

# GPC MEMBERSHIP APPROVED POLICY

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# **A THRIVING PLANET**

## **G10-P021 Precautionary Principle**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The precautionary principle requires a careful analysis of available alternatives using the best science and selection of the alternatives presenting the least potential threat to human health and natural systems; and selecting the alternatives that minimize human impacts to human health and the environment often result in long-term cost savings;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada supports the precautionary principle as a nation-wide policy.

## **Responding to the Climate Emergency**

### **G06-P041: Global Warming and Climate Change**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada recognized the major threat to the planet from global warming and climate change, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada supports the

UN-sponsored Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and many other prominent scientific organizations which have insisted that we need to reduce fossil fuel consumption by 70 % as quickly as possible if we are to reduce greenhouse gases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada recognizes that an alternative energy system is feasible and will promote Green economic development, a cleaner environment and better health, and therefore supports more comprehensive and far-reaching plans.

#### **G14-P038 Adopt the Public Trust Doctrine as its Guiding Principle for a Climate Change Response**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Green Party of Canada adopt a moral and legal commitment to identify global warming and the corresponding commons trust, the atmosphere, as its most urgent priority;

Green Party Members of Parliament, once elected in sufficient numbers, will adopt the elements of a successful public trust doctrine to protect Canada's air, land, and water commons using:

- A statement identifying the commons that require protection
  - A statement of the superiority of public rights to these resources over individual use rights
  - The criteria for assigning priority public rights to these commons, including the priority of protecting the atmosphere from CO2 build-up
- Public participation in establishing a public trust doctrine for Canada
  - Resources for implementation: Any statutory provision or agency rule should include the financial, personnel, and institutional resources for implementation, without which even the strongest legal foundation will falter.

#### **G14-P037 Declare a climate emergency, and to mobilize our economic, political, and social resources**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- a. The Green Party of Canada declare a climate emergency, and commit to a course of transformational rather than incremental ("business as usual") change;
- b. The Green Party of Canada commit to a specific course of a WWII-like mobilization – an all-out effort to restructure the energy economy;
- c. The Green Party of Canada commit to policies, starting immediately, of:
  - i. initiating the transition of carbon-based energy to sustainable energy at a rate of at least 6% a year;

- ii. encouraging and enabling accelerated energy efficiency and conservation programs through both regulation and financial incentives; and
  - iii. developing an industry plan for skills, jobs and investment to build a clean, renewable energy economy.
- d. The Green Party of Canada base the transformation to sustainable energy on the legal authority of the Public Trust Doctrine, which the Green Party would introduce if elected; and
- e. Green Party Members of Parliament, once elected in sufficient numbers, will implement the above policies.

#### **G08-P122: Climate Emergency Measures**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will adopt and promote the objectives recommended by James Hansen of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies:

- A complete global coal phase-out within 20-25 years, beginning with an immediate global ban on new coal-fired power plants unless they are associated with proven capture and storage technology which is not yet available. Canada should demonstrate leadership in being among the first nations to completely phase out coal, within 3 years.
- A global price on carbon emissions high enough to discourage exploration of non-conventional oil resources which have a marginal energy benefit and maximize the carbon emitted in extraction. Canada's role should be a willingness to set a carbon tax or other price mechanism on emissions high enough to discourage further tar sands exploration.
- Protection of the carbon sequestered in existing forests and encouragement for sequestration in agricultural soils by implementing rewards for improved forestry and agricultural practices.

#### **G14-P040 Prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable when addressing requirements for climate change adaptation**

BE IT RESOLVED that Green members of parliament will advocate strongly for necessary research to identify vulnerabilities in Canada and develop a strategy for adaptation in conjunction with the communities most at risk, and with provinces, territories and municipalities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in planning for adaptation measures, and in their implementation, the Green Party of Canada will work to ensure that priority is given to the communities which are at most risk to the impacts of climate change, and the

communities with the fewest resources available to generate their own adaptation strategy. Furthermore, the Green Party of Canada will give particular priority to affected indigenous communities placed in a vulnerable position by historic political choices;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Green members of parliament will advocate for the establishment of a national climate adaptation fund.

#### **G10-P033 Seniors and Environmental Emergencies/Emergency Preparedness**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada will consult and include older persons in the climate change debate and planning for environmental emergencies.

#### **G14-P044 Promoting a Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Strategy**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada will seek to work with Green Party partners in other countries to develop a global strategy to restrict greenhouse gas emissions to levels that would make it likely for the planet to remain below the threshold established by the Copenhagen Accord. This strategy would create a common global incentive to reduce greenhouse gases and would distribute at least a portion of the funds collected globally on a proportional basis so that countries with low emissions will benefit most;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Green Party of Canada will promote the pursuit of such a global strategy.

#### **G14-P048 Using the Concept of a Carbon Budget**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Green Party of Canada will frame policy on the basis of remaining within Canada's carbon budget, as determined primarily by the proportion of Canada's population on Earth, where it is understood that the remaining carbon budget is to be shared among all Earth's people. Policy will shift as the carbon budget shrinks. The Green Party of Canada can continue to use emissions targets for the purpose of clarity alongside the carbon budget.

#### **G21-P014 Establishing a National Carbon Budget**

To establish a legislated national carbon budget reflecting Canada's equitable share of the remaining IPCC-determined global carbon budget consistent with 1.5°C warming and an annual emissions reduction timeline to net zero, the GPC advocates legal and enforceable carbon budgets and emissions reduction timelines for Canada:

- avoiding changing time scales and emissions targets;

- based on Canada's equitable share of the remaining global carbon budget;
- based on best available science and assessment of societal impacts; and
- not on unproven future negative emission technologies.

### **G10-P011 Reducing Carbon Emissions**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada seek to introduce legislation to establish scientifically endorsed targets for reducing Canada's greenhouse gas emissions;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada seek to introduce legislation to create a plan, to be audited by the Auditor General, for meeting these targets;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will adopt and establish a fee for all emissions, at source, as recommended by James Hansen of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 100% of the collected fees be returned in the form of dividend payments to every adult resident, and optionally to a children's fund for their future, in order to alleviate the effect of any cost increases due to the imposition of the fee.

### **G14-P053 Reduction of Black Carbon**

BE IT RESOLVED that that the Green Party of Canada seek to introduce regulations to immediately begin reduction of domestic black carbon emissions with a goal of near zero emissions by 2025;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once Canada leads by example and begins to reduce emissions, it works with other countries to introduce reduction targets for global black carbon.

### **G14-P047 Oppose New Fossil Fuel Infrastructure**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will oppose the construction of most major new fossil fuel infrastructure, including pipelines, refineries, power stations, mines, LNG terminals, fracking projects and others, unless replacing existing infrastructure in such a way as to further reduce emissions in the long term.



#### **G14-P046 Divestment from Fossil Fuels**

BE IT RESOLVED that The Green Party supports the divestment campaign begun by Bill McKibben. The Green Party of Canada will add its name to the list of institutions committed to divestment from fossil fuels;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Green Party of Canada will encourage Canada to divest from fossil fuels;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it will be the policy of the Green Party of Canada, when elected, to have the government of Canada divest from fossil fuel companies.

#### **G18-P022 Government Divestment from Fossil Fuels**

The GPC supports the divestment of all federal funds from fossil fuel development and fossil fuel infrastructure, such as pipelines, and supports investment in the creation of a vibrant renewable energy economy in Canada.

#### **G14-P041 Measures to secure a rapid shift away from petroleum-based fuels for transportation in Canada**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Green Party of Canada will work for a rapid transition of the Canadian motor industry to non-dependence on fossil fuels. This should be achieved through a mixture of:

- A legislated phase-out over two to three decades of construction or import of vehicles with petroleum-fuelled engines;
- The development of a national plan for a network of electric vehicle recharge and battery exchange stations, financial incentives for production and sale in Canada of non-petroleum-based vehicles (electric, fuel cell), or in those circumstances where it can be guaranteed to be sustainable in terms of energy return on energy input, food production and biodiversity, powered by fuels of biological origin. This should include support both for conversion of existing plant and manufacturers and for new emergent manufacturers;
- Government research funding for development of lower-cost and more energy-dense battery technology suitable for use in electric vehicles;
- Active support for a research, development and design base in fuel cell technology; and
- A legislated phase-out over three to four decades of petroleum-based fuel provision, except for special-use vehicles.

## **G21-P023 Reduce Fossil Fuel Use in Canada's Territories, Remote Communities and Northern Industries**

GPC supports targeting large emission sources in Canada's territories, remote communities and northern industries to rapidly and cost effectively reduce fossil fuel use, with the aim of significantly cutting total emissions in ways that are culturally appropriate and suited to the cold climate and remote landscapes.

### **G08-P012: Nuclear Power**

BE IT RESOLVED that all subsidies and supports to the nuclear industry will be withdrawn, except those required to maintain the safety of the phase out, decommissioning of facilities and associated waste.

### **G08-P123: Climate Change Directorate**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will establish a government body to oversee the orderly transition to a post-carbon economy, and that this body will have authority to intervene appropriately as necessary with government departments to ensure that Canada meets its international obligations for emissions reductions.

### **G08-P136: Energy Transition Plan**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada, as part of its Plan for Canada's Green Century, will establish a Federal Ministry of Energy Transition to ensure that there is a co-ordinated Federal Energy Transition Plan to effect the transition from a fossil fuel based economy to one based on the sustainable use of renewable energy with a target reduction of 85% reduction of fossil fuel consumption by 2040.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ministry of Energy Transition will be mandated to:

- develop and maintain the Transition Plan;
- carry out or support research in support of energy transition;
- review and co-ordinate adjustments to policies across the portfolios of Natural Resources, Industry, Human Resources, Agriculture, Environment, Transportation and other Federal Departments and Agencies to ensure that they are consistent with and in support of the Energy Transition Plan;
- make targeted investments in critical national infrastructure, through direct Federal initiatives or joint programs with the Provinces;
- consult with the Provinces on the creation of Provincial transition plans;
- consult with industrial sectors on sector transition plans; and

- consult with and promote the need for transition to the general public.

### **G08-P137: Support of Distributed Electrical Power Grid Research**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will provide adequate research funding to establish the design and management principals of a nationally integrated electrical power grid capable of supporting many diverse sources of renewable electrical energy, as well as a transition plan that will transform the existing distribution pattern into the pattern of distributed renewable generation.

### **G06-P021: Renewable Energy Incentives**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Green Party of Canada will work to have the Government of Canada enhance and extend the Wind Power Production Incentive which pays the operators of wind turbines 1.2 cents per kilowatt-hour of electricity produced for the first ten years of the turbine's life, in addition to any amount otherwise received from the sale of the power, to pay the incentive for the electricity produced from up to 10,000 megawatts of installed turbine capacity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Green Party of Canada will work to have the Government of Canada provide an enhanced incentive for projects in provinces with approved Advanced Renewable Tariffs that provide power purchase contracts for a diversity of small renewable energy projects.

### **G00-P018 - Resolution on Wind Power**

That the Green Party of Canada shall promote and as far as possible implement the installation in Canada of at least 100 megawatts of wind power generating capacity annually.

### **G16-P001 - Sunny Ways: Building Solar Infrastructure**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian government will use the Bank of Canada to establish a ten billion dollar fund for distribution to each of the provinces and territories on a per capita basis for the purpose of constructing photovoltaic power generation in each of the provinces. The funds will be distributed with the following terms:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The money is to be spent over the next two years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Photovoltaic panels with greater than 75% of their manufacturing taking place in Canada will have 25% of their cost subsidized by the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The solar installations will be owned by a crown corporation to be established in each province, and the electricity generated sold to the provinces' electrical utilities at a price of 5 cents per kilowatt hour. Electricity not purchased by the utilities will be sold on the open market.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Profits earned by each of these crown corporations will be repaid to the Bank of Canada up to the amount originally received (see below). After the full amount is paid back, earned income beyond what is necessary to maintain infrastructure will be used to further expand generating capacity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED At the conclusion of the program, the cost per kilowatt-hour of the generating capacity in each of the provinces will be calculated for the purposes of allocating funds in the subsequent two-year phase of the program. The province with the most efficient production of PV electricity will be granted an extra billion dollars in the next phase of the program, and the province with the next most efficient production will be granted a half-billion dollar bonus. The remaining funds will then be distributed as previously, on a per-capita basis to each of the remaining provinces and territories.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Funding for this program will come from the Bank of Canada, considered as an interest-free loan to each of the provinces.

#### **G14-P010 - Solar Schools - Photovoltaic Arrays for High Schools**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Green government will implement a Solar Schools project in which photovoltaic (PV) arrays will be installed on school rooftops with suitable sun exposure to reduce their energy costs.

#### **G10-P031 Carbon Free National Feed-in Tariff**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada seeks to introduce legislation that will allow for a Feed-in Tariff rate with long term fixed length contracts with Canadian based companies for innovative, carbon free fuel, non-nuclear, electricity generating technologies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy will include coordination and encouragement of similar policies at the provincial level.

# Ensuring the Control of Energy Resources

## **G08-P066: Canada First Energy Plan**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Green Party MPs work to get the federal government, in consultation and cooperation with the provinces and territories, to develop a Canada-first National Energy Plan to regain control over Canada's energy supply to ensure Canada's short term, long term, and emergency needs are met first prior to any export; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan include a strategy to deal with diminishing oil supplies, insecurity of oil foreign supplies, distribution of western oil to eastern Canada, and the implementation of a rapid transition from oil and other fossil fuel-based energy sources to secure, sustainable Canadian renewable energy sources.

## **G12-P026 - National Energy Security Plan**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada table a private member's bill in the House of Commons during the current term of government to force the establishment of a National Energy Security Plan, including:

- stopping the development of new tar sands extraction facilities to avoid the collapse of the employment market in other sectors (Dutch disease);
- ensuring the stability and security for all provinces and territories in the country of the oil supply produced in Canada;
- creating a heritage fund comprised of the royalty income derived from the exploitation of energy resources;
- dedicating these funds first to research and deployment of an energy economy based on renewable energies, reduction of the country's energy consumption and the promotion of transit, rail transportation in particular.

## **G10-P004 Industrial Materials Strategic Reserve**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will undertake an industrial audit to ascertain the nation's material requirements and declare a list of strategic materials; evaluate the supply risk for each of these strategic materials; set goals for resource stockpiling and finally create a strategic reserve of these vital materials.

## **G08-P126: Strategic Petroleum Reserve**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada encourage the

creation of a Strategic Petroleum Reserve to address short-term petroleum supply shortages and the establishment of an Emergency Preparedness Plan to address other energy crises.

#### **G14-P026 Domestic Oil Refining**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT regulatory barriers to the export of unrefined petroleum products be introduced;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT economic incentives to promote the domestic refining of petroleum be introduced.

#### **G08-P125: Natural Gas Emergency Preparedness Plan**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will promote the creation of a Natural Gas Emergency Preparedness Plan that addresses the orderly steps to take us through a critical natural gas shortage and that this plan immediately implement measures to reduce our reliance on natural gas for essentials of life such as home heating and production of electricity.

## **Low Carbon Footprint Housing**

#### **G08-P113: New Building Code**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada, as part of its climate change strategy, will promote the development of a new national building code that:

- Is modeled on the energy efficiency of the German Passivhaus standard, which reduces overall energy demand to 15% of conventional structures, eliminates the need for mechanical heating systems and takes into consideration the embodied energy of construction materials.
- Is modeled on the energy self-sufficiency of Energy Plus structures which produce more energy than they consume.
- Is performance-based rather than prescriptive to open the way to innovation and unlock barriers to green design.
- Promotes structures that harvest, reuse and purify their own water before returning it to the environment at least as clean as when it was harvested.
- Improves on the Energy Plus model by demanding not strictly energy production but a combination of energy services so that sites with low sun or other energy resources can provide alternate energy services of equal value such as energy storage.

- Shall be developed and implemented within 2 years and upgraded annually afterwards.

### **G08-P111: Immediate Building Standards Improvements**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada, as part of its climate change strategy, will promote an immediate requirement that all new buildings subject to the current Model National Energy Code for Buildings be required instead to meet energy requirements 50% below those of the Model National Energy Code for Buildings until an improved national building code is established which would eliminate the need for fossil fuels entirely in new construction.

### **G08-P118: Elimination of Barriers to Sustainable Building**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada encourage an evaluation of barriers to sustainable building and promote the elimination of these barriers.

### **G08-P114: Energy Audits at Time of Sale**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will introduce, as part of its emissions reductions policy, mandatory labeling of a complete energy audit for every property that becomes available for sale and that this audit include information about the embodied energy costs of anticipated maintenance and repairs, the anticipated energy and monetary costs to bring the structure to a level of energy efficiency such that it no longer depends on fossil fuel, as well as the energy costs of regular operations.

### **G08-P119: Elimination of Barriers to Energy Retrofits**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada encourage an evaluation of barriers to energy retrofits and promote the elimination of these barriers.

## **Healthy Ecosystems**

### **G00-P006 - Integrity of Environmental Law**

The Green Party of Canada calls for an end to any exemption of any individual, business, or provincial, foreign or municipal government, from the provisions of Canadian environmental law, regulation and standards; and any exercise of Ministerial discretion must be published in the Canada Gazette together with the reasons for it.

## 1998 - The Environment

A Green Party government would undertake:

- to provide preventive and restorative solutions to problems of environmental and social instability thus moving government and society away from the current "clean up after-the-fact" approach.
- to address the fact that we are among the 20% of the world's population who consume 80% of the world's resources, and thus reduce the Canadian ecological footprint.
- to promote an amendment to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to ensure the right to an ecological heritage and to a clean and safe environment, and to require political decisions to be made on the basis of ecological integrity.
- to restructure the current environmental assessment review process so that it becomes a legitimate environmental assessment and less a project review mechanism.
- to ensure that Canada implements all international environmental agreements by enacting the necessary legislation for compliance and enforcement, and enforces all federal and provincial environmental acts and statutes.
- to strengthen the current Canadian Environmental Protection Act., and to incorporate into the Act an Environmental Bill of Rights.
- to phase out the production and consumption of ozone-depleting substances.
- to strengthen the resolve to reduce greenhouse gas emissions with time-bound and enforced reduction targets.
- to introduce legislation to promote the reuse or replacement of minerals in industrial production to ban the use of cyanide leaching process for mineral extraction.
- to require the double hulling of all vessels carrying petroleum products in Canadian waters.
- to discourage the continued production and consumption of substances and continued activities that are harmful to human health and to the environment. The environmental and health impacts of the continued production and use of toxic, and hazardous (including nuclear substances) wastes are becoming more and more evident.
- to phase out of all substances and processes which have been clearly shown to be hazardous or deleterious to human health or to the environment, including genetically engineered foods.
- to require the "Reverse Onus Principle" where the proponent of an intervention that could be harmful to human health or the environment shall have to demonstrate the safety of the intervention rather than the opponent of the intervention having to demonstrate the harm.



- to allocate significant research funding into preventing environmentally-induced diseases.
- to establish a policy across Canada to prevent pharmaceutical companies, along with other corporations involved with biotechnology, and with environmentally unsound practices from sponsoring and influencing the direction of research to increase support for research into ecological interrelationships, social structures and their reciprocal effects one another by independent scientific bodies.
- to encourage efforts and initiatives which promote free political and scientific activity in universities and a science in the service of humanity and nature.

