

COUNCIL OF CANADIANS RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT 2026

The Council of Canadians put out a document explaining how to submit resolutions in April 2026.

The deadline to submit resolutions was May 15th, 2026. Eight resolutions were received that met the criteria.

Before the resolution deadline, when we received a resolution that did not meet the criteria, we discussed with the submitters how they could alter their resolution to make it fit the criteria.

After the deadline, we compiled the resolutions into this report so members could review them before the Resolutions Town Hall on May 30th, 2026. These resolutions will be voted on by the membership at the Annual Members Meeting on June 14th, 2026.

The Resolutions Committee this year was composed of Robin Tress and Marie Dolcetti-Koros.

RESOLUTION #1

Submitted by: qathet Chapter

Title: Support For Universal Basic Income

Category: Policy

WHEREAS poverty affects a growing percentage of Canadians and is especially acute among women and children, indigenous, immigrant and other disadvantaged communities;

WHEREAS a broad-based basic income can be funded with just 3% of total government spending and no new taxes, while reducing poverty rates by 40%;

WHEREAS putting money directly in the hands of Canadians, as was done with the Canada Child Benefit, grows the economy \$2.00 for every \$1.00 invested;

WHEREAS Canadian workers' share of income has steadily declined since the 1970s, while workers' productivity has far surpassed wages, due mainly to automation and globalization enabled by technology;

WHEREAS artificial intelligence is predicted to accelerate all of these trends exponentially;

WHEREAS anti-poverty and feminist groups have been championing a Universal Basic Income for decades, and they are now joined by political, business, faith and community leaders from all strata of Canadian society;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Canadians endorses the call for a Universal Basic Income program in this country;
and, in particular

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council endorse Bill S-206, currently making its way through the Senate and to the House of Commons.

RESOLUTION #2

Submitted by: Edmonton Chapter

Category: Action

Title: The Breezy Proposal For A Public Internet Platform

WHEREAS For many big problems we face, like poverty, the climate emergency, or the breakdown of democracy, education is the solution, and

WHEREAS Education is a process that takes time, and

WHEREAS The education process can be sped up or slowed down, and



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WHEREAS We have amazing communication technology to speed up the education process, but the process is being severely slowed down because the only easily available internet services are businesses polluted and clogged up with hate, lies, and misinformation, and

WHEREAS What is marketed as a search engine or a social media platform is actually an influence engine for hire, and

WHEREAS A state-of-the-art advertising industry is embedded within the online service of informing, connecting, and entertaining patrons, and

WHEREAS The embedded advertising industry serves the businesses and politics of the Wealthy Class which speeds up the expansion of the wealth gap, and

Whereas this is not about establishing a public option to telecoms like: Rogers, Telus, and Bell, and

WHEREAS this is about establishing a public option for Canadians who depend on internet platforms like: Google, YouTube, Meta, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Twitter (now X), Spotify, Netflix, Apple, Microsoft, Substack and Amazon, and

WHEREAS Canadian's dependence on internet platform businesses threatens our democracy, and

WHEREAS these businesses are 'pay to say' communications systems, and therefore absolutely not democratic, and

WHEREAS Like Health Care, communications services should be provided using the public service model not the business model, and

WHEREAS Establishing a publicly owned and democratically operated internet service for Canadians is expected to:

- displace American Big Tech Firms,
- raise the opportunity for all Canadians to access the best online content,
- create good jobs for workers in the news and entertainment production industry,
- lower the opportunity to buy third-party advertising

- raise the level and lower the cost of education
- lower the cost of living
- strengthen democracy
- strengthen Canadian Sovereignty
- reverse the expansion of the wealth gap

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Canadians make a blog post and some social media posts to promote The Breezy Proposal For Democratic Media Reform, which is a proposal to establish a publicly owned and democratically operated internet platform for Canadians

RESOLUTION #3

Submitters: Norah Fraser, Avril Torrence, David Condon on behalf of the Governance Committee

Category: Action

Title: Resolution to Support Chapters and Enhance Organizational Efficiency

WHEREAS the Council of Canadians is a grassroots organization whose strength depends on active, well-supported local chapters;

WHEREAS chapters regularly submit requests for resources, support, information, and guidance that require timely and consistent responses;

