force was created, approved, and formatted without Chapter consultation; and</p> <p>WHEREAS Chapters presently participating in the Council of Canadians are those whose commitment was tested and proved by the renewal process; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, while we understand the efficacy of a small task force and the necessity for task force delegates who are experienced in governance, we believe that the organization and membership will be better served with a larger proportion of actual Chapter activists on the Chapter Task Force,</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there will be at least one Chapter representative from each region on the Chapter Task Force, that the regional Chapter representatives will be approved by the regional members, and that the Chapter representatives will consult with their regional members throughout the activity of the Chapter Task Force.</p>	<p>May 19, 2020</p> <p>Winnipeg Chapter (Mary Robinson)</p>

<p>R12</p>	<p>LONG TERM CARE [LTC] FACILITIES</p> <p>Category: Healthcare</p> <p>Background: Reports by Canadian Labour Congress and RNAO; Council of Canadians Blogs by Jan Malek; Petition - support our elderly in LTC and seniors' care homes</p> <p>WHEREAS the problems of underfunding, shortage of staff, lack of training in the Long Term Care [LTC] facilities have existed for years; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the pandemic has exposed the crisis in LTC facilities and resulted in over half of the COVID deaths occurring in the LTC homes,</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an public independent inquiry into the COVID-19 deaths be held, and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LTC facilities be brought under the Canada Health Act providing oversight, guidelines and directives, and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a national senior care strategy be developed [including regular inspections of the LTC homes, properly trained staff, minimum hours of care, etc], and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LTC facilities follow the principle of public not for profit healthcare.</p>	<p>May 19, 2020</p> <p>Hamilton Chapter (Healthcare Action Group) (Janina Lebon)</p>
<p>R13</p>	<p>COUNCIL OF CANADIANS HEALTHCARE/LONG TERM CARE/PHARMACARE CAMPAIGN</p> <p>Category: Healthcare</p> <p>WHEREAS the terrible toll of COVID 19 in long-term care and senior's residences across the country has shocked Canadians; and</p> <p>WHEREAS as our population ages, the healthcare resources needed for seniors has expanded dramatically, and so has the incursion of private, for-profit companies; and</p> <p>WHEREAS far too many long-term care facilities are run by private firms, where many of their staff work multiple jobs for poverty wages; and</p> <p>WHEREAS along with insufficient testing, a deep lack of Personal Protective Equipment and overwhelming workload, this is a contributing factor in the tragic infection rate of residents; and</p>	<p>May 19, 2020</p> <p>Board of Directors</p>

	<p>WHEREAS visiting homecare workers are trapped in a similar dynamic of exploitation, while many rural and First Nations communities have inadequate service,</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Canadians believes that our country should end this failed model, and transform long-term care, including homecare, into a system that is primarily publicly owned and operated, adequately funded and properly monitored, and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council will launch a communications strategy in its own name as well as supporting common efforts of health coalitions and others, and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council will communicate directly with federal and provincial politicians around this demand, and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council will mobilize chapters and supporters to lobby federal and provincial politicians in their regions, and to engage in public debates through whatever means possible.</p>	
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PROPOSALS FOR BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

These proposals are binding, and require 2/3 in favour to be adopted because they are by-law amendments.

#	PROPOSAL BY-LAW NUMBER & SUBJECT	SUBMITTED DATE & BY
P1	<p>BY-LAW PROPOSAL RE: MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>WHEREAS the Council of Canadians, at its March 15, 2020 Special Meeting, revised its by-laws to revise the definition of “members”; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the revised definition inadvertently dis-entitled membership by individuals who are not residing in Canada</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Canadians By-law 3.01 (1) (a) be amended to delete the words “resident in Canada” as follows: <u>3.01 Members</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(1) There shall be one (1) class of members of the Council. Such membership shall:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(a) be available only to individuals resident in Canada who support the vision, purpose, mission and</p>	<p>May 19, 2020</p> <p>Board of Directors</p>

	<p>principles of the Council;</p> <p>(b) be granted by a process of application and approval to be set by the board of directors; and</p> <p>(c) require an annual financial and/or in-kind contribution by each member, as set by the board of directors.</p>	
<p>P2</p>	<p>BY-LAW PROPOSAL RE: QUORUM</p> <p>WHEREAS the Council of Canadians, at its March 15, 2020 Special Meeting, revised its by-laws to expand the definition of “members”; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the revised definition could result in a large number of new members, but to a size and at a pace that is unpredictable; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the current quorum of thirty (30) members to establish a quorum for any meeting of members is based on the previous membership size,</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Canadians By-law 4.08 be amended to provide for a quorum that automatically increases in incremental steps in accordance with the growth in membership size, as follows:</p> <p>4.08 Quorum</p> <p>Subject to the Act, a quorum at any Council meeting shall be determined by the number of members in good standing on the date notice of meeting was issued, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 300 members - quorum = 30 • 301 - 500 members - quorum = 40 • 501 - 1000 members - quorum = 60 • 1001 + members - quorum = 80 <p>thirty (30) members present at the meeting and who are in good standing for thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. To be a member in good standing, the member must have paid any membership dues owing to the Corporation and met any additional requirements set out in the governance policies. If the Corporation has fewer than thirty (30) members, then the member(s) present in person who are in good standing constitutes a meeting. If a quorum is present at the opening of a Council meeting, the members present may proceed with the business of the meeting even if a quorum is not present throughout the meeting. For the purpose of determining quorum, a member may be present in person or by telephonic and/or by other electronic means.</p>	<p>May 19, 2020</p> <p>Board of Directors</p>