## **1998 - Canadian Heritage**

A Green party government would undertake:

- To invoke the precautionary principle in relation to practices that could contribute to loss or reduction of biodiversity. Where there is a threat of loss or reduction of Biodiversity it is not necessary "to wait until there is "scientific certainty" that clear-cut logging and other ecologically unsound practices "contribute to the reduction and loss of biodiversity."
- To avoid and minimize the threat to biodiversity by banning ecologically unsound practices. To ensure the stability of animal populations. To ensure that all biosphere reserves have an extended core area with conservation corridors where no commercial intrusion can take place, and have all practices in buffer and transition zones linked to the convention on biological diversity. To discontinue the current practice of privatization of parks services.
- To produce a "Green Forest Field Guide" for the public on forest issues as a critique of, and interpretive guide to, pulp and lumber companies' public relations statements. This will give the public an opportunity to carefully consider information disseminated by the forest industries. To fulfill the requirements of the Convention on Biological Diversity by:
  - establishing a system of protected areas or areas where special measures need to be taken to conserve biological diversity protecting ecosystems promoting the protection of natural habitats
  - promoting the maintenance of viable populations to recognize that all of the species of plants and animals in Canada are part of Canada's heritage, and if their continued existence becomes threatened or endangered, then part of the heritage of Canada similarly becomes threatened or endangered.
- To enact a Code detailing the Rights of Species in Canada. These Rights will include the right to life, to habitat and to areas large enough to support species in

their natural habitat. It will be in the form of an Act and will apply to all of Canada -- its lands, waters and air space.

- To negotiate with provinces having similar Acts; since these Acts differ among the provinces, the aim of negotiations will be to place the responsibility for all of Canada's species with the federal government. The Federal government will cooperate with provincial jurisdictions to satisfy both the letter and the spirit of the federal Act.
- To cooperate closely with First Nations in the development of and implementation of an Act Respecting the Rights of Species in Canada. A Green Party government would: ensure protection of all Canadian animal and plant species in their natural habitat through creation of legislation that would maintain wilderness areas and interconnected wildlife corridors through preserving all remaining old growth forest areas and other critical habitat.
- To seek advice of scientists working in the field in any decisions made about listing endangered or threatened species of plants or animals. To automatically include the habitat of any species on the list, and to be required to protect the habitat of any and all endangered species; give the force of law to recovery plans for threatened or endangered species; subject to an advance review comprising of a thorough environmental impact assessment any development projects proposed for areas containing, or found to contain, threatened or endangered species and will:
  - require the Minister of Canadian Heritage to bring to the attention of the Cabinet and of the Minister of Environment evidence presented by the scientific community that a species is facing imminent threats to its survival,
  - enable any citizen to bring private enforcement actions in court where the government is not enforcing the law upholding the rights of species,
  - act immediately when there is an immediate threat to a species' survival.

### **G08-P095: Genetic Conservation and Biodiversity**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that

The Green Party of Canada advocates that the Government of Canada should lead the countries of the world in organizing and financing an array of protected areas on land, and marine reserves, especially in poor countries, able to effectively conserve the diversity of wild nature, and comprehensive collections of the crop plants and domestic animals of the world able to preserve the genetic diversity required for the future of the human supply of food, fibre and other biological products, and especially

for low-input systems of farming suited to a resource-frugal future.

The Green Party of Canada recognizes that the preservation of wild nature and the whole community of life, globally, nationally and locally, is of crucial importance not only for its own sake but also for sustainable agriculture and forestry, in matters such as preserving genes for disease resistance in crop plants, in preserving and enhancing populations of beneficial insects and birds and their plant hosts and alternative food sources, and in preserving healthy forests with their production of wood and other materials essential to humans.

The Green Party of Canada advocates that the Government of Canada should encourage all levels of government within Canada to recognize their responsibility and take effective action, to protect, preserve and enhance wild nature and the community of life.

#### **G08-P085: A Role for Canada in Stemming Global Biodiversity Loss**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will fulfill its obligations under the Convention on Biological Diversity by providing new and substantial funding for nature conservation in developing countries and by implementing policies aimed at protecting biodiversity worldwide.

#### **2000 - Land Protection**

It is the policy of the Green Party of Canada to see that 50% of Canada's land, in each of Canada's eco systems, be permanently protected in cooperation with Aboriginal peoples. Protective methods would include "big landscape" conservation, private land conservation, and (the preservation of) ecological integrity.

#### **G08-P124: Arctic Protected Zone**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada call for the creation of protected zone in the Arctic where no mineral resource exploration is permitted by any country.

#### **G06-P057: National Parks**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada urge the Federal, Provincial and Aboriginal Governments of Canada to cooperate in completing the network of National Parks without further delay.

### **G16-P008 - Develop a National Urban Park Strategy**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada support a new Federal strategy to establish National Urban Parks in other major population centres immediately to protect these areas for generations to come.

### **G21-P049 - Promote the Ecological Health of Canada's Forests**

The GPC will support the adoption of ecological forestry principles and practices in the management of public and private forestlands across Canada to ensure that its forest ecosystems retain their natural ecological structure, provide the full range of ecological services, and, where damaged, are restored to their natural condition. It will change forest management from a timber-based focus, with ecological health seen as a constraint on harvest, to an ecologically-based focus with timber as one of many benefits.

### **G06-P053: GMOs in Forestry**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Green Party government ban the propagation of genetically engineered trees and the use of any pesticides that have been genetically engineered.

### **G06-P015: Banning Cosmetic Pesticides**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Green Party of Canada would ban the use of all pesticides for cosmetic purposes.

### **G21-P004 Move Away From Pesticides and Biocides**

GPC supports a transition away from or the elimination of the use of glyphosate (e.g. Roundup) and other harmful pesticides and biocides in farming, forestry, recreational and other sites, and the promotion of the use of least toxic and most regenerative measures in these areas.

### **G18-P006 Polluters Accountable for Clean Up**

The GPC supports holding polluters accountable for cleaning up the legacy of extractive projects even in bankruptcy, such as by mandating up front financial security (bonds) as a prerequisite to a resource project's approval.

### **G18-P009 Consider Environmental Impacts and Use Full Cost Accounting**

The GPC supports government and private sector decision making that incorporates full

consideration of the environmental impacts, life cycle (full cost) accounting and possible unintended consequences of all legislation, programs, and policies to help ensure that we leave a sustainable Canada for generations to come.

### **G21-P018 Require Environmental Accountability for Products and Services**

To reduce environmental damage by holding entities financially accountable for environmental damage attributable to their activities and/or products, the GPC supports requiring producers of all kinds to include the cost of environmental cleanup and the disposal and/or decommissioning of all elements of products, including production plant and packaging, in the costs of these products and requiring producers to organise said disposal and clean up.

### **G08-P027: Hazardous Labeling**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Green Party MPs strive to enact hazardous ingredient labeling, in addition to current acute hazard labeling that indicates corrosive, flammable or explosive ingredients, that

- applies to all consumer products, including cleaning products and other domestic-use chemical mixtures and cosmetics sold in Canada;
- harmonizes ingredient nomenclature with EU and US ingredient labeling provisions; and
- uses warnings or distinct symbols for each hazard class, for all ingredients designated as carcinogens, reproductive toxicants and mutagens, utilizing the list maintained by the International Agency for Research on Cancer and the European Union's Carcinogens, Mutagens and Reproductive Toxicants (CMR list) and the US's Environmental Protection Agency list of endocrine-disrupting chemicals with the warnings in plain English (and French) including a prescribed risk phrase, such as "the ingredient methylene chloride in this product has been designated as a possible human carcinogen"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Green Party MPs, besides enacting labeling requirements, continue to advocate the end of the production and use of all known toxic substances in Canada.

### **G08-P023: Nanotechnology**

BE IT RESOLVED that Green Party MPs advocate a ban of non naturally occurring nanomaterials in all food products and mandatory clear labeling when used in all other products; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Green Party MPs support government research into the possible harmful effects these substances can have on health and the environment.

#### **G10-P008 Recovery of Wastewater Nanoparticles**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will advocate for legislation to license the manufacture, importation or distribution of products containing nanoparticles

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GPC will advocate for the adoption of licence fees regulated by the government of Canada to cover the full cost of recovery of nanoparticles during wastewater treatment.

#### **G06-P050: Recycling**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada advocate that legislation be enacted requiring all vendors of goods to accept back the packaging and used goods for re-use, recycling or appropriate disposal, and that such henceforth be the policy of the Green Party of Canada.

#### **G02-P007 - Resolution on Waste Importation and Export**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Canada should ban the import and export of waste materials.

#### **G06-P017: Organic management of plant diseases, weeds and insects**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada advocate for the establishment of a network of artisanal and decentralized biological plant protection centres across Canada for the purpose of researching and producing local ecological solutions to combat plant diseases, weeds and insect pests.

#### **S16-P020 Husky Oil Spill**

BE IT RESOLVED, this convention Special General Meeting of the Green Party of Canada that the party:

SUPPORTS the efforts of Shawn Setyo, leader of the Saskatchewan Green Party, and of Indigenous and community organizers, to raise public awareness of the effects of the July 20 2016 oil spill;

AND SUPPORTS THE SASKATCHEWAN GREENS' call upon the Government of Saskatchewan to review its environmental assessment rules to require full

environmental assessments prior to any future oil and gas projects of any size, and to establish adequate funding for the inspection of existing pipelines.

### **G14-P030 Development of the Ring of Fire**

BE IT RESOLVED that to practice responsible development in keeping with the principles of sustainable development derived at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in order to create a truly sustainable 21st century industrial enterprise in the “the Ring of Fire”, comprehensive planning, which includes baseline data, must take place involving assurances of resources and meaningful consultation with Indigenous communities, the Governments of Canada and Ontario, resource developers and other stakeholders. Maximizing upstream and downstream economic benefits, while leaving behind future community assets, is necessary for long-term sustainability. Extraction of resources must do minimal damage to the natural environment. Comprehensive planning shall ensure the inclusion of mechanisms for long-term monitoring.

To grow economic, human and social capital, the enterprise must adhere to the following interconnected provisions:

- Community Benefits
- Mining operations will leave behind assets for the community, including:
  - physical infrastructure from mining activities;
  - low-carbon transportation and energy infrastructure;
  - human capital in the form of a highly-trained and productive work-force;
  - social and cultural capital in the form of enhanced community infrastructure;
  - economic capital through the creation of a Ring of Fire Heritage Fund.
- Energy – primarily from renewables, with a focus on the use of new technologies to achieve carbon neutrality throughout the region. Existing diesel power in the region will be phased out.
- Transportation – a truly sustainable 21st Century low-carbon transportation system, with indigenous peoples’ ownership of assets in traditional territory encouraged.
- Value-Added Industry – to maximize economic opportunities, upstream and downstream valued-added processes, such as the use of local contractors for construction, and the local processing and refining of resources, shall be promoted.
- Lifecycle Planning for Extracted Resources – full cost accounting and lifecycle planning must be built into the cost of resource extraction. The minimization of

environmental damage during extraction and processing must be a priority, along with the repair of the natural environment to pre-extraction conditions at the close of extractive activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT to maximize the long-term use of non-renewable mineral resources, the Green Party of Canada support the creation of “cradle to grave” recycling programs for these resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a Stainless Steel Working group will be formed to examine and assess the feasibility of creating a made-in-Canada stainless steel industry in Northern Ontario.

## **Oceans, Freshwaters and Fisheries**

### **2000 - Bulk Water Sales**

1. The Green Party of Canada calls upon the government of Canada to immediately ban the sale of bulk water from all Canadian sources, and
2. To comply with the Convention of Biological diversity (signed June 1992 and ratified December 1992) and in the event that any companies seek to use international trade agreements against the Canadian Government, to take the United States and/or other governments to the International Court of Justice for contributing to the reduction and loss of biodiversity as the result of bulk water sales.

### **1996 - Marine Protected Areas**

The establishment of marine protected areas in Canada is long overdue. In the coastal environment, they do not limit public access, but implement strict controls over fishing and development in the area. Marine Protected areas and reserves protect the nursery grounds of many marine fish species, including cod and salmon. These are highly productive areas which play an important role in any marine ecosystem. Establishing several marine protected areas would help maintain biodiversity while guarding important fish habitat.

### **G00-P002 - Establishment of Marine Habitat Reserves in Canada**

It is the policy of the Green Party of Canada to establish marine habitat reserves large enough to revive and sustain stocks of marine life of all species through their complete life cycles.



## **G14-P030 Expand Canada's system of marine protected areas**

BE IT RESOLVED that Green Party of Canada will work to implement a substantially expanded network of MPAs in all of Canada's coastal waters, following best scientific practices and using a bioregional, functional network approach, in consultation with governments, indigenous peoples and scientists, to identify opportunities for the expansion of existing MPAs, as well as areas suitable for the establishment of new ones.

## **G00-p9 - Marine Pollution**

It is the policy of the Green Party of Canada to halt the discharge of raw sewage and toxic waste into Canadian coastal waters, and into inland waters under federal jurisdiction, for the protection of ecosystems and human health. It is the policy of the Green Party of Canada to take an active and energetic part in bringing an end to the discharge of sewage and toxic waste into coastal waters and on the seas and oceans throughout the world.

## **G02-P011 - Cessation of Polluting the Waters of Canada**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the dispersal of waste and raw sewage into the oceans cease

## **G14-P029 Prohibition of the Transport of Dilbit through Canadian Waters**

BE IT RESOLVED that a Green government will take a precautionary approach and terminate all shipments of diluted bitumen ('dilbit') through Canadian waters.

## **G16-P003 Tug-Barge Petroleum Tankers**

BE IT RESOLVED that American tug-barge petroleum traffic be barred from traveling up and down the 'protected' waters of the British Columbia Inside Passage, and be required to travel, by suitable, seaworthy double-hulled vessels safely 20 miles off the BC coast, just as all the other petroleum tanker traffic must do.

## **1988 - Factory Ship Fishing**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Greens support an end to all factory ship fishing in waters under Canadian jurisdiction.

## **1996 - Commercial Fisheries**

Commercial fishing quotas should be transferred from corporations to individual

fishermen or fishing communities. Individuals or communities would receive a set quota per season, per species. These quotas would be transferable such that they may be exchanged for quotas of other species.

## **1998 - Fisheries**

A Green Party government would undertake:

- To ratify the Law of the Sea treaty.
- To establish a network of Marine parks, and ecological reserves.
- To prevent risks of disease transfer from netcage fish to wild stocks, such as black cod, herring, and salmon
- To address the following outstanding issues in aquaculture, and maintain a moratorium on increased fish farming such as:
  - Risks of introduction of exotic diseases from the continued importation of Atlantic salmon into Pacific waters;
  - Pollution from fish sewage, contamination of shellfish, and loss of habitat;
  - Death, wounding, and harassment of mammal and bird populations due to shootings, net entanglements, and acoustic deterrent devices;
  - Loss of access to traditional fisheries for First Nations people, with increased risks to their health from exposure to drug residues from food collected near netcage operations;
  - Competition for spawning beds and genetic interaction between wild and escaped salmon in fresh and salt water;
  - Decline of wild stocks
  - Losses of wild fish, such as herring and juvenile salmon, consumed by netcage fish;
  - Endangered human health from the increased use of antibiotics and other drugs, which have already led to the spread of fish diseases that are fully resistant to three types of antibiotics.

### **G08-P025: Fisheries Reorganization**

BE IT RESOLVED that Green Party MPs advocate that Fisheries and Oceans Canada be separated into three separate branches of the one department: Management; Monitoring and Enforcement; and Research.

### **G14-P027 Restore habitat protection provisions of the Fisheries Act**

BE IT RESOLVED that Green Party of Canada will work to restore the habitat protection provisions of the Fisheries Act, incorporating language that unambiguously protects fish habitat against destruction and contamination, regardless of whether said habitat is part

of a commercial fishery, and regardless of whether the fish species protected are commercially valuable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will work to limit ministerial discretion in overriding the habitat protection provisions of the Fisheries Act, restricting such discretion to cases where vital economic and social interests are involved, and habitat restoration to pre-disturbance conditions is a possibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that language that explicitly protects vulnerable seafloor habitats from the effects of bottom trawling and other activities that may adversely impact the seafloor be incorporated into the revitalized Section 35 of the Fisheries Act.

#### **G14-P017 Reduce fisheries bycatch and seafloor habitat destruction**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will build upon existing policy and legal framework to develop an ecosystem-based national bycatch and discard policy that includes:

- taking into consideration all species (including non-commercial species) and their ecosystem roles,
- implementing ecologically risk averse strategies to minimize the impacts of fishing gear on habitat and bycatch, and
- prioritizing minimization of habitat destruction and incidental catch and discarding of target and non-target species.

This work will necessarily require adequate data collection, research and monitoring systems, including at-sea monitoring, habitat monitoring systems, and consultation with marine scientists to support the understanding and management of ecosystem impacts that occur as a result of removing non-commercial, incidentally-caught “bycatch” species.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada’s long-term strategy will be to work towards a total ban on bottom trawling in domestic waters and to research and promote modifications to scallop dredges to reduce damage to the seabed and its fauna. (The economic significance of bottom trawl and scallop dredge fisheries in Canada and the current research stage of low-impact dredging gear dictate that these are long-term goals.) and

The Green Party of Canada’s short-term strategy will include:

- working internationally to promote and institute a global ban on bottom trawling on the high seas;
- implementing bycatch limits for commonly caught commercial and non-commercial

species, as well as for species at risk, and ensuring retained bycatch does not exceed established quotas for the species;

- working to transition from high-impact gear types to low-impact gear types using incentives such as bycatch limits and individual or fleet-wide quotas to promote lower bycatch practices (in many fisheries different gear types are used to target the same species);
- working with fisheries that retain high levels of bycatch to reduce the non-targeted species in different gear systems through bycatch avoidance measures as applicable to specific fisheries, such as those recommended by the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) and other relevant institutions, including:
  - mandatory implementation of applicable gear changes (e.g. circle hooks vs hooks in longline fisheries) and bycatch reduction devices (e.g. turtle extruder devices in trawl nets);
  - improved equipment and handling techniques for post-capture release survival; operational techniques to reduce encounters with bycatch (such as hook depth, bait changes, daytime-only fishing, and time-sensitive closures); measures to address ghost fishing (where applicable);
  - allowing landing of non-targeted catch and bans on returning dead catch to the water;
  - closing sensitive habitats and areas of high bycatch to gear types with significant ecosystem impacts (where appropriate, in collaboration with marine protected areas strategy);
  - limiting expansion of fishing and potential bycatch to depths greater than 500 meters, which are characterized by ecosystems adapted to little natural disturbance;
  - ensuring new fisheries, particularly in the Arctic, utilize low-impact fishing methods and gear types that have minimal ecological impacts, and providing any federal funding support only to such new fisheries.

### **G00-P008 - Dragging**

It is the policy of the Green Party of Canada to work towards an end to the use of dragging as a fishing method because of its destructive effect on sea floor ecosystems and the lives which depend on them and to encourage other nations to do likewise. It is the policy of the Green Party of Canada to investigate the most effective methods of restoring sea floor ecosystems damaged by dragging in the past.

### **G00-P004 - Moratorium on the Capelin (otherwise known as "Smelt") Fishery**

The Green Party of Canada calls for an end to the commercial fishing of capelin, because these small fish are the main and primary food source of cod, squid, sea birds,

and many whales, and because the advent of trawling technology has expanded the catch of these fish to unprecedented proportions, devastating this precious marine life and the food supply of many different sea creatures.

### **G02-P009 - The Atlantic Salmon Fishery**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a fishing moratorium be called for Atlantic Salmon until their numbers rebound.

