

RESOLUTION SUBMISSIONS 2024 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Resolution #1: Focusing on the Common Good

Submitted by the Board of Directors
Resolution category: Policy

Whereas across the world the rise of right-wing populism has resulted in the election of regressive governments, often including extremist parties rooted in intolerance and xenophobia and bankrolled by powerful corporate interests;

And whereas in Canada the Poilievre Conservatives are fueling a wave of discontent that puts them into serious contention in the upcoming federal election, which would have disastrous results for the people of Canada – unleashing a new era of privatization, corporate control and climate negligence while rolling back gains we have made in recent years.

And whereas some of those regressive changes would be irreversible;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of Canadians engage in a multi-faceted effort to clearly identify the danger posed by conservative forces and develop a plan of action that connects the real economic and social interests of the vast majority of Canadians, and moves people's frustration into a direction that demands fairness, justice and inclusion. This includes exposing the corporate greed that is at the root cause of the crisis of affordability, while highlighting the need to defend the commons – public services, assets and programs that benefit us all.

Resolution #2: Pesticide use in forestry

Submitted by Powell River/ qathet chapter
Resolution category: Action

Whereas the federal government oversees the registration and use of all pesticides and has long promised to reduce the use of pesticides.

Whereas spraying deciduous trees and berry bushes puts the Canadian people at a higher risk for fire, loss of diversity in our forests and endangers our health.

Whereas the use of herbicides, which are a type of pesticide, threatens the ability of Indigenous people to harvest traditional foods.

Whereas transforming our forests into tree farms has never had the informed consent of the public and pesticide use has been successfully banned in other jurisdictions, including the province of Quebec.

Therefore be it resolved that The Council of Canadians organize and lobby the federal government to ban all herbicide use in forestry.