WHEREAS the current lack of a dedicated point of contact for chapter requests has resulted in delays, miscommunication, and unmet needs;

WHEREAS a clear designation of one staff person to provide chapter support would improve organizational efficiency and strengthen the relationship between national staff and local chapters;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Canadians allocate 50% of one staff position to be dedicated specifically to responding to chapter requests, including but not limited to the following:



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- Receiving, logging, and acknowledging chapter requests in a timely manner;
- Directing requests to the appropriate staff member(s) or department(s);
- Following up with chapters on the status of their requests; and
- Reporting regularly to chapters on response timelines and outcomes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this staffing adjustment be implemented within no more than 75 days of the adoption of this motion.

RESOLUTION #4

Submitted by: London Chapter

Category: Action

Title: Resolution to affirm the “The Many Vs. the Money”/ “Billionaires Vs. All of Us” framework

WHEREAS it is evident that billionaires have a virtual stranglehold over political policy and decision-making in Canada, control the mainstream media and use their extreme wealth to do further damage to people, democracy and the planet; and

WHEREAS the Council of Canadians already has a framework that links the concentration of wealth in the hands of a very few to all of the planet's most pressing issues; and

WHEREAS chapters and staff have had success in attracting support with the “The Many Vs. the Money”/ “Billionaires Vs. All of Us” theme, through town halls, webinars, events, and merchandise,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Canadians will devote resources to making the “The Many Vs. the Money”/ “Billionaires Vs. All of Us” framework explicit and visible in our national campaigns, events, publications, promotional materials, and marketing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding, publicity and other needed resources will be provided for chapter events such as town halls and book tours that are in alignment with the “The Many Vs. the Money”/ “Billionaires Vs. All of Us” framework.



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RESOLUTION #5

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Category: Action

Title: Supporting Food Sovereignty

WHEREAS food systems are intimately linked to water, and food production is a key source of climate emissions, as well as a front line of labour rights;

WHEREAS the goal of revitalizing in-person organizing is greatly facilitated by a focus on food;

WHEREAS cost of living issues, including housing and food, are becoming central arenas of political and ideological debate, and a key anchor for right-wing politicians;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Canadians will explore ways to engage with allies among farmers' and food justice movements, and avenues for deeper engagement in this area.

RESOLUTION #6

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Title: Resisting Austerity

Category: Action

WHEREAS Canada's Federal government has pursued a policy of austerity, cutting deeply into a variety of programs that sustain our communities, while expanding budgets for the military and continuing to subsidize the fossil fuel industry;

WHEREAS Council of Canadians members have put in thousands of hours fighting for Pharmacare and defending health care services in Canada;

WHEREAS the cuts of the Carney-led government, if allowed to continue, would profoundly widen the gap between rich and poor in Canada—both in material terms and in terms of access to services;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Canadians unite with allies to continue to fight austerity measures across the country, and work to rebuild public services as a key tool for addressing environmental crises, social crises, and wealth inequality.

RESOLUTION #7

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Category: Campaign

Title: Energy Democracy

WHEREAS privatization of energy systems has led to higher prices, worse maintenance and service standards, and slowed the transition from fossil fuels;

WHEREAS directly challenging the investors is a key source of leverage for winning immediate relief for ratepayers;

WHEREAS returning power generation and distribution to public hands is a keystone of a green transition strategy that reduces costs, creates jobs in communities, and reduces climate impacts;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Canadians continue to promote and campaign for energy democracy, focusing in Nova Scotia, PEI, and New Brunswick for the remainder of the year and explore expanding this campaign in 2027.

RESOLUTION #8

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Category: Campaign

Title: Taking on Big Tech

WHEREAS “Artificial Intelligence” is the target of trillions of dollars in investment, allocated because of the prospect of the technology replacing millions of jobs;

WHEREAS the environmental impacts of AI expansion, including energy, water and mineral inputs, are vast and have existential implications for communities and the planet;

WHEREAS the goals of the Council of Canadians include protecting the commons, limiting the power of billionaires and corporations, and empowering communities and workers;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Canadians continue its work to build a civil society alliance to curb the power of Big Tech in Canada, prevent its harms, hold it accountable for damages, and redistribute its wealth.