### **G06-P028: Atlantic Fisheries**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada's fisheries policy will be governed by these principles:

- The fishery is a public resource to be managed for the benefit of all Canadians, not special interest groups.
- Fisheries management has two fundamental goals, both science-based:
  - (1) protecting biodiversity and the ecological processes that underlie marine ecosystems and the fishery; and
  - (2) managing commercial species through the precautionary approach.

Management decisions will be based on these goals and not on regional employment or political considerations. Access to the resource must be accessible to all Canadians, transparent, and fair.

Commercial users of this public resource should pay rent or royalties at fair market values, as is common practice with other resource industries. Allowed fishing methods must safeguard ecological processes and protect biological and genetic diversity for future generations.

### **G14-P018 Ban the shark fin trade in Canada and increase protective measures for sharks**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will work to prohibit the import, export, and domestic sale of shark fins in Canada and will amend the Fish Inspection Act to prohibit the importation of shark fins in Canada. This will demonstrate global leadership in the fight to stop the wasteful and inhumane practice of shark finning and end Canada's role in the trade of fins from threatened and endangered sharks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will work to 1) ensure that shark management policies are based on sustainability and conservation, utilizing a precautionary approach in establishing catch limits, protection of critical habitat,

minimization of shark bycatch, and other protective measures, and 2) promote, collaborate on, and commit to a binding international agreement for the protection of sharks, similar to the International Whaling Commission, which imposed stringent global catch regulations, and ultimately a global moratorium on commercial whaling to allow whale stocks to recover.

#### **G02-P004 - Concerning the Atlantic Seal Harvest**

BE IT RESOLVED that the development of a multi-species management system include moderate Harp and Hood seal fisheries along with a ban on draggers; that such a harvest control industrial fishing trawlers while promoting sustainability; that a seal harvest should only be implemented when markets are available for the vast majority of the animal; and that a seal harvest should not be used in attempt to enhance fisheries.

#### **2004 – Seal Hunt**

That the Green Party of Canada rescind the policy resolution on the seal hunt (referred to in that resolution as the seal harvest and the seal fishery) that it adopted at its convention held in Montreal in August, 2002.

#### **2004 - Commercial Seal Hunt.**

The Green Party of Canada supports the phasing out of Canada's harp and hooded commercial seal hunt, and, the development of sustainable economic alternatives for those affected. The Green Party of Canada is opposed to culling seals and other marine mammals in an attempt to enhance fisheries, and, the "commercial seal hunt" does not include the hunting of seals for personal use. Nothing in this resolution negates traditional aboriginal rights and/or those rights guaranteed by the Canadian constitution or a treaty.

#### **G08-P109: Sealing License Buyout Plan**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will work in conjunction with the affected communities with fishers, fisheries unions and local communities to develop a fair federal buyout of sealing licenses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party will work with local communities affected to implement training programs and other resources needed to enhance a sealing industry buyout and that this policy will be developed in conjunction with the affected community.

### **G02-P008 - Ban Whaling**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all whale hunting and whale harvesting cease.

### **G08-P004: Whale Hunts**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada supports a complete ban on commercial whaling including the so called "research" whaling currently carried out by Japanese whalers; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada specifically is opposed to all hunting of Bowhead whales, including aboriginal subsistence hunting due to the critically endangered state of this species.

### **G02-P012 - Aquaculture Environmental Benefit & Damage Research**

BE IT RESOLVED that Canada and the United Nations research the impact of Aquaculture on the marine environment of coastal Canada and act upon their findings.

### **G08-P022: Salmon Farms**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Green Party MPs work to rescind the agreement with BC regarding the jurisdiction over fish farming in federal waters so that jurisdiction over fish farming returns to the federal Fisheries and Oceans Canada (FOC); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that FOC implement measures to quickly phase out open-ocean net-cage fish farms and ensure that this aquaculture industry does not continue to harm wild fisheries.

### **G08-p108: Promoting Marine Ecotourism**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a Green government will work with coastal communities to develop sustainable, responsible marine ecotourism programs, and provide the funding and resources needed to help those programs succeed.

### **G16-P009 - Lead a New Coordinated Initiative to Manage Urban Waterways**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada support a new Federal initiative to coordinate among all levels of government a strategy to assess and design proper protective measures to control motor boat traffic on major urban waterways, develop and protect safer forms public water access, and protect Indigenous access to their ancestral waterways.

# Sustainable Agriculture

## 1996 - Agriculture

Resolved that the Green Party of Canada work for:

- increased employment through the establishment of small farms;
- funding only organic farming techniques research; consumer support of local farms;
- re-introduction of heritage varieties;
- 50% of all farms to be organic within 15 years;
- development of a Canadian and an international certification program for organic produce;
- five-year phase-out and eventual ban on all synthetic pesticides and herbicides;
- removal of tax rebates for fuel and equipment purchases.

## 1998 - Agriculture

A Green Party government would undertake:

- to develop and communicate eco-agricultural models and practices from studying and synthesizing principles from the diversity of sustainable, natural and eco-community-centred agricultural approaches created by indigenous peoples and traditional subsistence mixed farmers together with modern sustainable, organic agriculture, regenerative agriculture, permaculture, agroecology, and other approaches to farming the natural way in nature's image to phase out Agriculture Canada and other federal research support for large-scale agribusiness chemical, pesticide and genetic and other bioengineering practices and refocus support on the development of family and community scale ecological agriculture models, principles and practices such as biological soil and pest management approaches like soil rebuilding crop rotations, companion planting, intercropping, and perennial polycultures.
- To support basic and field research in the natural breeding, field trials, propagation and protection of alternative ecologically adaptable crops such as native perennials, 'heritage' vegetables, grains, legumes and fruits, hemp and quinoa.
- To support the establishment of a diversity of public and farm-based model demonstration and experimental stations for extension and education in each of Canada's natural regions.
- To phase-out federal support for college and agency agribusiness educational



programs and refocus supports on family farm and community scale eco-agriculture workshops, distance education, undergraduate and graduate and diploma.

- To establish, monitor and enforce Eco-agriculture Standards, Certification and Labeling.
- To support the efforts of organic and ecological agriculture associations in establishing organic/ecological farm practice codes, standards and certification processes. Included in the principles and standards would be: the use of naturally bred, non genetically manipulated plant or animal seedstock; soils, plants and pests managed and grown without synthetic pesticides or significant soil loss or deterioration; farmstead and fields planned and worked as part of an integral preserved or restored ecommunity of native woodlands, grasslands, wetlands and watershed protecting native plant and animal habitat; livestock provided with species-appropriate shelter, space and freedom of movement, clean water, natural foods free of antibiotics, no growth or lactation stimulants and humane treatment and transport.
- To establish, monitor and enforce a system of labeling for both domestic and imported foods as to contents, chemicals utilized in cultivation and pest management, seedstock breeding history if genetically engineered, livestock husbandry practices. An 'organic audit trail' and a regularly monitored and enforced food pesticide residue level process would be required components of this certification system.
- To inform consumers of the excessive amounts of protein, particularly meat protein used by Canadians.
- To revise the Canada Food Guide to present legumes, vegetables, fruits and grains as a complete alternative to a meat based diet and one which will meet all nutritional needs, including all proteins, while reducing health hazards such as heart, stroke, kidney , urinary, osteoporosis and certain cancers.
- To cancel or renegotiate completely those aspects of GATT and NAFTA which distort and limit Canada's ability to restore a community and regionally based self sufficient and sustainable ecological agriculture and food provision system.
- To support each people's right to food self sufficiency. Where climatic and other natural limitations restrict the growing of food necessities by Canadians or other peoples, equitable trade will be established directly between producer and consumers. Cooperatives or similar Green structures would replace transnational food cartels.
- To complete a national Environment Canada/Agriculture Canada GIS Canada Land Inventory-based map zoned for agricultural and ecological integrated use planning and protection to develop, cooperatively with the provinces, a program of land use and protection standards and practices, education, incentives,

disincentives and expropriation compensation to ensure that land managers utilize and/or protect their lands as per its zoning such that: prime farmland is protected for agriculture from industrial or residential development; endangered plant and animal habitat, and special ecocommunities are given perpetual protection; farms are generally developed and operated as part of a sustainable natural ecocommunity by protecting and /or restoring native woodlands, grasslands, wetlands and watersheds.

### **G06-P034: Agriculture Policy**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the platforms and policies of the Green Party of Canada henceforth separate the topics of Agriculture and Fisheries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada incorporate the following points into the platform and policy for Agriculture:

- Require all foods in Canada to clearly label genetically modified organisms (GMO) content.
- Develop and implement training to ease the transition to organic farming funded by transferring tax revenue collected from a health and environment tax placed on non-organic pesticides and other non-organic input chemicals for farming and cosmetic lawn maintenance.
- Offer a one-time tax break incentive for grocers to renovate their produce departments to include a local and/or organic section. Additional transfer payments made to provinces with Agriculture and Vocational Agriculture post-secondary education programs in order to massively reduce or eliminate tuition for those programs. Provincial governments will be encouraged to develop agriculture focused secondary school programs.
- Implement and enforce the registry for all newborn cattle and require BSE testing for all cattle entering the food system.
- A follow-up to the 5% biofuel content target of 2010. The GPC will promote 10% biofuel content by 2015 and 20% by 2020. GST and other taxes will be collected from consumers only on the percentage of non-renewable resource fuel. The biofuel portion will be tax-exempt.
- Shift government supported research away from GMO biotechnology towards organic food production and efficient biofuel crop development.
- Implement a "Canada First" purchasing policy for all Canadian Government departments that purchase food with an emphasis on purchasing within the host province as preferential. **G06-P014: The Organic Nation**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Green Party of Canada will advocate for a complete transition to organic agriculture and that this transformation will be enabled by, among other things:

- The removal of all direct and indirect subsidies to growers using synthetic chemicals
- The application of GST and pollution taxes to chemical pesticides and fertilizers
- Subsidies to growers while in the transition phase from chemical agriculture to organics.
- Assistance to build local food processing plants and storage facilities.
- Prohibiting the production of genetically engineered crops.

#### **G08-P065: Preservation of Canadian Farmland**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Green Party MPs:

- work to have the Canada Land Inventory program reinstated, adequately funded, and mandated to update and keep current a comprehensive record of land capability and land use as a vital ongoing aid to local planning; and,
- advocate that the federal government provide sufficient fiscal incentives to other levels of government, especially municipalities, so that they preserve farmlands under their jurisdictions

#### **G21-P003 Incentivize Farms to Increase Biodiversity**

GPC supports incentive payments for farmers to achieve greater biodiversity and ecological resilience by: a) reserving at least 3% of natural habitat per farm, and b) improving natural habitat with; i) grasslands, ii) tree growth, iii) fence lines with mixed native species connecting habitat patches, iv) optimum field size and v) crop diversity.

#### **G21-P001 Support Carbon Sequestration on Farms**

GPC supports incentive payments for measurable outcomes of soil organic matter (SOM) on fields with increasing or good SOM levels. GPC supports a mandatory measurement of SOM when farmland is sold, and if SOM is then poor, the land will be taxed. Both payments and taxes will be proportional to SOM levels according to a consistent scientific protocol.

#### **G08-P029: Canadian Ban on V-GURT or "Terminator" Seeds Technology**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada seeks a Canadian ban on all forms and applications of Genetic Use Restriction Technologies through support of bill C-448.

#### **G14-P057 On introducing a country-wide ban on neonicotinoid insecticides (eg imidacloprid)**

BE IT RESOLVED that this 2014 Green Party of Canada BGM express its profound disappointment in our federal government's lack of action on the use of neonics, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Green Party of Canada call for an immediate multi-year moratorium on the use of neonics except in situations directed at research into their efficacy and impact.

#### **G18-P024 Data Collection on Agricultural Chemicals**

The GPC supports government collection and publication of high quality open data on the presence of agricultural chemicals in the environment, food, animals and people, so that any external cost of chemicals may be identified and included in decisions regarding agricultural practices.

#### **G06-P056: Agricultural Research**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada support the establishment by the federal government of a special Agricultural Research Climate Adaptation Fund designed strategically using the best available information on likely Climate Change across Canada;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Fund (along with other Climate Change adjustment measures) be financed by a Comprehensive set of tax policies designed to discourage increased use of fossil fuels;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the role of PFRA (Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration) be re-examined in collaboration with the Provinces and the farming sector to establish how this organization might be adapted to use the latest in modern information technology to help extend information on climate change and research results to farmers as quickly and effectively as possible.

#### **G08-P072: Localized Organic Agriculture to Mitigate Climate Change**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that localized organic agriculture, including urban agriculture, coupled with ecological sanitation, become a central component of the Green Party of Canada's Climate Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that relevant Green Party of Canada policy documents be adjusted to accommodate and support the central role that local organic agriculture

must play in mitigating and reversing climate change, providing food security, restoring soil health, improving human health, protecting water, and providing sustainable livelihoods for citizens.

## **Animal Welfare**

### **G08-P005: Animal Welfare**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Green Party MPs will sponsor legislation that:

- makes the acts of cruelty to animals an offence under the criminal code and not a property offence; clearly defines in this legislation an animal as "A vertebrate other than a human being;"
- changes the term "willful neglect" of animals in the current legislation to simply "neglect" with "neglect" defined as "departing markedly from the standard of care that a reasonable person would use" so as to make convictions under the act more achievable;
- makes it an offence to kill any animal without a lawful reason;
- makes it an offence to train an animal to fight and receive money for animal fighting and training;
- bans the use of animals as experimental objects in military research and cosmetic testing; and
- bans the importation of animals for zoos except where the importation will assist the overall conservation of that species.

### **G08-P106: National Animal Protection Legislation**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Green Party of Canada will update Canada's criminal code as it pertains to animal protection, moving crimes against animals from the property section, and recognizing animals as sentient beings. The Green Party of Canada will furthermore invest resources in the development and training of police officers to deal with cruelty cases.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Criminal Code legislation will provide no exemptions for those involved in criminal activities and will mandate progressively stiffer penalties that take into account the severity of the crime.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those convicted of the worst offences will be banned from animal ownership for life thereby discouraging cruel treatment of animals.

## **G08-P101: Animals in Research, Testing and Education**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada is committed to the reduction and ultimate replacement of animal use for research, testing, and educational purposes and will:

- make the use of animals for research, testing and educational purposes unlawful where a non-animal method or approach is reasonably or practicably available (consistent with EU Directive 86/609);
- establish a coordinated approach to identifying alternatives to replace or reduce the use of animals for testing and research and commit resources to developing and validating non-animal test methods in coordination with parallel efforts elsewhere;
- ensure the automatic regulatory acceptance of every non-animal test method deemed scientifically valid by the European Centre for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ECVAM) and the automatic prohibition of the animal-based test method it replaces;
- ensure that all new or revised animal and non-animal toxicity test methods are scientifically validated before their use is required, recommended or encouraged by regulatory authorities;
- enhance the current system of oversight consisting of voluntary guidelines and peer review administered by the Canadian Council on Animal Care, a federally regulated licensing program, whereby prospective animal users must apply to a federal Animal & Alternatives Research Review Board, which will be responsible for
  - (i) evaluating the costs and benefits of the proposed research,
  - (ii) rigorously assessing the availability of non-animal methods or approaches,
  - (iii) granting or denying a project license, and
  - (iv) where a license is granted, monitoring compliance with animal care standards; and
- improve government and industry accountability and public access to information regarding the use of animals for research, testing and educational purposes in Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will end the most egregious forms of animal use including:

- the mandatory surrender of dogs and cats from municipal pounds and animal shelters (known as “pound seizure”);

- all use of non-human primates;
- genetic manipulation and cloning;
- invasive psychological and behavioural research;
- substance abuse research;
- warfare research;
- the use of animals to assess the safety of personal care and household cleaning products, as defined by the Coalition for Consumer Information on Cosmetics;
- animal-based tests for skin corrosion, skin irritation, skin absorption, phototoxicity, pyrogenicity, genetic toxicity, to be replaced by scientifically validated non-animal methods;
- “lethal dose” toxicity studies on vertebrates (including all acute LD50 and LC50 studies), in which animals are literally poisoned to death;
- dissection and other animal-based labs in primary, secondary and undergraduate/college education;
- use of animals in science fairs;
- and university dog labs.

### **G08-P103: Animals in Transport**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will work to improve conditions for animals during transport by:

- reducing the total allowable road transport time of animals destined for slaughter or further fattening to eight hours or 500 km or whichever is less;
- clearly defining “fitness to travel” and prohibiting the transport of those animals in an advanced state of pregnancy and unable to walk without assistance (except when under veterinary license and for the purposes of veterinary treatment);
- ensuring solipeds are only transported in individual compartments on single deck trucks;
- mandating adequate protection from the elements at all times for animals in transport;
- ensuring all vehicles allow adequate inspection of each animal at all times;
- ensuring all drivers of livestock vehicles receive training and independent competence assessment;
- prohibiting the use of electric prods, clubs and other inhumane equipment to control or move animals while in transport;
- substantially increasing the number of Canadian Food Inspection Agency inspectors with responsibility for monitoring the implementation of transport legislation;
- ensuring that all transports of animals for breeding, exhibition etc., which are longer than eight hours are in enhanced vehicles, with a forced ventilation system or air-conditioning, and that animals transported for longer than eight

- hours are given sufficient space to lie down (all at the same time);
- ensuring an official veterinarian is present during loading and unloading for journeys of longer than eight hours to ensure all animals are fit for travel and the stocking density is correct.

### **G08-p100: Animals in Entertainment**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will follow the example of Sweden, Austria, Costa Rica, India, Finland, Singapore and over thirty Canadian municipalities by

- prohibiting the use of wild animals in circuses, novelty acts, traveling shows and other temporary spectacles;
- prohibit all spectacles, animal shows and presentations that involve injuring, baiting, fighting, intimidation, harassment, causing fear and/or other negative actions that are potentially harmful to the animals involved;
- prohibit spectacles that involve the fighting and baiting of animals, including bullfights, cock fights, and dog fights,;
- establish a national law requiring all zoos to be licensed, to operate at a professional standard, be subject to strict animal welfare and public safety regulations, and regular reviews and inspections;
- prohibit the importation of marine mammals for public display in zoos, marine parks and aquariums;
- prohibit the importation of wild animals for public display and entertainment purposes;
- prohibit the captive breeding of animals in zoos and marine parks except for verifiable conservation purposes;
- establish strict animal welfare and public safety regulations for the use of wild animals in film and television productions;
- and establish retirement/sanctuary facilities for wild animals seized by federal, provincial and municipal law enforcement agencies.

### **G08-P102: Animals in Slaughterhouses**

BE IT RESOLVED the Green Party of Canada will work to improve conditions for animals in slaughterhouses by:

- requiring that meat packers use amperage, voltage, frequency and pneumatic settings on stunning equipment which will reliably induce unconsciousness;
- requiring ongoing maintenance of stunning equipment, restraint systems, gates and other animal handling equipment;
- substantially increasing the number of Canadian Food Inspection Agency



inspectors with responsibility for monitoring the implementation of slaughter legislation;

- ensuring all slaughterhouse employees must receive training and independent competence assessments;

- banning electric prods, clubs and other inappropriate weapons;

- requiring that a veterinarian be present during unloading;

- ensuring all downers be euthanized on the truck prior to being moved;

- ensuring electric and captive bolt stunning to bleed intervals be based on science-derived parameters and be respected at all times.

### **G08-P110: Banning Trophy Hunting**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will prohibit all hunting of wild or domestic animals in Canada for trophies. The Green Party of Canada does not oppose subsistence hunting of wild animals.

### **G08-P107: Parliamentary Committee on Animal Welfare**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will establish a Parliamentary Committee on Animal Welfare tasked with examining legislation affecting animal concerns and dealing with the animal welfare community, creating a place in Parliament where animal welfare issues can be properly researched and debated and recommendations made as required.

### **G08-P105: Commercial Trade in Wild Animal Parts**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will:

- prohibit any industry involving single organ trade;
- remove federal subsidies from the fur and sealing industries; increase monitoring and enforcement budgets;
- work with traditional medicine practitioners to promote alternatives to wild animal ingredients.

# **SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY**

## **Green Transition**

### **G12-P006 - On Limits to Growth**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will promote a sustainable Canadian

economy in dynamic equilibrium with its environment; will promote a sustainable Canadian economy that evolves to be better not bigger; will promote policies that recognize the serious constraints of a finite world; will promote policies that seek to restrain societal excesses -- industrial, commercial, resource extraction etc; and will develop public perception of the necessity of respecting these limits

#### **G12-P024 - Control of natural resources by Canada and/or its provinces and territories**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada support Canada, and/or, its provinces and territories, becoming majority owners, at a 51% minimum threshold, of supply, extraction and production companies exploiting Canadian freshwater, fossil fuel, forest and mineral resources, and that Canada and/or its provinces and territories work to develop a consistent national energy policy, while respecting the rights of First Nations.

#### **2000 - Economic Transition**

That is the policy of the Green Party of Canada to recognize and act towards a just transition for workers and communities during changes caused by the implementation of our policies into laws.

#### **G10-P024 Bank of Canada**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party adopt Monetary Policy that reinstates the Bank of Canada to a prominent position in the creation of currency and the regulation of credit in Canada using the full range of tools at its disposal rather than just the setting of interest rates. The Bank of Canada would actively regulate credit and currency in the best interests of economic life of the nation and its people and control and protect the external value of the national monetary unit and mitigate by its influence fluctuations in the general level of production, trade, prices, and employment so far as may be possible within the scope of monetary action and generally promotes the economic welfare of Canada for the benefit of its people.

#### **G21-P005 Use Public and Central Banking to Address Public Emergencies and Build a Green Economy**

The Green Party acknowledges the money-creating powers of public banking and central banking, to the benefit of all Canadians. A Green government will use these powers to help it tackle emergencies such as the affordable housing crisis, the climate emergency, and current and future pandemics.

### **G16-P004 The Green Marshall Plan - Bank of Canada's Green Money Supply**

BE IT RESOLVED that a royal commission will be established to determine the feasibility of creating crown corporations in given fields of expertise and offer a plan for a virtually carbon free Canada. The royal commission would create specific objectives and operating procedures for the green crown corporations.

### **G10-P029 Green Bonds**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada supports the creation of a program to issue Green Bonds defined as a government-backed financial instrument designed to engage the public by raising capital to accelerate renewable energy production.

### **1996 - Economic Measurement (Genuine Progress Indicator)**

Resolved that the Green Party of Canada work for legislation to replace the Gross National Product with the Genuine Progress Indicator.

### **G21-P019 A Well-Being Dashboard for Canada**

The Green Party advocates implementation of a Well-Being Dashboard for Canada to replace GDP and measure Canada's implementation of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. This would track natural, social, financial and human capital including physical, mental and financial health, social equity and the strength of political voice, and be used as a measure of progress to guide policy development and budgeting.

### **G06-P055: Ecological Footprint Analyses**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Green Party of Canada

- Advocate that Canada adopt the use of Ecological Footprint analyses as a key indicator of the performance of Canadian society;
- Call upon policy research institutes, financial institutions, and all levels of government to add these indicators to the traditional types of analyses and reports when they are publishing views on the performance of our society and our country;
- Emphasize wherever possible that increasing levels of consumption will soon make population growth in Canada ecologically unsustainable – and that Canadians must make hard choices on the type of future we want;
- Develop and support public policies that reflect such choices;

- Carry forward these views to international fora and debates in order to help focus World attention on this issue, to learn from the experiences of other countries and, whenever possible, to assist them to come to grips with this massive challenge.

### **G21-P020 Invest in a Green Recovery Plan**

Recognizing that a Green economy holds tremendous potential for economic recovery consistent with the remaining global carbon budget, so as to avoid warming beyond 1.5°C, be it resolved that the Green Party supports a recovery plan focused on investments in sectors which accelerate progress toward a net-zero economy. Government investments to repair the economic and social damage caused by the pandemic should be directed towards sectors and activities capable of supporting and accelerating Canada's transition to a net-zero green economy.

### **G21-P016 Make Community Wealth an Economic and Social Priority**

The GPC will advocate for Community Wealth, by supporting initiatives such as great public and green spaces, caring for the homeless, affordable housing, childcare, and transit, safe bike lanes, active non-profits, community economic development, reconciliation with Indigenous communities and other projects that increase social/ecological capital and personal well-being.

### **G21-P044 Establish Participatory Economic Democracy**

The GPC will work to establish Economic Democracy through community organizing, popular education, federal legislation and revisions to international treaties, empowering workers to participate directly in all decisions affecting their lives, including but not limited to

- purpose and conditions of work;
- distribution and/or reinvestment of surpluses;
- environmentally sustainable growth.

### **G21-P012 Right to Repair: A Circular Economy Imperative**

The GPC supports the broad application of right to repair legislation. Right to repair legislation would provide consumers the knowledge and allow them the ability to repair, among others, their own consumer electronic devices, appliances, vehicles, and farm equipment — without voiding warranties.

## **G21-P013 Food Waste: Anathema to Food Security**

The GPC supports prohibiting grocery stores from discarding edible food so food that would otherwise be thrown out is instead used to feed communities in need. If food is no longer suitable for human consumption, it should be used as animal feed when possible; otherwise as composting for soil amendment.

## **Fair Taxation**

### **G06-P044: Taxation Policy**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada recommits itself to the international Green pillar of social and economic justice which includes the equitable distribution of social and natural resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we recommit the Green Party of Canada to the goal of closing the widening gap between rich and poor, both within Canada and between counties, and insure all Canadians a living wage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada commits itself to raising the royalties on natural resource extraction to provide a fair return to the public and to conserve their use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada promote tax shifting from taxes which promote and subsidize environmental degradation to taxes that are environmentally friendly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada propose a carbon tax that would not be used to accumulate government revenues but would be redistributed into alternative energy funding.

### **G10-P002 Green Tax Reform**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada levy land, natural resource use, and pollution so that those who use the commons or restrict access to them for unearned income fairly reimburse society;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT there be a revenue-neutral shift of taxes from

earned income to unearned income, unburdening the productive economy and recovering a portion of the economic rent that is generated by the commons;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT those who enjoy access to community-built and tax-supported amenities and infrastructure be required to remit to government a percentage of the economic rent collected as compensation for the access granted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT those granted permits to emit pollutants remit to government Pigouvian taxes as deemed appropriate by legislators;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT those who contribute back to the commons -- the businesses and individuals who forgo opportunistic income to conserve, protect or restore ecosystems -- be financially compensated by the Canadian government.

#### **G14-P020 Create Additional Tax Brackets**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada support the creation of additional tax brackets for very high income earners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party commit to a broad-based reform of the personal and corporate tax systems aimed at making them simpler, fairer, more efficient and more progressive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ensuring very high income earners pay their fair share of income taxes should in no way be seen to impact our support for shifting taxes more broadly away from green products and technology, payroll and income and towards things like GHG emissions, toxins and junk food.

#### **G18-P021 Eliminate the Use of Tax Havens**

The GPC supports legislation which eliminates the ability of Canadian businesses, multinational corporations operating in Canada, and individuals in Canada to use tax havens as tax avoidance strategies.

### **G21-P058 & P057 Eliminate Extreme Wealth Via Progressive Taxation**

The GPC will advocate for: increasing tax rates for higher income brackets; imposing steep, progressive wealth and inheritance taxes on net worth and estates over \$10 million and 100% on wealth and estates above a certain cap; and taxing income from capital at a rate equal to income from labour.

To reduce inequality, the GPC will therefore work to:

- Make income taxes much more steeply progressive;
- Adopt a progressive wealth tax that will be applied to large family fortunes;
- Adopt a progressive estate tax that will be applied to very large inheritances; and
- Tax income from capital and labour at the same rate.

### **G06-P036: Child Care Tax Reduction**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada will explore amending the Income Tax Act to allow the childcare expense deduction to be claimed by families where one parent stays at home to care for the children.

### **G08-P026: Tobin Tax to Increase Foreign Aid**

BE IT RESOLVED that Green Party of Canada MPs support the international implementation of a “Tobin Tax” on foreign currency exchange transactions with the revenue generated used to increase Canada’s foreign aid to the 0.7% of Canada’s GDP as official Green Party policy.

### **G10-P023 Robin Hood Tax**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Green Party of Canada would enact or support legislation that introduces a Robin Hood Tax of 0.05% on international banking transactions.

### **G14-P002 High-frequency Stock Trading Tax**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Green government will enact a tax of 0.02 percent on all stock transactions in which the stock is held for a period of less than a second. This tax rate and the trading interval will be reviewed on an annual basis.

**G06-P020: Product Disposal Tax and System**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Green Party of Canada will work to have legislation passed to establish an excise tax levied on the production or import of all products including packaging, which impose a cost on or damage to the public or damage to wildlife in their use, or for their safe disposal after use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Most of the tax, beyond amounts required for research and development and for administration on the federal level, will be remitted to such provinces as undertake to transmit the money (beyond necessary provincial expenses for the program) to the municipalities which deal with garbage, discarded products and packaging, and sewage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The amount of the tax will be sufficient to cover the expenses of the municipalities and other governments in dealing with garbage, discarded products and packaging, preventing harm to the public from this source, accomplishing waste reduction, reuse and recycling wherever feasible, and within twenty-five years after the start of the program, substantially eliminating landfill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A federal authority will be established to administer the federal portion of the program, and manufacturers or vendors which can and will assume full product responsibility at a reduced cost, or reduce system costs by changes in the product, may negotiate a reduced tax on their product.

**G16-P002 Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax**

BE IT RESOLVED that a Green government will introduce a tax on sugar-sweetened (including those sweetened with high fructose corn syrup) and artificially sweetened drinks at a high enough level to discourage their consumption.

**G06-P046: Online Tax Returns**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada advocate that Revenue Canada be instructed to provide, as soon as possible, a method available without charge to all taxpayers to file income tax returns over the Internet, and that such henceforth be the policy of the Green Party of Canada.

**G08-P131: Carbon Tax Adjusted to Reach Emissions Benchmarks**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will commit to making the necessary adjustments in the carbon tax, assessing its effectiveness four times annually and increasing the tax if necessary to ensure that Canada reaches emissions benchmarks



that will be established on the basis of Canada's international obligations to reduce carbon emissions.

#### **G08-P081: Carbon Tax - Phase-In and Trade Tariffs**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following caveats be added to the Green Party of Canada's carbon tax plan: that carbon taxes be phased in, in order to allow businesses and individuals time to make adjustments;

#### **G08-P097: Tax Shifting for Low Incomes**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Green Party of Canada advocates that where resource taxes such as carbon taxes are refunded to taxpayers by reducing income tax, that low income taxpayers who do not pay income tax be compensated through some such formula and mechanism as that by which the goods and services tax is refunded by quarterly payments, and that, in order to maintain a level playing field for Canadian businesses with respect to foreign competitors, carbon-based tariffs be introduced against countries that apply no carbon tax (or similar mechanism) or apply a lower rate of carbon tax than Canada.

## **Responsible Finance**

#### **G14-P028 Reducing Bank Leverage Ratios**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Green government will accelerate the implementation of the Basel III standards and go beyond those standards in reducing the leverage ratios for the Big Five Canadian banks to 6%, and that 6% will be made up of common equity and retained earnings (Tier 1 capital).

#### **G08-P098: Pension Protection**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, in order to protect the pension benefits which workers have earned, the Green Party of Canada recommends that the provincial governments prohibit any business from taking possession of a pension trust fund which it administers, or the earnings thereof; and

the Green Party of Canada calls upon the Government of Canada to review federal and provincial laws regulating the administration of pension plans, laws which now allow

failure of pension trusts and the loss of pension benefits which workers have earned.

#### **G10-P027 Public and Private Pension Changes**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada seeks to introduce legislation that will require registered pension plans to migrate to a structure of independent trusts.

#### **G14-P023 Pension Protection**

BE IT RESOLVED that, in order to protect the pension benefits which workers have earned and the capital and earnings of Pension Trust Funds created by their contributors and the contributions from their employers required by law, The Green Party of Canada calls upon the Government of Canada and the Government of Manitoba to revise bankruptcy laws, in order to prevent any employer in bankruptcy from gaining possession of the Pension Trust Funds, its capital, and its earnings which that employer administers in trust.

#### **G14-P034 Pension and Benefit Protection**

BE IT RESOLVED That In order to protect and secure the pension benefits which workers have earned,

- 1) The Green Party of Canada recommend that governments prohibit any employer or trustee from taking possession of the Pension Trust Fund or the earnings thereof which it administers in trust; and
- 2) The Green Party of Canada recommends that the Government of Canada pass legislation that requires the courts to apply Trust law to protect pension trust funds and earnings.

#### **G21-P010 Align the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board with the Paris Agreement**

To protect Canadian retirement savings by amending the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board Act to enshrine the Canada Pension Plan's fiduciary responsibility to mitigate climate-related financial risks and mandate the CPP to align its portfolio with the Paris Agreement goal to limit global heating to 1.5°C and with Canada's commitment to net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

#### **G21-P007 Creating Access to Banking Services at Canada Post Outlets**

The GPC will create a government-owned savings bank operated by Canada Post that will offer fee-less services to account holders at all post office branches. Bank proceeds

will empower communities through the financing of democratically controlled, community environmental and social projects not commonly funded by commercial banks.

## **Green Industry**

### **1990 - Economic Production**

Resolved that we support programs to capitalize Workers' Cooperatives, accountable community and regionally owned enterprises, single entrepreneurship, and family owned enterprises.

### **G21-P011 Promoting Social Purpose Businesses**

The GPC will develop policies to support the proliferation of social purpose businesses and corporations across Canada and internationally. A social purpose business is one that adopts a charter and a definition of fiduciary duty that requires the pursuit of social and ecological benefits for all stakeholders, as well as financial benefit for its owners and shareholders.

### **G08-P096: Cooperatives**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that

The Green Party of Canada advocates a greater role for consumer and producer cooperatives in Canada's economy and society;

The Green Party of Canada will examine, and will work to have the Government of Canada examine the laws, regulations and tax system of Canada to see how they may be changed to enhance opportunities for cooperatives, including cooperative federations incorporating banks or credit unions.

### **G08-P017: Canadian Ownership of Companies**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Green MPs will sponsor and support legislation that restricts foreign ownership in Canada in strategic sectors so that Canadians remain in control of the destiny of Canada, reap the benefits from the exploitation of Canadian resources, and retain the right to determine their use and rate of exploitation.

## **G06-P27: Green Research Incentives**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada support the implementation of federal Incentives for "green research" to be done on such topics as renewable energy, smart growth and environmental restoration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada support the targeting of "green research" funding to applied research at community colleges

## **G12-P07 - On Research**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada;

- will restore funding to the NRC and the MRC to prior 2007 levels,
- will restore funding to research programs otherwise affected
- will introduce a program of direct non-reviewed research funding to all Canadian universities commensurate with their graduate student sizes, to encourage and promote pure research studies, the only intent being the growth of knowledge, and the only condition that all results be made fully public.

## **G08-p091: Copyright**

BE IT RESOLVED that Green Party representatives ensure network neutrality by supporting the issues of fair use, consumer information privacy, communications market competition, and rationalization of the statutory damages provision.

# **Labour**

## **1998 - Human Resources and Development (Human Rights)**

A Green Party government would undertake:

- to ensure that the protection from discrimination should be inclusive of additional grounds that have been recognized since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. In this Declaration, there were listed a series of grounds concluding with the expression "other status" which indicated the intention to include other grounds as they arose. Through various human rights instruments, states have recognized the following grounds of discrimination: race, sex, gender, tribe, culture, colour, ethnicity, national ethnic or social origin, nationality of birth, refugee or immigrant status, marital status, different forms of the family, disabilities,

age, language, religion or conviction, political or other opinion, nature of residency or other status.

- To include sexual orientation as a listed ground of discrimination. in all Canadian human rights documents, and to lobby for its inclusion in all international human rights documents.
- To ensure the right to shelter, the right to food, the right to social security, the right to affordable quality education including the option of repaying student loans through community service, and the right to work in socially equitable and environmentally sound employment.
- To enact a Social Security Act to provide national standards for welfare.

### **G21-P046 Maximum Compensation**

The Green Party of Canada supports a Maximum Compensation policy, where the highest compensation within an organization is no more than ten times the lowest compensation in that organization.

### **G06-P029: Vacation Entitlement**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the party will enact federal legislation and work with provincial jurisdictions to enact the following vacation standard and also enact this internally: Increase the minimum annual paid vacation entitlement for all workers to 4 weeks (20 days).

### **G14-P014 Discrimination on the basis of union activity.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will support public relations campaigns to promote the Human Right of Collective Bargaining: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Human Rights Code be amended to include discrimination on the basis of union activity.

### **G08-P049: Collective Bargaining**

MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada affirm the ruling of the supreme court of Canada in the B.C. hospitals case, actively promote and encourage collective bargaining as a Human Right and a Charter Right.

### **G14-P024 Essential services within collective bargaining**

BE IT RESOLVED that "Essential services" be negotiated within a narrow and well defined scope and when that is not successfully negotiated, final offer selection be

employed to determine the definition of "Essential"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the arbitrator be mutually agreed upon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that collective bargaining be encouraged as the best method of determining wages, benefits and working conditions for all free workers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all parties to the process act with respect and dignity no matter how competitive, or adversarial the process may become.

#### **G14-P043 Political interference in collective bargaining**

BE IT RESOLVED that all impediments that restrict public sector employees from using their Human Right to freely bargain as equals, be removed to allow equality and dignity for those workers at the bargaining table.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada would support in principle any Supreme Court challenge to see to it that union/labour Human Rights are respected.

#### **G14-P013 Right To Work is an attack on Human Rights and Workers Rights**

BE IT RESOLVED That the Green Party of Canada fully support the Rand Formula.

#### **G12-P027 - Amendment of the Employment Standards Act**

BE IT RESOLVED that the number of employment standards officers be increased, in conjunction with the pro-active enforcement of the Employment Standards Act, and improve the "self-help" kit, so that workers can more readily report workplace violations and access the earnings to which they are entitled.

#### **G12-P003 Student Employment Insurance**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Employment Insurance Act be amended to prevent the exclusion of otherwise eligible recipients on the basis of their attendance at an educational institution.

#### **G08-P149: Employment Insurance Enhancement**

BE IT RESOLVED that during this time of need (until the unemployment rate in Canada drops below six percent) the Green Party urges that the government provides EI benefits retroactively to all those who have lost their job since the beginning of

November 2008 and who have paid into EI for at least three months, and that EI benefits last for 52 weeks to provide the safety net that will enable people to continue to meet mortgage payments, buy food and contribute to their local economy while waiting for the economy to recover; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this rate of EI payments be extended beyond 52 weeks if the recession does not turn around in the next year.

#### **G14-P15 Treatment of Foreign Workers**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada opposes the temporary Foreign Worker Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that until the elimination of unfair Foreign Worker Programs, that foreign workers be placed on an even footing with other workers in terms of collective bargaining and rights under the law.

#### **G21-P045 Equitable Treatment for Temporary Foreign Workers**

The GPC will work to guarantee that Temporary Foreign Workers have decent housing and working conditions, have a right to change employers and have an explicit and fair pathway to permanent residency. This will greatly benefit Temporary Foreign Workers, and indirectly provide employers with a stable work force. It will provide the pathway for Canada and its employers to respect the basic tenets of fair treatment and conformity with the civil rights of foreign workers.

## **RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

### **Social Justice**

#### **G06-P031: The Issue of Poverty**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada work to make ending poverty in Canada a priority issue.

#### **G06-P032: The Issue of Racism**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada work to support and exemplify anti-racist policies and practices with the Canadian public.

**G21-P043 Acknowledgement of Institutional Racism in Canada**

The Green Party of Canada recognizes systemic racism exists throughout Canadian institutions and continues to have a negative impact on the human rights of Indigenous, Black and other people of colour in Canada. We support the recommendations and calls to action related to dismantling systemic institutional racism, anti-Black racism, anti-Indigenous racism as well as racism against other people of colour in Canada.

**G21-P055 Ensuring Intergenerational Justice via a Wellbeing of Future Generations Act**

The Wellbeing of Future Generations. Canada should adopt legislation that would give us the ambition, permission and legal obligation to improve our social, cultural, environmental and economic well-being.

**G08-P053: Guaranteed Livable Income**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada support the provision of stable, long-term financial support for persons with a disability by means of a targeted Guaranteed Livable Income.

**G14-P045 Improving income, education, and infrastructure support for low income parents**

BE IT RESOLVED that Green Party MPs will identify and work to implement targeted interventions to reduce child poverty rates. These include, but are not restricted to, increasing the Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB) and National Child Benefit Supplement (NCBS), strengthening and improving the availability of Employment Insurance (EI), increasing investment in federal work tax credits, substantially increase investments in early learning, child care and childhood development increasing funding to and accountability in the Canada Social Transfer, and working with provinces and territories to improve housing stock. Additional measures aimed at lifting children out of poverty include access to non-repayable grants for re-education and training.

**G14-P035 Basic Income Supplement: Beginning with Persons with Disabilities**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada advocate for the gradual implementation of a federal Basic Income Supplement for Canadians, beginning immediately with Persons with Disabilities between the ages of 18 and 64 inclusive, as identified by the Government of Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once started, expansion is to be done concurrently in consultation with provinces and territories for the gradual reduction of competing and overlapping welfare payments for income support.



### **G06-P037: Increasing the Guaranteed Income Supplement**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada will increase the Guaranteed Income Supplement by 25% above the current level, as of August 2006.

### **G10-P026 Long Term Disability Insurance Reform**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada seeks to introduce legislation requiring long term disability benefits to be an insurance product governed by the Insurance Companies Act;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that long term disability benefits may not be terminated after an employer ceases to exist or contribute to such as benefit plan.

### **G21-P035 Make Universal Design the Basic Standard in All Building Codes**

To make universal design the basic standard in all Building Codes. The Government of Canada will comply with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and Canadian Human Rights Act by ensuring all new housing will be fully accessible (universal design).

### **G18-P010 Safety for Sex Workers**

The GPC supports labour rights for sex workers to ensure that those working in the industry are able to control their working conditions, conduct business in a safe and healthy environment, and have recourse to legal remedies where these conditions are not provided.

### **G18-P023 Treat Substance Use as a Social Justice and Public Health Issue**

The GPC supports treating substance use as a social justice and public health issue; expanding culturally safe and evidence based treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services (including diverse, low barrier substitution therapies), supporting affected families and communities, and removing criminal penalties for the personal possession and use of all drugs.

### **G06-P039: Same-sex Marriage**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada advocates the continued protection of same-sex civil marriage in Canada and opposes the reopening of debate on this matter and that such henceforth be the policy of the Green Party of Canada.

## **1996 - Same-Sex Marriages**

Resolved that a Green Party government implement federal legislation that recognizes gay and lesbian marriages and common law relationships.

### **G16-P011 - Advancing the Equality of LGBTQ+ Canadians**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada: advocate for amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act to explicitly include gender identity and gender expression as protected grounds of discrimination, amendments to the Criminal Code to include gender identity and gender expression in hate sentencing and hate propaganda provisions, and advocate for the introduction of a third sex identifier of “X” in Canadian passports;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada: advocate for an end to “conversion therapy,” support achieving an equal age of consent across Canada by repealing s. 159 of the Criminal Code, and work to ensure that Canada plays a leading role fighting for LGBTQ+ rights globally through diplomatic efforts, foreign assistance, and support the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada: advocate for significant increase in federal funding, coordination and support for robust, comprehensive strategies on mental health, addictions, sexual education, sexualized and gender based violence, and housing for all Canadians while encompassing specific components to address the needs of Canada’s LGBTQ+ community.

### **G10-P028 Equal Parenting**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will make the necessary changes to the Canada Divorce Act so that in the event of a marital breakdown, the Divorce Act will mandate a default of equal parenting – defined as equal time and responsibility unless there is consent from both parents, or there are specific criminal convictions related to the children that preclude equal parenting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada platform document include this proactive position.

### **G08-P150: Male Sex Abuse Survivors**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada champion the rights of male sex abuse survivors, that Federal money be spent more on research, that a Federal voice be established for survivors, that money be spent on educating the Public, Judicial and

Social Service organizations about male survivors, that initiatives to provide support for male survivors be established and funded.

#### **G08-P011: Charitable Societies and NGOs**

BE IT RESOLVED that Green Party MPs advocate that the laws relating to charitable NGOs be revised and updated so that NGOs can participate in advocacy and be able to retain their charitable status and their ability to accept tax deductible donations.

#### **G16-P010 - Revoking Charitable Status of Organizations Violating Human Rights**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada calls upon the Canada Revenue Agency to revoke the charitable status of, or to refrain from conferring charitable status upon, any organization that is complicit in the violation of Canadian or international human rights law.

## **Education**

#### **G21-P034 Universal Access to Post-Secondary Education**

In recognition that education is a fundamental right, access to which is necessary for dignified employment, civil literacy and social inclusion, be it resolved that the Green Party of Canada supports the creation of a universal post-secondary education system, accessible to every person regardless of ability to pay.

#### **G06-P022: Access to Education Plan**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada develop an "access to education plan" that will include but not be limited to: budgeting of adequate federal transfer payments and financial aid, working with the provinces to set goals for tuition fee harmonization and reduction to manageable levels as well as improving equity of access in other ways.

#### **G14-P011 - Restoring and Reforming Post-secondary Education Funding**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Green government will separate federal transfer payments earmarked for post-secondary education out of the CST (Canada Social Transfer) into the CET (Canada Education Transfer) which will come with conditions on how funding for post-secondary education is spent, while restoring the federal portion of post-secondary education funding to a level of 0.35% of GDP.

## **G14-P052 Reforming the Student Loan Repayment Process to Restore Fairness and Address Youth Unemployment**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Green government will implement a new student loan system modeled closely after the current Australian example, with characteristics that include one-time charges in lieu of perpetual interest charges, a higher minimum annual income threshold before repayment is required to occur, and repayment amounts calculated based on a small but progressive percentage of annual income; and that it will immediately transfer all existing student loans to the new system.

## **G06-P026: Progressive Funding not Income Contingent Loan Repayment**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada oppose Income Contingent Loan Repayment schemes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a committee be struck, including at least 50% of people carrying student debt, to create a student education funding scheme that better serves the needs of Canadians.

## **G06-P025: Needs Based Grants not Millennium Scholarship Foundation**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada support the elimination of federal funding for the Millennium Scholarship Foundation,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party support the replacement of student aid funds budgeted for the Millennium Scholarship Foundation being redirected into need based grants allocated through the existing Canadian National Student Loan Program.

## **G06-P024: Eco-Literacy**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada support the delivery of Ecological Literacy Curriculum to be developed in partnership with the provinces

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party explore opportunities to support the work of environmentally conscious educators by drawing attention to their achievements and facilitating dialogue.

## **G06-P051: Childcare by Parents**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada will develop and support policies which enable parents to care for their own children until age three.

### **G14-P001 - Katimavik Educational Community Service Program**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Green government will restore financing to the Katimavik program at its 2010 participation level, and furthermore provide a bursary to all participants who complete the program that will cover the cost of their tuition in any accredited post-secondary educational institution for a period of two years as a reward for their volunteer community service.

## **Health**

### **G00-P020 - Universal Access to Quality Health Care**

The Green Party calls for universal access to quality palliative care treatment, facilities, and education for all Canadians and health fund care funding be specifically allocated for provincial palliative care programs and the palliative care training with adequate numbers of health care professionals.

### **G08-P038: Elimination of Two-Tier Health Care**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada advocates identification and measurement of this two-tier health care in Canada and promotes the elimination of two-tier health care as quickly as economically possible.

### **G02-P014 - Pharmacare**

To expand the Canada Health Act by fully funding a Canada Wide PharmaCare Program to meet the needs of its citizens, by entering into agreement with any Province that agrees then to assume full funding of basic dental services for dependent children and adults who are not adequately or currently covered by private dental plans, including dentures and orthodontic braces for dependent children.

### **G06-P00: Unpatentable Drugs**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada will advocate the creation of a research department of Health Canada to perform the necessary clinical trials on promising unpatentable drugs and the fostering of international cooperation in the research of unpatentable medication and that such henceforth be the policy of the Green Party of Canada.

### **G16-P013 - Dental Health Care**

BE IT RESOLVED that basic dental care be made a publicly funded health service.

### **G06-P018: National Dental Plan**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Green Party of Canada will implement a National Dental Plan, focused on oral disease prevention so that all Canadians have equal access to affordable dental care.

### **G21-P030 National Strategy for Older Adults**

The GPC advocates the development and implementation of an evidence-based National Strategy for Older Adults to create an organized and concerted focus on older adults' well-being across all domains throughout the aging experience, with consistent standards across the nation.

### **G21-P033 Universal Long-Term Care and Establishing National Standards**

Recognizing that access to universal health care is a right, guaranteed at every stage of life, and that the Green Party seeks to include long term care (LTC) in the Canada Health Act, to establish national standards for LTC across the continuum of care from home to facility.

### **G14-P055 End of Life**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada adopt as a policy the need to revise the Criminal Code of Canada to enable medical assistance in dying under specific conditions when chosen by competent adults who have a terminal illness in consultation with medical practitioners;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the criminal code be modified to include an exemption for medically assisted death.

### **G06-P019: Pro-Choice and Life Resolution**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada will target the problems of teen pregnancy and family preservation, by providing tax credits and vouchers to support families in all their various forms, including single-parent families, especially low income women.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada recognizes the problems caused by unwanted pregnancies and supports a multi-policy strategy to reduce them including:

a) Since education is in the Provincial sphere of influence, the Green Party of Canada

will invite the Provinces and Territories to participate in our National Strategy by ensuring the provision of adequate sex education and life skills training in all schools through the provision of increased transfer funding for all provinces.

b) Ensuring adequate financial and social support for parents, particularly lone parents, low-income parents and parents with disabled children. For low-income parents we will provide a program of housing and transportation subsidies. We will also increase the Child tax Benefit to assist parents raising children.

c) Financially assisting the Provinces and Territories in order to ensure adequate provision of free family planning advice by properly trained health workers and counselors and the provision of free contraceptives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada will not support any laws on abortions that would aim to make it more difficult for women to obtain them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party believes that counselling should be offered to every woman considering an abortion. However, the ultimate decision about whether or not to terminate a pregnancy should always lie with the pregnant woman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada will put greater efforts towards preventing unwanted pregnancies and encourage adoption while offering real support and meaningful alternatives for women at greater risk for unwanted pregnancies, especially for low-income women.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada will advocate tax credits that facilitate the ability of mothers and pregnant teenagers to financially and socially support the raising of their babies. If circumstances prevent this, the child's immediate or extended natural family will be provided the tax credit support and encourage them to raise the child.

#### **G06-P016: Cancer Prevention**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Green Party of Canada will work with all levels of government to act immediately to eliminate exposure to known and suspected carcinogens, in our homes, schools, workplaces and ecosystems to create a Toxic-Free Canada and that this will be enabled by, among other things:

- the immediate implementation of product labeling laws requiring the disclosure of all possible, probable and known carcinogens, so that people can make informed

purchase choices.

- the implementation of government procurement contracts requiring vendors to provide carcinogen-free products. working with stakeholders to develop a Toxics Use and Products Reduction Act that will provide incentives for industry to reduce the amounts of toxic chemicals used.
- adding significant pollution taxes to all products containing known or suspected carcinogens. meeting, and even exceeding, the chemical stewardship goals of the European Union's REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals) legislation and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM).
- funding a national Just Transition Commission to ensure that workers are able to shift from toxic jobs and industries to sustainable, equitable employment opportunities in healthy communities.
- striking an independent, multi-stakeholder, Green Chemistry Task Force that will explore legislative and other mechanisms to encourage the design, manufacture, and use of chemicals that are safer for biological and ecological systems.

### **G10-P032 National Dementia Strategy**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada advocate for a National Dementia Strategy to reduce the impact of disability and identify ways to improve services and supports for Canadians and their care partners who are living with dementia.

### **G08-P015: Preventable Injuries**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Green Party of Canada MPs actively support the development and adoption of a comprehensive national set of protective helmet standards and the allocation of \$1 million of federal funding for a cross-country education program to encourage helmet use.

### **G06-P033: Protection for Breastfeeding**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada will work to have legislation passed to establish that anyone interfering with, distressing or harassing a woman breastfeeding an infant thereby commits an offense punishable by one or more of, being required to demonstrate having learned the benefits of breastfeeding, or community service, or a fine.

### **S16-P017 Extreme Genetic Technologies**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada seeks to introduce



legislation that will require all steps of the production process that use genetic engineering of any description to create any substance, especially those intended for human consumption, to be clearly labeled as such. Moreover, until the dangers and accidents inherent in this incredibly powerful, unprecedented technology are better understood both by science and society, we ask for a UN moratorium on ecosystem release of any CRISPR (clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats) gene-drive organism, regardless of the reason.

#### **G08-P036: Prohibition on Advertising Prescription Drugs**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada advocate immediate action on the 2004 Standing Committee on Health recommendation that Health Canada enforce the current prohibition of all industry-sponsored advertisements on prescription drugs to the public.

#### **G08-P021: Tobacco**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada support the outlawing of all tobacco advertising.

#### **G12-P015 - Foreign health care professional recruitment and credentialing**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada work towards ensuring that the government of Canada end active recruitment of health care professionals from the developing world, and, Develop a national human resources plan so that Canada becomes self-sufficient in the training of health care professionals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada work with the provinces to develop national credentialing standards to allow existing immigrants to pursue study, additional training and accreditation, including intensive and job-related official language training, while maintaining the highest standards of the various professions.

#### **G21-P028 Advocate for a National Internet Access Strategy that Prioritizes Environmental and Human Health**

The GPC advocates for a Canada-wide, comprehensive, coordinated, high speed, broadband internet access strategy that uses fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) technologies whenever possible, instead of wireless technologies, including 5G; and adopts the ALARA (As Low as Reasonably Achievable) principle for wireless radiation exposures.

#### **G10-P025 Wind Turbine Health Studies**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada seeks to have Health Canada initiate an epidemiological study on the human health effects of wind turbines in the interests of public health and safety.

#### **G10-P019 Ban on Artificial Water Fluoridation Products**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party seeks to introduce and support legislation that will ban artificial fluoridation products in public drinking water.

#### **G21-P059 Update Health Canada's Guidelines for Microwave Radiation Exposure**

The GPC supports updating Health Canada's limits of human exposure to radiofrequency/microwave radiation based on a transparent, rigorous systematic review of all scientific evidence on biological effects of radiofrequency/microwave radiation with public consultation, by a panel of experts independent of industry influence with no conflicts of interest.

#### **G08-p146: Lowering Exposure to Power Frequency (ELF) Electromagnetic Radiation (EMR)**

BE IT RESOLVED that human exposure to extremely low frequency (ELF) magnetic fields and to radio frequency radiation (RFR) should meet or exceed German 2009 standards.

## **Housing and Cities**

#### **G08-P142: Right to Safe Shelter**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, everyone is entitled to safe shelter or affordable housing.

#### **G06-P035: National Affordable Housing Program**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada will advocate a National Affordable Housing Program to include:

- Capital grants to make possible the production of 20,000 new and 10,000 rehabilitated affordable units per year for ten years; changes in tax and mortgage insurance regulations to increase the level of private and non-profit sector housing construction;
- Programs of rent supplements or shelter assistance for an additional 40,000 low-income households per year, for ten years;
- Reorienting Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation programs to provide credit and loan guarantees to non-profit housing organizations and cooperatives for the

building and restoration of quality, energy-efficient housing for seniors, people with special-needs, and low-income families

- Implementing indicators of success as measurable outcomes;
- Acting to support communities directly where provinces are unable to participate in expanding the housing supply;
- Dedicating funding to the co-operative housing sector within all new affordable housing plans;
- Supporting energy audits and education around energy efficiency as a priority, so that low-income households will have the tools they need to reduce their energy consumption and contribute to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Amending Section 38 of the Income Tax Act by extending the Act's provisions to include gifts of lands, or of land and buildings, to community land trusts as charities whose sole and lasting purpose is to provide affordable housing to families and individuals in need;
- Encouraging innovative projects where people do things like organize their own equity co-ops and cohousing, including the rehabilitation of old buildings.
- Creating a national training program to increase the education level of tradespeople so they would have a better understanding of emerging technologies.
- Energy efficient design for affordable housing is the best investment of tax dollars.
- Tax credits or other incentive for buildings that meet R-4000 standards;
  - Expanding the R-4000 housing programs to ensure that all new housing meet that standard, and offer support to those owners willing to revamp existing housing to meet the same standard;
  - Policies that would provide incentives for landlords to invest in energy-saving and water-efficient technologies;
  - Subsidizing alternative heating systems including solar, geothermal, and high efficiency wood stoves.
  - Improving support for community based self-help groups, social service agencies, independent living centers and advocacy projects.
  - Subsidizing private developers to include a percentage of affordable housing in their housing projects.

#### **G08-P006: Homelessness**

BE IT RESOLVED that a Minister for Housing, Urban and Regional Development be appointed to oversee development and implementation of a National Affordable Housing Plan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Affordable Housing Plan sets an annual rate of building affordable housing that access to affordable housing is no longer a factor in homelessness by 2019.

## **G21-P017 Achieving Housing For All Through Market Regulation & Public Investment in Housing**

To address the housing crisis by increasing the amount of public housing, and providing new regulations to combat speculation and the hoarding of land and property by corporations and landlords, the GPC supports:

- regulations such as caps on rent and land ownership, targeted taxation to combat speculation, and inclusionary zoning
- federal transfers to provinces and municipalities to fund the creation, renovation, and regular maintenance of publicly owned and operated housing
- expropriation and acquisition of land for use as public housing.

## **G18-P012 Investment in Co-op Housing**

The GPC supports active investment in cooperative housing with local investment decisions made by credit unions or other financial institutions, underwritten by the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

## **G18-P017 Evidence-Based Housing Policy Via Open Data**

The GPC supports evidence-based housing policy, using open data to empower those concerned with housing and homelessness to create responses rooted in empirical evidence. The Government of Canada should collect, share, and analyze data examining the complex trends and pressures in housing markets, including beneficial foreign ownership, with other policymakers, researchers and the public.

## **G08-P028: Urban Densification**

BE IT RESOLVED that Green Party MPs restructure the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund and the "Municipal Superfunds" for urban and suburban municipalities proposed by the Green Party of Canada so that funding is contingent on a municipality regulating new developments to conform to higher densities that are conducive to the development of mass transit, that protect open spaces and agricultural lands.

## **G06-P005: Sustainable Urban Development**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT global trade regimes, credits and banking reserve rules be reformed to advance incentives to implement policies and practices that reduce and mitigate climate change; that Canada take a lead role in monetary reforms to reward

sustainability, especially those that permit or encourage local adaptation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Canada seek to achieve debt relief for poor countries undertaking sustainable change to their domestic economy, trade, credit and monetary practices; That it offer assistance to develop fair trade networks and implement sustainable agriculture and replace hard-currency exports with domestic markets as the primary source of wealth;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Canadian domestic fiscal and credit policies be reformed also to strongly encourage sharing of best practices among local governments, provision and purchasing of sustainable and local goods and services to these; That progress towards these be reported using ISO 14064 and the UN ICLEI "ecoBudget" and "Triple Bottom Line" methods; That Canadian local governments that adopt these measures be fully supported to integrate their reporting and share their best practices;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the federal government shall support Canadian urban governments to lead the world in the tracking, reporting, exchange of practices, and all other matters related to sustainable urban development, before the ICLEI 2012 World Congress.

#### **G08-P120: Standards for Retrofits**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will:

- Develop a national retrofit standard suitable for a post carbon economy that would reduce energy use in existing buildings by an average of at least 80% below that of 2009 average structures;
- Develop timelines and targets for raising existing building stock to the new standard; and
- Promote the adoption of this high efficiency standard by providing revolving federal loans for retrofits to homeowners.

#### **G06-P059: NRTEE municipal funding criteria**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada support the municipal funding criteria recommended by National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy (NRTEE).

## **G06-P063: National LEED Building Code**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada encourage the adoption of the most appropriate aspects of building construction and operation standards from sustainable construction certification programs (such as LEED and passivhaus) and that these changes to the National Building Code be supported by appliance standards, tax incentives, financial incentives, (such as Energuide and CBIP), and incentives for involvement by trades and financial institutions and that these changes lead to a significant reduction in energy and water consumptions for all new residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional developments.

## **G12-P001 - Universal Broadband Internet Access**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada develop a comprehensive coordinated broadband internet access strategy using satellites and other wireless technologies to enable broadband internet access for every Canadian, regardless of where they live in the country.

# **Transportation**

## **1998 - Transport**

A Green government would undertake:

- to move away from car-dependency as agreed to at the Habitat II Conference (1996).
- to tax all vehicles to pay for the damage they do to the roads and environment.
- to design all highways to serve first walkers, then cyclists, then public transport, then other forms of transport.
- to design taxes and support research to build an efficient, cheap automobile, suitable for rural use, the range to be suitable for the user to travel to the nearest rail station;
- to actively promote the use of rail for all heavy loads, and extend the rail network to serve all urban locations conveniently.
- to actively promote and extend light rail transport for all city and intercity travel.
- to adopt the green transportation hierarchy: walking, bicycles, transit, and lastly private automobiles.
- to promote the reformation of cities to an aggregate of neighbourhoods, to minimize the need for travel.
- to advocate that the heaviest loads should be, where possible, carried by water;
- to de-emphasize the use of air transport or eliminate it if surface transportation is faster.
- to promote environmentally-sound transportation systems that contribute to the development of Ecocities.

### **G06-P001: User Fee Free Public Transit**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada advocate a system of "user fee free public transit" which consists of a \$3.5 billion per year transfer from the federal government to municipal governments to cover user fees and service costs of urban public transit services throughout the country.

### **G10-p10 Prioritising High-Speed Rail in Canada**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada will make it a top transportation priority to create an integrated high-speed system that links Canada's major population centers and connects with major population centers in the USA.

### **G16-P012 - High-speed Passenger Rail Service**

BE IT RESOLVED that a Green government will fund the construction of dedicated passenger rail lines between Windsor, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal in order to facilitate the construction of high-frequency passenger rail service, using existing lines and constructing new lines, with a view to subsequently constructing a high-speed rail service between those points at a later date

### **G08-P018: EcoAuto Rebate**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ecoAuto Rebate that encourages the purchase of fuel-efficiency vehicle program to reduce Greenhouse gas emissions be reinstated, be expanded, and be extended to include LSEVs; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party advocate that Transport Canada's only restriction on LSEVs be that they can only be used on roads that are posted 60 km/hour or less.

### **1990 - Redistribution of Gasoline Tax**

Resolved that, in acknowledgment of the environmental damage created by cars, existing taxes should be directed to combating the problems caused by using gasoline. If more money is needed for roads, raise the tax rate for that purpose and let road building take the burden.

# **Citizenship and Immigration**

## **G14-P056 Lost Canadian Citizens**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada make citizenship a priority issue and help the Lost Canadians of Canada regain their Canadian citizenship

## **G08-P133: Recognition of Environmental Refugees**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will promote the inclusion of environmental refugees as a refugee category in Canada and accept an appropriate share of the world's environmental refugees into Canada. Be it further resolved that the Green Party will lead a national discussion to define "environmental refugee."

## **G08-p134: Foreign Credentials**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will immediately eliminate the valuation of foreign credentials for immigration purposes except in those cases where such credentials are recognized in Canada or a clear and expeditious path to Canadian accreditation is established, and in place establish realistic criteria for immigrants based on existing job opportunities for immigrants to Canada.

## **G08-P068: Oaths of Citizenship and Allegiance**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada advocate changing the Canadian Oath of Citizenship and Oath of Allegiance to ones that refer to the Canadian constitution, government, and laws with no direct reference to the monarchy.

## **G08-P090: War Resisters**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Green Party MPs adopt the recommendation made by the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration to immediately allow those who have refused or left military service related to a war not sanctioned by the United Nations permanent resident status.

# **Arts and Culture**

## **1998 - Arts and Culture**

A Green party government would undertake:



- to increase the share of Canadian programming watched by Canadians beyond the present figure of 4.4% to require the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to promote the cultural diversity of Canadian music, literature, dance and drama, many of which are already funded by Canadian taxpayers.
- To maintain and increase arts funding, especially for smaller, community-based, participatory arts and recreational activities.
- To eliminate the Goods and Services Tax on books, magazines, newspapers, films, videotapes, audiotapes, compact disks and all other means of artistic expression.
- To ensure that CBC-TV will be required to produce programs that are educational, thought-provoking, useful and unavailable elsewhere.
- To provide stable funding for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation – both radio and television services.

#### **G16-P007 - Use and Protect Community Television to Support Local Political Communications**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada formally supports a strengthening of Community Television in Canada that will enable Electoral District Associations to access significant training and production support to produce their own political programming for local Community Television airing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada monitor its access to Community Television in each EDA and report to the CRTC when its rights and those of other political voices are discriminated against;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada supports the proposition by the Canadian Association of Community Television Users & Stations to redirect public funds from private sector BDUs towards the creation and ongoing funding of non-profit Community Media Centres that will be run in partnership by public libraries, film co-ops, and other local stakeholders.

#### **G12-P005 - On the CBC**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will provide funding to the CBC to enable it to carry out its mandate in a fiscally responsible manner, will legislate independence of the CBC from political interference, will encourage the CBC to provide more of its radio and television content over the internet, migrating from its existing broadcast infrastructure to network distribution.

### **G08-P007: Bill C-10 - Political Censorship of the Arts**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to add to the Green Solutions that Green Party MPs will advocate for:

- the rescinding of the sections, if passed, of Bill C-10 granting the Minister the discretion to deny film tax credits on the basis that the film is offensive or not in the public interest, and other such attempts that enable political censorship;
- greater support and adequate resources for arts grants programs;
- increased funding incentives for artists and art events to tour in rural regions; and
- protection for indigenous intellectual and artistic property rights.

### **G08-P010: Media and Press Freedom**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Green Party MPs will call for an independent commission to undertake a comprehensive study of the concentration of media ownership in Canada in comparison to other western countries and recommend how to diversify media ownership and strengthen the depth and breadth of news reporting, especially local news, in Canada.

### **G10-P022 The Olympics**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Green Party of Canada will not support any future Olympic bids, until and unless the International Olympic Committee, along with local bid and organizing committees, to address concerns surrounding civil liberties, environmental degradation, financial debt and negative social impacts – including housing displacement and evictions.

# **ETHICAL GOVERNMENT**

## **Democracy and Government Accountability**

### **1996 - Proportional Representation**

Resolved that a Green Party government implement a form of proportional representation whereby the portion of the popular vote a party receives equals the portion of parliamentary seats that party receives.

## **G02-D4 - Electoral Reform**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada will work to establish that:

A Royal Commission shall be established to investigate and present to Canadians the major possibilities for electoral reform including on the one hand the selection of MPs from single-member constituencies by a majority rather than a plurality method, and on the other hand systems of proportional representation, and the Royal Commission shall present succinct analyses of the merits and demerits of each choice together with references to more detailed analyses and studies, which shall be made readily available to the voters. The systems of proportional representation presented shall include those offering voters a choice among candidates of the same party in multi-member constituencies, as well as systems in which the order of election of candidates of the same party is determined by the party alone. A referendum, preferably at the same time as a general election, shall be held to permit the voters to choose among the systems presented by the Royal Commission.

One Act shall establish the Royal Commission, shall lay down the manner in which its conclusions are to be presented to the voters, and shall set out the way in which the referendum shall function as far as may be done in advance of the Royal Commission. The voting method used for the referendum shall be one which selects as far as possible a system approved by the majority of Canadian voters, and it shall be one of a decision tree, or the single transferable vote (preferential vote or alternative vote), or the approval vote, or a combination of two or more of these systems. The Constitution of Canada shall be changed to require that any significant change in the electoral system for elections to the House of Commons, other than a minor change in the number of MPs per multi-member constituency, must be approved by a referendum, and if there are more than two choices offered in the referendum, it must be conducted by a majority method such as preferential voting (the alternative vote).

## **G14-P012 Equal Effective Votes and Proportional Representation**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GPC advocates amendment of the Canada Elections Act forthwith to provide all Canadian citizens with equal effective votes and representation in the House of Commons in close proportion to votes cast.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the GPC advocates the immediate appointment of an all-party commission with expert assistance to review previous studies, consult the public, devise a system of elected proportional representation in the House of Commons within the constraints imposed by Canada's geography and federal constitution, and report its recommendation to the House, including draft legislation, within 12 months.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GPC Executive develop, as soon as possible, a preferred model of proportional representation, including a high degree of proportionality.

#### **G12-P012 - Setting the Voting Age to 16**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada lead the call to set the voting age to 16 across the country and thus to energize electoral participation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada encourage and support provinces and territories to provide a core (non-partisan) high school course on civics / political science / Canadian history and to set the voting age to 16 within their jurisdictions.

#### **G10-P012 Senate Reform**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada supports the election of Senators through a system that ensures proportional representation.

#### **G14-P003 - Public Financing of Political Parties**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada advocates the restoration of the per vote subsidy and an increase from \$2 to \$4 per year per vote to give every voter an equal voice in the distribution of public funds to political parties.

#### **G14-P004 – Televised Speech by Leaders**

BE IT RESOLVED that GPC advocates debate participation by party leaders be mandatory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that GPC advocates the equal time participation in leadership debates of the leaders of all registered parties which attracted at least 3 per cent of the national vote in the previous general election.

#### **G14-P009 - MP Code of Conduct**

BE IT RESOLVED that as part of the nomination process, any candidate wishing to stand for Green Party nomination must agree to and sign an MP Code of Conduct;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Code of Conduct is to enshrine the highest ethical standards, both for campaigning during elections and for the holding of public office, and is to prohibit practices and conduct such as personal attacks, discriminatory

or sexist remarks, and dishonourable or bullying conduct in the House of Commons;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that deviation from the Code of Conduct constitutes a breach of the public trust, undermines the commitment of the Green Party of Canada to have our candidates and MPs lead by example and model good behaviour, and may constitute grounds for dismissal as candidate, or ejection from caucus as a sitting Member of Parliament.

#### **G14-P31 No whipped votes**

BE IT RESOLVED that Green MPs will have no whipped votes.

#### **G12-P016 - Free Vote Policy**

BE IT RESOLVED that certain significant “issues of conscience” or “issues without a clear consensus” or “issues sufficiently divisive”, as identified by the party and party members, are subject to free votes and free positions among party candidates and members.

BE IT RESOLVED that a free vote be defined as a vote in which members or candidates are trusted and free to apply GPC values as they deem appropriate to the identified issues.

BE IT RESOLVED that the GPC formalize and make public, this policy and identified issues as part of the GPC platform.

BE IT RESOLVED that candidates are free to express their free vote positions to the public and express how they would or would not support the identified issues.

#### **G14-P006 - Creation of a Parliamentary Science Officer**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will support the creation of a Parliamentary Science Officer (PSO) modeled after the existing Parliamentary Budget Officer, but with the PSO as an independent office of Parliament.

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#### **G14-P032 Transparency MP for expenses**

BE IT RESOLVED that sitting Members of Parliament for the Green Party of Canada will commit to disclosing their expenses incurred in carrying out their duties as Members of Parliament;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this disclosure will be done in a timely and proactive manner, above and beyond existing parliamentary requirements;

#### **G08-P047: Decorum in Parliament**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada develop and publish a code of professional conduct for our elected Members of Parliament, which will set an example to others, and to which we are willing to be held accountable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this code will articulate the standards of dignity and respect we and the public want from our elected officials.

#### **G18-P004 Ministers Must Answer Questions in Question Period**

The GPC supports a requirement that Ministers of the Crown and Parliamentary Secretaries directly answer questions in Question Period without avoiding or evading the question. We expect that our own elected Members of Parliament strive to adhere to a professional code of conduct by meeting this requirement.

#### **G14-P19 Audit MPs, Ministers, and the PMO**

BE IT RESOLVED that sitting Members of Parliament for the Green Party of Canada invite the Auditor General of Canada to conduct and publish a comprehensive regular audit of Parliamentary expenses, including Members of Parliament, Ministers of Cabinet, and the Office of the Prime Minister;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that given the erosion of public trust in the Senate, that

the Green Party of Canada encourages the Senate to invite the Auditor General of Canada to conduct and publish a comprehensive, regular audit of the Senate.

### **G18-P014 Penalties for Parliamentary Conflicts of Interest**

The GPC supports the amendment of conflict of interest laws to close loopholes and exceptions that allow Members of Parliament, Senators, Ministers and their staff to commit conflict of interest infractions and use their positions of influence for personal profit without suffering serious consequences. The GPC supports strengthening penalties for such infractions in order to provide a genuine deterrent against such behaviour.

### **1990 - Member of Parliament Recall**

Resolved that the Green Party supports adoption of a law whereby if an electoral district requests with reason a member of parliament to be recalled, that person must resign their seat as a member and an election be held within 60 days to fill the vacant seat. Signatures of 20% plus one of the eligible voters of the electoral district, verified to be accurate by the district's returning officer, enacts this recall.

Verification by the returning officer would be in the form of a poll whereby all eligible voters within the electoral district may take part, as if an election was being held. This may happen only once between general elections and only once per electoral district. Thereby, any person within an electoral district may begin a process of collecting signatures, on forms to be made available by the electoral officer, to produce a recall.

### **G14-P016 Ending Access-To-Information Law Exemptions**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will support ending the access-to-information act's blanket exemptions for the offices of Members of Parliament, Senators, cabinet ministers, and the Prime Minister's Office, instead exempting select documents based upon category of content rather than the organization that produced said documents.

### **G06-P069: Lobbyists**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada will advocate for:

- a) The requirement for all people covered by ethics rules to report any violations of the rules, and require the ethics watchdog to protect anyone who reports a violation of ethics rules from retaliation.

- b) The amendment of the Access to Information legislation to strengthen the right to disclosure of information and to strengthen enforcement of the law.
- c) The requirement of Ministers and senior public officials to disclose their contacts with all paid lobbyists.
- d) The inclusion of measures and provisions to prevent people from exploiting any loopholes as part of lobbying and ethics rules.
- e) The Registrar for Lobbyists to be appointed at arms length from government, based on merit, and that s/he, as enforcer of the Lobbyists Code of Conduct, report directly to Parliament.

### **G21-P050 Give NGOs Equal Access to Policymakers**

The GPC advocates ensuring equitable access to public servants by:

- Requiring officials who recommend policy to maintain a 1:1 ratio of contacts with NGOs (live, virtual or phone) and representatives of the for-profit sector,
- Ensuring presentations and briefing notes are submitted and publicly available, and
- Prohibiting closed-door meetings where a significant conflict of interest exists.

### **G14-P036 Parliamentary Committee on Corporate Regulation by Government**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will establish a Parliamentary Committee on Corporate Regulation by Government tasked with examining legislation designed to reassert the responsibility and duty of the Government to protect the public interest through the regulation of corporate activity, creating a place in Parliament where corporate regulatory issues can be properly researched and debated and recommendations made as required.

### **G12-P014 - Online Petitions in the House of Commons**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will seek to implement an online forum as part of the House of Commons' web site that allows for the submission and signing of petitions. In doing so, best practices from the Quebec National Assembly and the White House will be taken into consideration in order to meet the needs of the House of Commons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that physical copies of petitions submitted to MPs may still be presented in the House of Commons abiding by current rules and procedures.



## **G14-P033 Reform Act**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada is committed to grassroots democracy and the empowerment of local members and local organizations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada fully supports the legislative proposals contained in Michael Chong's Private Members' Bill C559, Reform Act 2013, and, whether in Bill C559 or in another piece of legislation, is committed to helping these proposals to become enacted into law.

## **Intergovernmental Affairs and Québec**

### **1998 - Intergovernmental Affairs**

A Green party government would undertake:

- To ensure that provincial decision making functions within a framework of overarching environment, social justice and human rights principles. To advocate amending the Constitution to include Quebec and by doing so would directly address the concerns of those Quebecois (of which there are many) who wish a partnership with Ottawa that would allow for basic protections of the French language and culture in Quebec.
- To observe the expressed desire of Quebec in the following five areas:
  - Provincial veto over future Constitutional amendments;
  - Limiting federal spending powers in programs falling under the exclusive jurisdiction of Quebec;
  - Appointment of judges from Quebec to sit on the Supreme Court of Canada;
  - Broader immigration powers;
  - Constitutional recognition of Quebec as a distinct society
- To constitutionally entrench "opt-out" powers in terms of federal spending in Quebec. That is to say that Quebec would enjoy the same opt-out powers that it has now, but that they would irrevocably be entrenched in the Constitution.
- To permit Quebec to submit to the federal government of the day a list of nine Supreme Court judge candidates, from which the federal government would select three to sit on the Supreme Court of Canada, recognizing Quebec's need to be involved in the process with respect to the province's particular judicial character.
- To ensure the constitutional entrenchment of power over immigration for

Quebec, recognizing that Quebec's demographics are such that it has (since the mid-1970's) been unable to maintain its population due to both lower birth rates and mass sovereignty-induced emigration to other provinces. Thus immigration in Quebec has been centred around maintaining and perpetuating the French language and culture in that province and its immigration policies should provide for that.

- To recognize that protection of the French language and culture in Quebec is essential to its identity as a nation, constitutional protection is unequivocally necessary insofar as Quebec finds itself surrounded by a continent which is primarily anglo-centred.
- To clarify and redefine the phrase "distinct society," it is necessary to clearly define the terms and conditions involved in the constitutional protection of the French language and culture in Quebec.
- To support constitutional protection of the French language and culture in Quebec on the condition that its definition be clearly defined by Quebecers and the Quebec governments with a view towards avoiding any alienation of the non-French Canadian population of Quebec.

#### **G10-P018 Balancing the Canadian Federation**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada supports regular consultations with the provinces, territories, aboriginal governments, and municipal representatives in order to develop and maintain a long-term, comprehensive agreement that addresses both the vertical and the horizontal fiscal imbalance.

#### **G08-P087: Clarification of Policy Relating to Future Quebec Referendum on Independence**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada accepts, in the event of a clear affirmative result to a clear question in a future referendum in Québec regarding Québec separating from Canada and forming an independent country, that Canada be obliged to negotiate in good faith the terms of a secession, while respecting our laws and constitution and international law.

#### **G08-P055: Principled Intergovernmental Relations**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada's policies concerning intergovernmental relations will be guided by the following principles:

- Accountability through clarity of roles and responsibilities,
- Fiscal responsibility and budget transparency,

- Predictability and long-term planning in federal-provincial/territorial financial arrangements,
- Efficiency and productivity within the economic and social union, and
- Openness and cooperation in the management of the Canadian federation.

#### **G10-P015 Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada support the establishment of an Intergovernmental Relations Committee within the House of Commons to monitor intergovernmental relations.

## **Indigenous Peoples**

#### **S16-P004 Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada renounces and repudiates the Doctrine of Discovery and calls on the Government of Canada to repudiate and renounce the Doctrine of Discovery.

#### **G08-p45: Aboriginal Affairs - Nationhood Status**

BE IT RESOLVED that the GPC, in partnership with Aboriginal Peoples will work towards the creation of an Aboriginal Lands and Treaties Tribunal Act to establish an independent body to decide on claims, ensure that treaty negotiations are conducted and financed fairly, and ensure that treaty negotiations and claims resolutions do not result in the extinguishment of aboriginal and treaty rights.

#### **S16-P002 Rebuilding and Recognition of Original Indigenous Nations**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to implement, support and resource measures to advance Indigenous nation building where Indigenous peoples develop and implement their own strategies for rebuilding Indigenous nations and measures to reclaim Indigenous nationhood, including;

(a) cultural revitalization and healing processes; and,

(b) political processes for building consensus on the basic composition of the Aboriginal nation and its political structures; and,

(c) processes undertaken by individual communities and by groups of communities that may share Indigenous nationhood.

### **G10-P013 Aboriginal Representation in the Senate**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada supports the allotment of Senate seats for aboriginal representatives in a number at least proportional to the aboriginal percentage of Canada's population.

### **G18-P002 Constitutional Respect for Indigenous and Treaty Rights**

The GPC supports the amendment of the Constitution of Canada to ensure that it is consistent with the recognition and protection of Indigenous and treaty rights at all levels of government.

### **G21-P038 Align Canada's Constitution with UNDRIP**

GPC will enable Constitutional amendments, in full consultation with Indigenous Nations which have legal status, rights and sovereignty. GPC will support adequate resource allocation for Indigenous Nations to participate in these talks, based on principles of Free, Prior and Informed Consent. GPC will recognize constitutionally autonomous Indigenous governments.

### **G18-E001 Repeal the Indian Act**

In consideration of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and in the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, the GPC supports repealing the Indian Act in a fully respectful process in which Indigenous peoples are the lead.

### **G21-P037 Indigenous Peoples' Collective Control and Veto Over Resource Projects and Endeavours Impacting Their Traditional Lands and Territories**

To recognize Indigenous Peoples' sovereignty, title and effective control over their lands, territories and natural resources.

### **G21-E010 Responding to Dual Crises Unfolding in British Columbia**

We the members of the Green Party of Canada direct the party to:

A) Stand in solidarity with Indigenous peoples across so-called Canada and condemn the RCMP invasion of Wet'suwet'en land as this condemnation is crucial for the process of reconciliation. In doing so, bring attention to the government's ill-preparedness and

misuse of national resources to protect corporate interests instead of helping communities experiencing climate related emergencies such as those currently happening in British Columbia and the Atlantic provinces.  
and

B) Call on the government to learn from their ill-preparedness in BC and on the East Coast, and urgently invest in proper risk-management and emergency preparedness to mitigate and adapt to future emergencies in collaboration with Indigenous peoples, and immediately increase investment in the support of impacted communities.

### **G12-P002 - Aboriginal Urban Housing**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada seeks to introduce regional Aboriginal working groups to identify priorities for urban Aboriginal people and designated funding for this purpose within all-federal funding to communities to address housing and homelessness.

### **S16-P003 Support Indigenous Women**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to work in partnership with Indigenous women and fund such programs and services that ensure poverty amongst Indigenous women is eliminated.

### **S16-P005 Indigenous Peoples' Health Care in Canada**

BE IT RESOLVED that The Green Party calls upon the Government of Canada to engage Indigenous Peoples of Canada in the negotiation and implementation of the next federal/provincial /territorial Health Accord;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Green Party calls upon the Government of Canada to establish measurable goals and identify and close gaps in health outcomes for Indigenous people by implementing the recommendations made by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Green Party calls upon the Government of Canada to ensure that Health Care services for Aboriginal people in Canada meet or exceed the standards set for all Canadians;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party calls on the Government of Canada to provide federal funding to Indigenous healing centres.

## **S16-P001 Implement Recommendations from the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples Report, 1996**

BE IT RESOLVED That the Green Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada implement the recommendations made by the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.

### **1998 - Indian and Northern Affairs**

A Green party government would undertake:

- to recognize the Royal Proclamation of 1763 in its confirmation of original nations as sovereign peoples with inherent rights.
- To act on the commitment made at the United Nations conference on Environment and Development (UNCED, 1992) to not carry out any activities on the lands of indigenous peoples that would cause environmental degradation or that would be culturally inappropriate.
- To prevent the deposit on the land of first nations peoples of toxic, hazardous, and atomic wastes, and disallow all testing of weapons over the lands of indigenous peoples.
- To seek honourable settlements with the successors of original nations that will lead to the creation of culturally and economically self-governing successors of original nations throughout Canada.
- To seek nation-to-nation partnerships with the original nations of North America. To not impose a form of self-government or a frame work of nationhood on the successors of the original nations. Original peoples can best choose the forms of governance appropriate for themselves; to ensure that no resource extraction, economic activity, or settlement occurs on land which is in dispute, unless the successors of the original nations involved consent to such activity In the absence of consent, interim measure shall be in place. The fiduciary obligations of the Federal Government to the successors of the original nations, wherever they live in Canada, must be increased during this healing and transition process. Programs flowing from these obligations need to be planned, operated, and controlled by original peoples in their local communities in order to be culturally appropriate and responsive to needs.
- To call a national meeting in 1997 to discuss the implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission Report on Aboriginal Peoples to apologize to First Nations for the Indian Act, and for residential schools.

## **1990 - Aboriginal First Nations**

- Resolved that the Greens recognize First Nations self-chosen governments; and
- Further resolved that the Greens recognize any governmental treaties any First Nation is signatory to as internationally binding agreements; and
- Further resolved that any negotiations with aboriginal peoples be through each nations self-chosen government, not through Indian bands or any other artificial structure set up by the Canadian government, unless it is the wish of the particular nation involved; and
- Further resolved that any negotiations be individually done with each First Nation, thereby respecting each nations right to self-determination and the rule of international law respecting treaty process; and
- Further resolved that the Greens recognize the right of each First Nation to negotiate land claim settlements; and
- Further resolved that the Greens recognize the right of each First Nation to self-government including negotiating sovereignty-association.

## **Justice and Security**

### **1998 - Justice**

A Green party government would undertake:

- to institute substantial reforms to the administration of justice within Canada, in terms of human rights, electoral and government reform, law enforcement and reform of the criminal code.
- To institute a system of justice which fairly balances the right to due process with collective security and works to reduce crime through prevention, deterrence and rehabilitation.
- To institute an inclusive electoral political process which represents both minority and mainstream views effectively to hold a referendum (either by preferential ballot or followed by a series of runoffs) giving Canadians the opportunity to set the direction senate reform should take.
- To implement anti-SLAPP legislation strictly limiting the rights of corporations to sue groups and individuals for pecuniary loss.
- To guarantee through legislation:
  - the right to clean air the right to clean water;
  - the right to uncontaminated food to empower Canadians whose environmental rights have been violated to take governments,

corporations and individuals to court for violation of these rights.

- To closely examine the use of sentencing circles, house arrest for nonviolent crime, increased community service and civil suits for punitive damages to keep nonviolent first offenders out of prison facilities.
- To keep nonviolent individuals who are employed while under house arrest, on parole or performing community service.
- To regulate alcohol, tobacco and currently prohibited opiates, hallucinogens, stimulants and depressants (such as marijuana, heroin, cocaine, MDA, MDMA, LSD etc.) under the same legislation as one another.
- To enact a bill of inter-species rights which would guarantee all species native to Canada the following rights:
  - the right to exist;
  - the right to exist in at least one geographical location without human interference;
  - the right to access to food, clean water and clean air
- to conduct a full review of government contracts, procedures, statutes and regulations to address other areas in which same-sex couples face systematic discrimination.
- To redirect government gun control efforts as follows:
  - a ban on all assault weapons;
  - clearer regulation of gun storage;
  - a program to phase-out handguns by tightening eligibility requirements over time;
  - a ban on large capacity magazines.

## **1988 - Cannabis Law Reform**

A- The Canadian Greens would remove from the Narcotics Control Act and invested to provincial jurisdiction the control of cannabis and its derivatives for personal use by an adult.

B- The Canadian Greens would limit any charge for possession of cannabis and its derivatives for personal use by an adult to be never more than of a summary nature.

## **G21-P041 Relieve Law Enforcement and the Criminal Justice System of the Portfolio of Cannabis Prosecution**

The Green Party of Canada will remove hemp, recreational, and medicinal cannabis from the purview of law enforcement, ending arrests and raids on cannabis growers, users and sellers. The Green Party of Canada will grant amnesty to those charged with,



and expunge criminal records of former cannabis convictions.

#### **G06-P045: Driving Offences**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada advocate that sentencing for criminal driving offenses be modified to place more emphasis on revoking driving licenses for longer periods of time and on community service orders and rehabilitation and prevention programs, and that such henceforth be the policy of the Green Party of Canada.

#### **G08-P014: Sex Trade**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada advocates a comprehensive Criminal Code reform that removes criminal sanctions and enshrines regulated legal prostitution between consenting adults as legal in Canada; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Green Party MPs actively advocate enhanced counseling and educational services to assist people trapped in the sex trade through poverty or addiction, and financial assistance for sex trade workers who want to leave the life of prostitution.

#### **G21-P052 Safe and Accountable Firearms Ownership and Usage**

The GPC acknowledges and supports Canada's safe and accountable firearms owners by transferring regulation of non-criminal activities from the Criminal Code to a responsive administrative regulatory framework; the collaborative development of clear and equitable evidence-based firearms control regulations; and the strengthening of laws which seek to reduce criminal firearms-related violence.

#### **G10-P014 Gun Control**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada make the following initiatives its priorities in dealing with gun control:

- Cracking down on the smuggling of illegal handguns across the US/Canada border;
- Bringing in stricter storage and transportation laws (i.e. for both individuals and retailers); and
- Increasing the requirements needed to obtain a Possession and Acquisition License.

#### **G08-P061: White Collar Crime**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada seeks to introduce

legislation that will provide for stiffer sentencing and full restitution in white collar crimes as well as allocate greater funding for the development of expert investigative teams.

### **G18-P026 Canadian Jurisdiction Over International Violations**

The GPC supports enforcing international law within the Canadian legal system, such that Canadians (and non-Canadians with interests in Canada) who violate international law would be subject to being sued in Canadian courts for violations of international treaties.

### **1996 - Criminal Code and Nudity**

Resolved to work for repeal of the nudity section of the Criminal Code.

### **1996 - Child Abuse and the Olympics**

Resolved that Canada shall work to eliminate child abuse from the Olympics.

### **G21-E008 Meaningful Oversight of RCMP**

The Green Party supports the creation of an independent, civilian-led oversight and governance body for the RCMP with the ability to ensure that RCMP policies and activities are in full compliance with Canadian law, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Canadian Constitution, and the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP).

### **G12-P004 - On Government Secrecy**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada:

- will re-introduce full habeas corpus protection for all persons detained by the crown
- will require that no court decisions can be made based solely on in camera proceedings
- will require that any evidence gained by illegal or unlawful means, including by torture shall not be admissible in either open or closed court hearings
- will terminate the secrecy aspects of the security certificate process allowing any and all evidence to be made available to an accused's defense
- will apply the principles of Canadian justice and international law to all situations in which Canadian citizens, whether dual or not, may be subjected abroad, and actively endeavour to protect and advocate on behalf of those citizens

### **G21-P040 Implementing a National Decarceration Strategy**

Implement a National Decarceration Strategy alongside intergovernmental partners to reduce incarceration rates by transitioning most criminal offenders out of prisons using

community-based restorative justice programs. Create a sustainable and effective funding model to move prison expenditures towards community-based restorative justice programs, with those programs acting as a standard going forward.

#### **G08-P060: Public Prisons**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada opposes the privatization of prisons in Canada.

#### **G18-P008 Transparency in the Collection and Use of Personal Data**

The GPC supports that when data are collected, such collection of data and its use respects the privacy of Canadians, safeguards their data and the intended use be made clear prior to collection.

#### **G06-P007: Funding to Organizations Enforcing the Criminal Code of Canada**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada advocate for federal budgets that allocate funding to SPCAs and humane societies for their responsibilities for investigating animal abuse offences under the Criminal Code of Canada.

## **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP**

### **International Affairs**

#### **G21-P042 Work Towards an International Treaty Against Ecocide**

The GPC will advocate for an amendment to the Rome Statute or a stand-alone international treaty criminalizing Ecocide. Ecocide is mass damage and destruction of ecosystems (widespread, severe, or systemic) committed with knowledge of the risks. The GPC will advocate for the adoption of Ecocide law federally and internationally, encouraging international collaboration for the long-term protection of life on earth.

#### **G18-P005 Keep Human Control Over Weapons**

The GPC supports the establishment of international conventions and policies which will keep humans in control in real time (also known as “in-the-loop”) of any weapon, whether using lethal or less than lethal force.

### **G10-P030 UN Convention on the Rights of Older Persons**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will promote and support the creation of a UN Convention on the Rights of Older Persons including a special rapporteur.

### **G21-P027 Reduce Strategic Dependency on Gross and Systematic Human Rights Violators**

Be it resolved that the Green Party of Canada advocates for the disentanglement of trade with, the reduction of economic dependency from, and the implementation of multilateral restrictive measures against authoritarian states where evidence confirms gross and systematic violations of International Human Rights Law (IHRL).

### **G12-P020 - Updating Foreign Policy #2**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that elected Green MPs will actively work to establish Canada as a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone, closing all ports and air strips to nuclear armed weapons carriers, excepting for emergency landings, work to establish additional Nuclear Weapons Free Zones in Europe, Middle East, the Arctic, and actively work to assist in strengthening and full ratification of existing NWFZ treaties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Canadian Greens reaffirm our historic policy to establish a Ministry of Peace and Security and endorse the work of Canadian civil society organizations dedicated to accomplishing this goal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MPs will work to cease weapons research development, excepting only those designed for peacekeeping purposes and tasked to accomplish those missions in diverse global environments and cease any participation in biological and chemical weapons research.

### **G06-P011: Enhanced Nuclear Policy**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the party calls for:

- The institution of an International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspection programme of all nuclear arms and civil nuclear energy facilities including those in possession of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council.
- The full implementation of on-site dismantling of existing stocks of nuclear weapons as agreed to under Article VI of the Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT).
- The elimination of the use of Depleted Uranium (DU), and the inclusion of DU under the NPT treaty, and in the Geneva Protocol of prohibited weapons.
- The acknowledgement of the irreversible environmental, social, health, and

economic consequences of the production, distribution and use of nuclear arms of all forms.

- The use of the International Court of Justice to launch a case related to the possession of nuclear weapons being contrary to international humanitarian law, and in violation of the Geneva Protocol on prohibited weapons.
- The endorsement of the treaty proposed for the abolition of nuclear weapons.
- The institution of a global ban on the mining and export of uranium.
- The discontinuation of the circulation and berthing of nuclear powered and/or armed vessels in Canadian waters.

#### **G08-P031: New Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada calls for a "New Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty" at the United Nations providing impetus for renewed commitment among nations to the peaceful dismantling of nuclear arsenals world-wide and a renewed commitment among nations to the prevention of dissemination of military-use nuclear technology and materials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada denounces the threat of use and the use of nuclear weapons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada calls for a renewed commitment among nations to the funding, mandate and powers of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

#### **G10-P007 New GPC NATO Policy**

BE IT RESOLVED that the GPC will immediately ask the Canadian government to give one year notice to NATO of Canada's intention to discontinue membership unless NATO makes it a requirement of membership that member nations will:

- Recognize and accept the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court.
- Be a signatory to The Ottawa Treaty.
- Agree to implement a No-First-Strike Nuclear strategy if they have nuclear weapons.

#### **G08-P147: Arctic Sovereignty**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada recognizes and respects that our Arctic sovereignty is already established through the presence of Canadians in the North, including the continuous use and occupation of Arctic lands and waters by Indigenous peoples; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada urges the ongoing reinforcement of Canada's Arctic sovereignty be achieved primarily through supporting community infrastructure development, regional sustainability, northern research, northern culture, and other regional socio-economic activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada advocates for the Arctic Council to be the primary forum for the diplomatic resolution of Arctic territorial disputes and the negotiation of multilateral treaties, thus allowing for the formal participation of Territorial and Indigenous leaders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada supports Canada's submission to revise the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea to extend our jurisdiction to subsea resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada supports including Northerners in an open discussion of Canada's plans for how Arctic offshore resources will be, or will not be, developed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada supports Canada seeking an international Arctic maritime treaty, negotiated through the Arctic Council, to regulate maritime activity in the Arctic (shipping, offshore construction, commercial harvesting, tourism, etc.), with the purpose of keeping these activities safe and at the same time safeguarding the health and well-being of the Arctic and Northerners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada supports Canada establishing, with the partnership of Indigenous peoples, protected areas - terrestrial, marine, and ice - in an ecologically representative network in the three northern Territories: to supersede Vision Green "Establish terrestrial and marine protected areas in an ecologically representative network in the three northern Territories."; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada supports Canada expanding funding for Arctic research, including support for and recognition of traditional knowledge: to supersede Vision Green "Restore funding to the Northern Climate Exchange (recently cut by the Conservatives) and expand funding for Arctic science, particularly critical in light of the climate change threat in this, International Polar Year".

#### **G08-P042: Israel/Palestine Conflict**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada:

1. Support a two-state solution to the Israel- Palestine conflict that adheres to pre-1967

borders and also seeks to incorporate an international plan for stimulating economic prosperity in both nations.

2. Call on both sides to immediately stop the killing of civilians and adhere to international law.

3. Encourage the Canadian government to press for a mutually agreed upon honest broker to engage in bi-literal and multi-lateral peace talks involving Palestinians and Israelis.

4. Call on Arab countries to use their influence to broker an agreement between Hamas and the Palestinian National Authority to facilitate the promotion of peace amongst the competing Palestinian interests.

5. Call for an end to the collective siege of Gaza so that medical and humanitarian aid can be provided.

6. Actively support the efforts of civil society groups working for peace, human rights, and justice in the region.

#### **G08-P030: Palestinian Right to Statehood**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada endorse the recognition of a Palestinian right to statehood within the internationally recognized borders as described in United Nations Security Council Resolution 242.

#### **G14-P022 Condemning Illegal Israeli Settlement Expansions**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada fully condemn all illegal Israeli settlement expansions in the Occupied Palestinian Territories as undeniable obstacles to the Israel-Palestine peace-process.

#### **G14-P058 Israel – Palestine Conflict**

BE IT RESOLVED that the GPC urges the immediate cessation of hostilities between Israel and Palestine. The GPC will adopt a posture of engaged neutrality, opening all available diplomatic avenues in both Palestine and Israel to press for a peaceful resolution to the conflict consistent with the GPC's commitment to justice and custom of speaking truth to power.

#### **G10-P009 Recognizing Palestinian Products as Palestinian**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada would seek to introduce legislation that would amend the Canada Israel free trade agreement. Adjust the text: a legislation cannot amend a treaty; such a measure should be sought by the GoC through negotiation, as per policy G16-P13 (para 5); looking at that para, can we

consider that it covers adequately, if implicitly, the substance on this earlier policy, and remove this policy? This change would require Israel to label as Palestinian, products and services from lands recognized under international law as Palestinian territory.

**S16-P013 Measures to pressure the government of Israel to preserve the two-state solution: addendum to current Middle East policy**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada (GPC) calls on the legitimate representatives of the Palestinian people and the State of Israel to accord mutually recognized statehood.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada denounces violence in all of its forms, recognizes that it can only lead to failure in conflict resolution, and supports only non-violent responses to violence and oppression, including economic measures such as government sanctions, consumer boycotts, institutional divestment, economic sanctions and arms embargoes; and

BE IT RESOLVED the GPC calls on the Government of Israel to: respect the intent of UN Resolution 194, the implementation of which is to be negotiated in good faith with the legitimate representatives of the Palestinians, accord to the Arab-Palestinian population of Israel equal political and civil rights, and end Israel's illegal occupation of the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) and the Golan Heights, and Israel's siege of Gaza;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada reconfirms its policy of condemning illegal settlement construction in the OPT, and calls for an immediate end to further settlement construction and expansion, and the dismantling of current settlements in the OPT, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Green Party of Canada calls on the government of Canada take strong diplomatic action, including economic pressure, in order to ensure the attainment of the three objectives identified in the preceding paragraph and to encourage Israel to enter into good faith negotiations with legitimate representatives of the Palestinian people for the purpose of establishing a viable, contiguous and truly sovereign Palestinian state. Such economic pressure should include, but not be limited to:

- A ban on the importation into Canada of products produced wholly or partly within or by illegal Israeli settlements, or by Israeli businesses directly benefiting from the illegal occupation;
- Renegotiation of the Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement (CIFTA) such that it explicitly excludes products produced wholly or partly within or by illegal Israeli



- settlements, or by Israeli businesses operating within the OPT;
- The strengthening of CIFTA compliance/audit provisions in such ways and clauses as to ensure that imported products labeled “Made in Israel” are actually produced, entirely and exclusively, within Israel’s internationally recognized borders;
  - The termination and indefinite suspension of all military and surveillance trade and cooperation between, on the one hand, the Government of Canada and Canadian corporations or residents of Canada and, on the other hand, the State of Israel, Israeli corporations or residents of Israel’s illegal settlements;
  - The repeal the House of Commons resolution condemning the BDS movement (Vote #14, 42nd Parliament, 1st Session; 22 February 2016.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada calls on the Government of Canada to assess the investments it has under its control and to divest from any companies which are directly benefiting from activity within Israel’s illegal settlements or its occupation of the OPT; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GPC calls on the Government of Canada to warn of the legal consequences of trade and investment in the illegal settlements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada, and if elected, a Green government, as part of a policy on ethical purchases, will not purchase or use products produced by companies which are profiting from activity within Israel’s illegal settlements or its occupation of the OPT; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada calls on the Canadian Government to recognize the State of Palestine, and, should Canada gain a seat on the UN Security Council, the Green Party of Canada calls on the Canadian Government to pursue aggressively all possible diplomatic pressure on Israel, as well as on the United States to use its massive military aid to Israel as a lever to push for peace; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada calls on the Government of Canada to ask the International Criminal Court to prioritize its investigation into charges of potential war crimes by members of the Israeli forces, and Israel

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that; Policy G16-P006 Palestinian Self-Determination and the Movement for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions as voted on at the August 2016 BGM be repealed and replaced by this policy."

#### **G14-P062 Ukrainian – Russian Conflict**

BE IT RESOLVED that GPC condemns Russia's role in destabilizing Ukraine;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that GPC supports diplomatic efforts and sanctions to stop Russia's interference and bring peace and stability into Ukraine.

#### **G14-P059 Malaysian Airlines**

BE IT RESOLVED that GPC condemns the shooting down of the Malaysian civilian airlines over Ukraine. The GPC supports a thorough multinational investigation into the downed aircraft incident and that the perpetrators be brought to justice consistent with the most rigorous international standards.

#### **G08-P077: Support for Small Island Nations**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada support Canada focusing development aid efforts and economic investment in the specific key areas of:

1. alternative fuels and energy sources that dramatically reduce the need to import oil and natural gas and further allow the growth of recipient nation independent and/or majority ownership of these sectors and/or businesses as they develop;
2. developing and investing in agriculture sectors that provide for food sovereignty and investment opportunities for both subsistence farming and domestic commercial farming, in keeping with green environmentally sound and gender equality principles;
3. increase bilateral trade, where possible, to facilitate the export of value added small island products; and
4. support and strengthen cooperation with regional organizations to further the goal of regional independence and sovereignty.

#### **G08-P078: Latin and South America**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada support Canada building neutral, independent partnerships with Latin and South American countries that display and reflect Green principles by:

1. actively engaging those countries in creating partnerships in development aid and economic investment that promote our mutual ideals of Fair Trade and promotion of strong civil society, human rights and respect for indigenous peoples and the environment;
2. offer diplomatic assistance in furthering common objectives;
3. promote and support the development of mutual peace and cooperation accords

that respect sovereignty between ALBA (Bolivarian Alternative for Latin America and the Caribbean) aligned states and other states; and

4. denouncing all outside interference that promotes internal violence and/or the violent overthrow of democratically elected governments in the regions.

### **G08-P075: Support for the African Union**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada support recommitting and strengthening Canada's support for the African Union and development in African nations by

1. providing diplomatic support for the further strengthening of the African Union as needed and requested by it;
2. providing increased peace keeping expertise and financial support and training as needed and requested by KAIPTC (Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre) and or other African peacekeeping training centre that may evolve in future in order to develop strong African Union peacekeeping forces;
3. committing to providing further support in the development of regional peace and security agreements that are negotiated by African nations for African nations;
4. recommitting and strengthen foreign aid as appropriate to individual recipient African nations under the Green Party of Canada's "whole of government" holistic approach;
5. continuing to pressure oppressive governments in cooperation and consultation with the African Union to cease human rights violations, government sponsored violence.

### **1996 – Foreign Aid**

- Resolved that a Green Party government discontinue all foreign energy assistance related to hydro-electric and other energy mega-projects by the year 2000;
- Further resolved that a Green Party government discontinue all foreign energy assistance related to nuclear and fossil fuel projects by the year 2000;
- Further resolved that a Green Party government ensure CIDA, the Export Development Corporation (EDC) and all federally sponsored overseas projects focus on energy efficient and renewable energy supply from appropriately sized community planned and driven projects.

### **G08-P074 ODA Level of Assistance**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada support Canada taking immediate steps to enhance its level of and delivery of foreign aid by :

1. Increasing its foreign aid each year with an ultimate goal of 1% of GDP in a fiscally responsible manner that takes into account, the costs of reforms and restructuring called for in clauses 2 & 3 and further commits to 'untie' all aid in regards to required Canadian procurement provisions in the spirit of the 2005 Paris Declaration ;
2. Reforming and restructuring the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in a manner that achieves the most effective aid delivery possible in cooperation with recipient and other donor countries and to the unique, specified needs of recipient partner countries; and
3. Moving CIDA operations under the operations umbrella of a newly created Canadian Department of Peace and Security, and create a new senior Cabinet position for a Minister of Peace & Security to replace the junior Cabinet Minister position for the International Cooperation/CIDA portfolio.

### **G12-P022 - Amendment to G08-P074: CIDA Reform and ODA Level of Assistance**

BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution G08-P074 clause #1 is amended to read; 1. Increasing its foreign aid each year with an ultimate goal of 1% of GDP in a fiscally responsible manner that takes into account, the costs of reforms and restructuring called for in clauses 2 & 3 of the same policy and further commits to 'untie' all aid in regards to required Canadian procurement provisions in the spirit of the 2005 Paris Declaration;

### **G08-P076: Natural Disaster Relief**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada support Canada instructing Canadian Embassies and Consulates around the world to develop effective early disaster reconnaissance and assessment capabilities in order to speed up Canadian response times.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada oppose the use of United Nations R2P (Responsibility to Protect) as a military solution to force aid relief on opposing countries.

### **G08-P032: Universal Access to Reproductive Health**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada advocate that Canada work with

other nations through the UN, take a leadership role, and contribute at least 20% of ODA to achieve the UN Millennium Development Goal (MDG) of universal access to reproductive health by 2015.

#### **G14-P051 Banning Military Exports to Saudi Arabia**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will support federal cabinet directives to ban any further exports of Canadian military goods to the state of Saudi Arabia.

## **International Trade**

### **1992 – Trade Agreements**

Resolved that international criteria be set by a legally recognized UN body, which examines the social, economic, and environmental sustainability of products and services for inter-regional trade; and

Resolved that passing these criteria be a condition of reducing or removing restrictive tariffs on products and services included in multilateral trade agreements; and

Resolved that such trade be balanced so that any given bioregion's imports and exports are complementary; and

Resolved that imports and exports be reduced unilaterally or by multilateral agreement, as bioregions reduce consumption levels, and as they become more self-sufficient; and

Resolved that no exports be accepted from bioregions or corporations that invade or damage lands claimed by and used by peoples living low-technology, non-industrial lifestyles; and in light of these beliefs and resolutions we have

Further resolved that as the North American Free Trade Agreement does not meet the above criteria and objectives, but is rather an attempt by transnational corporations to escape national laws establishing environmental and labour standards, the Green Party of Canada objects to the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement; and

Further resolved that the Green Party of Canada will seek avenues by which to oppose the North American Free Trade Agreement, and if elected to form the Government of Canada, it will remove the nation from the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

#### **G06-P042: Fair Trade, Not Free Trade**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada recommits to the general international Green principle of fair trade and not free trade, a central focus of the international World Social Forum to which Greens and environmental movements have been strongly committed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada recommits to its historic policy of promoting new international trade and investment agreements that promote human rights, labour rights, social justice, peace and protection of the environment and recognizes the right of less developed countries to use protective tariffs to advance self-reliance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada recommits to the cancellation of the debt of less developed countries and the restriction on continued wealth transfers from less developed countries to the rich countries

#### **G08-P139: Tariffs and the Public Good**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Green Party of Canada advocates that the Government of Canada should work to have existing treaties on international trade and finance revised and future treaties so written as to ensure that all countries have the right to enact ecological fiscal reform, ensure the internalization of previously external costs into market transactions, protect their populations from environmental hazards and protect their environments, including by the use of suitable tariffs; and to ensure that investors, corporations and individuals do not have any rights to profit by causing harm to the public or to the environment.

#### **G06-P054: Supply Management Programs**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada advocate that Canada adopt a strong defence of our supply management programs in WTO negotiations on the basis that these programs must be used to ensure that domestic environmental, health, and social values are protected in these parts of our society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to immediately embark on discussions with representatives of the supply management sectors regarding ways of converting these sectors into models of ecological, economic, and social performance designed to enhance the well-being of both producers and consumers of these products; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada advocate that these discussions encompass the following areas:

- improving on-farm environmental performance;
- ensuring the highest levels of food security and safety;
- shifting to organic methods of production; o contributing to clean, locally-produced energy for farming and other uses;
- ways whereby local production can be more readily matched with local consumption;
- ways whereby government and industry should collaborate to achieve the foregoing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada not penalize farmers in developing countries through supply management programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the GPC include the protection of small and organic farmers in Canada in supply management programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by GPC that the current supply management system be amended to improve accessibility by small and organic farmers in Canada."

#### **G06-P060: NAFTA**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government of Canada should immediately provide the required six months' notice of its withdrawal from NAFTA. If negotiations ensue, the minimum necessary terms for Canada are: elimination of the chapter 11 clause; the removal of the proportionality clause on energy exports; a guarantee that bulk water transfers are exempt; and inclusion of binding social environmental standards within that agreement.

## **Defence**

### **1988 - Peace and Security**

Therefore be it resolved that the Canadian Greens shall support the policy of active non-aligned neutrality for Canada. The active promotion and practice of neutrality between warring nations or military alliances.

Further be it resolved that the Canadian Greens shall adopt these ten policies to achieve the desired objective of active non-aligned neutrality for Canada:

- The Canadian Greens would work to replace the Warsaw Pact and N.A.T.O. with an international agency, affiliated to the United Nations, whose objective would be a peaceful and de-militarized European Zone. Therefore, the Canadian Greens would immediately serve our required one year notice of withdrawal from N.A.T.O. upon entering office. After that year of consultation the Canadian Greens would begin the phase out and withdrawal of all Canadian political and military involvement in N.A.T.O.
- The Canadian Greens would convert the Canadian Armed Forces to perform treaty verification, territorial monitoring, peace-keeping, Search and Rescue, and ecological reclamation. These converted resources should also be directed, in part, toward overcoming the environmental crisis. The ecological duties could include research of environmental abuse, ensuring environmental legislation is carried out, monitoring toxic storage facilities, and organizing clean-up programs.
- The Canadian Greens would replace Canada's involvement in N.O.R.A.D. with an independent Canadian Early Warning System. This system would monitor not only the northern but the southern, eastern, and western areas of Canada's sovereign territory. It would include not only radar but seismic, sonar, and electronic monitoring equipment as well to be used for the purposes of treaty verification and territorial integrity assurance. This would have a stabilizing effect since it would assure concerned foreign powers that Canada's land, seas, air, and outer space sectors could not be used for staging attacks upon other countries. Regular U.N., Soviet, and American verification would be allowed upon this system.
- The Canadian Greens would support a nuclear-free policy for Canada which includes:
  - the cessation of exploration for mining of radioactive materials;
  - the shut-down of the nuclear industry including nuclear power plants; the cessation of trade in nuclear technology inside and outside Canada with the exception, (at this time), of that related to medical purposes;
  - the banning of nuclear weapons and related technology from Canada;
  - the declaration of Canada as a Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone, thus requiring proof that persons wishing to enter Canada prove that they or their vehicles are not carrying nuclear weapons.
- The Canadian Greens would establish a Ministry of Peace and Security. It



would research and publicize peace programs; educate the public about non-violent social defense; conduct disarmament initiatives; and administer peace facilitation teams. The Ministry would work in close cooperation with appropriate United Nations' agencies.

- The Canadian Greens would place an immediate freeze, indexed to inflation, on the Department of National Defense's annual budget.
- The Canadian Greens would oppose the purchase of nuclear-powered submarines.
- The Canadian Greens would endorse the concept of an International Arctic-Nordic Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone. Further to this end it would also be our policy to co-establish a de-militarized Arctic Region. Canada could aid this cause by entering into tri-lateral talks with the United States and Soviet Union regarding peace treaty arrangements that also relate to Canada in terms of verification.
- The Canadian Greens would ban the export, co-development, or resale of any military equipment or services to foreign powers.
- The Canadian Greens would establish a Royal Commission on a comprehensive conversion of Canadian military research to civilian industry or treaty-verification technology production.
- The Canadian Greens would also halt weapons research, development, and testing programs, including the test of the cruise missile, war "games", the Strategic Defense Initiative, low-level bomber flights, and biological or chemical weapons research.

## **1998 - Defence**

A Green Party government would undertake to enforce the World Court decision which affirmed that the use or threat of nuclear weapons is contrary to international humanitarian law:

- To terminate international training exercises with offensive purposes on Canadian soil. This includes low-level flying exercises in Goose Bay, Labrador, cruise missile testing in Cold Lake, Alberta and submarine training in Nanoose Bay, British Columbia.
- To convert the manufacturing of arms to sustainable and useful production.
- To reduce the military budget by 50% and transfer the savings into achieving a culture of peace-the guaranteeing of human rights, the protecting of the environment, the preventing of conflict, and the creating of socially equitable and environmentally sound work.
- To withdraw from the global arms race, including through the phasing out of uranium mining.
- To promote the banning of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and land

mines.

- To close Canadian waters and ports to nuclear armed and/or powered warships.
- To establish a civilian-based national defense program that would train citizens in unarmed national defense initiatives.
- To permit the redirection of taxes from the military to promote peace initiatives.

#### **G06-P043: Defense Policy**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada recommits to the international Green pillar of nonviolence, working for a culture of peace and cooperation between states, the rejection of militarism, and the commitment to economic and social development, environmental safety and respect for human rights;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada recommits to its historic policy of promoting multilateral disarmament, peaceful resolution of conflict, military conversion, support for United Nations peacekeeping operations, and the strengthening of the United Nations through reform of the Security Council and the expansion of the role of the General Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada will review Canada's membership in military alliances including NATO and NORAD and recommit to its opposition to nuclear weapons, and a ban on the export of military equipment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada supports international law, the general principles of the United Nations, and the right of all countries to self-determination and democracy. We also support the key founding principle of the Organization of American States, of which Canada is a member: the right of all countries to be free from military intervention by other countries except under the United Nations Responsibility to Protect doctrine.

#### **G06-P064: Military Reduction**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party repeal its current policy of a 50% reduction in armed forces budget and create a new policy mandating the funding and supporting reallocation of resources to alternate conflict resolution, ecosystem protection, disaster relief, and strengthening of the UN.

#### **G14-P05 - Using Canada's Armed Forces to Address Non-Military Security Threats**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT without increasing military spending, the Green Party of

Canada will promote an enhanced role for Canada's existing armed forces in transforming the nation to a low-carbon economy, in addressing the impacts of climate change in Canada and in other serious non-military security threats as they arise.

### **G12-P021 - Military spending**

BE IT RESOLVED that Green Party MPs will work to reform military spending to reflect Canadian Green Party core values by converting the Canadian Armed Forces to peacekeeping and appropriate domestic defence capability and undertake to dedicate all necessary and appropriate funding to do so while also maintaining a rapid response, combat ready military unit restricted to assisting in enforcing no fly zones and naval blockades in U.N. sanctioned missions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MPs work to significantly expand the operational and rapid deployment capabilities of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) and dedicate all necessary and appropriate funding to do so;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MPs work to reform the military procurement process making it more open and accountable with significant and appropriate penalties for any and all violations of the new process;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MPs work to contain military spending to 1% of GDP and not to exceed 1.3% and to reform military equipment and arms export/import reporting by requiring all transactions to be revealed to Parliament on an annual basis with significant and appropriate penalties for violations of such annual reporting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MPs work to cease Canadian participation in the global arms trade with the exception of developing and potential necessary sales of peacekeeping equipment in cooperation with the United Nations.

