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Resolutions Presented to the Plenary Session of the 2008 General Meeting of the Liberal Party of Canada in Alberta



CELEBRATING 26 YEARS OF THE CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS



1. Extending Existing Affordable Housing Programs

WHEREAS the crisis regarding homelessness and the lack of affordable housing continues to increase in Canada, especially in large urban centers and communities experiencing sudden and substantial growth;

AND WHEREAS affordable housing is not available and/or within the financial capacity of many low income Canadians, resulting in increased homelessness, increased use shelters, and increased risk to the health and safety of communities;

AND WHEREAS shelter is a basic human need and the foundation upon which healthy, secure, socially inclusive communities are built;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to extend and enhance existing programs and create new ones, including:

- The Affordable Housing Initiative
- The Supportive Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI)
- The Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP)
- Aboriginal housing on and off-reserve;
- Co-operative housing;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to support innovative initiatives through partnerships with the provinces, territories and stakeholder groups to leverage contributions for new affordable housing units and also create financial incentives for investors to do so.

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2. Funding of Education

WHEREAS seniors are vitally involved with their grandchildren as caregivers and for financial support;

WHEREAS seniors understand that an investment in the education of their grandchildren is an investment in the future of our nation;

WHEREAS the high cost of tuition for post secondary education is prohibitive for many as only a selective few are eligible for assistance and grants;

AND WHEREAS in years past Canadians were committed to ensuring ALL citizens had the knowledge and skills when entering the job market to raise and care for their families in a quality lifestyle;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada commits to provide funding for all students who attain qualifying grades in Grade 12 to fund up to four years of post-secondary education leading to a degree or diploma or accredited Canadian educational institutions, such funding to be forgiven as tax credits applied to the first six years of employment after graduating/leaving the institution.

Tony Sansotta, John Sander, Christine Sander, Lothar Rosenegger, Stephen Jenuth



3. Early Learning and Childcare Plan

WHEREAS the Liberal Party of Canada has taken a leadership role in the development of the Early Learning and Childcare Plan

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada continue to make the Early Learning and Childcare Plan part of the election platform.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Plenary Resolution #7 passed at the March 2005 convention be reaffirmed, namely:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to ensure that, in providing funding to programs such as “Best Start”, firm commitments be guaranteed up front from their provincial and territorial partners as to the program specifics which will be provided;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to ensure that, for certain programs such as the Parental Benefits Program which the Government of Canada provides on its own, reviews be made to give consideration to policy options towards a more equitable system for low income workers;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to give further consideration to a more equitable child care system, and that initiatives be carried forward for the implementation of a nationwide daycare program in the English and French languages.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada develops national standards and best practices for early child care in a publicly funded and publicly administered national early childcare system.

Myar Amerasinghe, Marg Johnson, Trudy LaRose, Joan Groff, Sheila McKay, Kevan Rhead, Alberta Womens' Liberal Commission



4. Home Care, Long Term Care – A Companion Act to the Canada Health Act

WHEREAS the Canada Health Act only covers services by doctors or in hospitals;

WHEREAS because of advancing age and frequent accompaniment of more than one chronic disability leading to health problems, many seniors are unable to safely cope with the attending responsibilities associated with daily living or care of a chronically disabled spouse or another member of the family;

WHEREAS these chronic conditions often do not warrant expensive institutional care;

WHEREAS neither home care nor long term care is insured under the Canada Health Act;

WHEREAS individual provinces may choose whether or not to fund home care services or even whether to offer such services at all;

WHEREAS there are great disparities in the type of services provided among provinces and between rural and urban areas within provinces;

WHEREAS long term care facilities in most provinces are a mixture of public and privately owned facilities;

WHEREAS the quality standards of such facilities may vary widely from one province to another;



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4. Home Care, Long Term Care – A Companion Act to the Canada Health Act (Cont.)

WHEREAS the cost of long term care also vary widely from one province to another;

WHEREAS most provinces provide some measure of assistance to seniors and other who can not afford the costs of long term care from their own resources;

WHEREAS the terms under which such assistance is provided varies from one province to another;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to take a lead role in assisting the provinces to establish a system of home care programs across the country as part of an integrated range of health services that meet the principles of the Canada Health Act which provide high quality services to seniors and others.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the government of Canada to establish a Companion Act to the Canada Health Act to cover home care and long term care, establish national standards for the quality and practice of home care and long term care facilities and encourage provinces to conduct accreditation on the basis of such standards.

Alberta Womens' Liberal Commission



5. National Water Policy and Water Sovereignty

WHEREAS water is critical to our ecosystems, human health, agriculture and industry;

WHEREAS massive interbasin diversions of water and ground water extractions for bottled water have all been considered as options for water export and all may have an adverse effect;

WHEREAS the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, and 8 of the United States purported to enter into agreements dealing with the Great Lakes and diversions and withdrawals of water there from although such agreements are outside of their jurisdiction;

WHEREAS water may be considered a tradable good under NAFTA thus putting water at risk of being treated as a commodity under NAFTA;

AND WHEREAS there is a significant lack of research on the impact of diversions and withdrawals on the relationship between groundwater, surface water and watersheds; and on Great Lakes water levels and flows;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to assert our sovereignty over all boundary waters, including the Great Lakes, by:

1. imposing a moratorium on further diversions or withdrawals from such waters until adequate research has been conducted;
2. negotiating exemptions of water from international trade agreements;
3. conducting research, in cooperation with the provinces, into the effects of withdrawals and diversions, the relationship of groundwater, surface water and watersheds to provide objective scientific data.

Seniors Liberals' Commission



6. Climate Change and Transportation

WHEREAS global climate change is one of the most pressing threats to the environment and human civilization in our time;

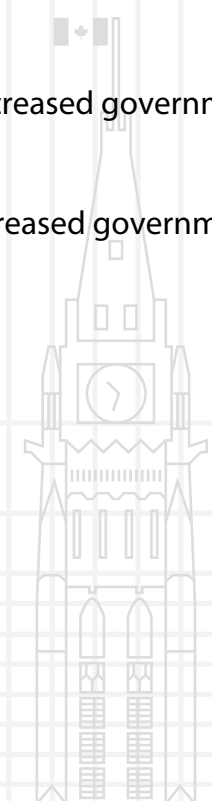
WHEREAS the scientific community has reached a consensus stating that human activity drives global climate change;

WHEREAS private transport and power generation are major sources of GHG production;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to support increased government funding towards expanding public transportation scope and access in municipalities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada call on the Government of Canada to support increased government investment in green power generation.

Edmonton-Leduc Federal Liberal Association



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7. Preserving High Quality Public Health Care and Health-Performance indicators

WHEREAS Canadians are entitled to transparent fiscal and quality accountability for all health services paid from Canadian tax dollars; and experts report that a commitment to “High Quality” care could save up to 30% of the Health Care budget;

WHEREAS preventable medical errors result in as many as 24,000 deaths in Canada each year and one in 13 patients who receive care in Canadian hospitals suffers an adverse event stemming from drug overdoses, inadequate or faulty devices, insufficient monitoring by medical personnel and communication errors resulting in patients spending more than one million extra days in hospital being treated for complications of their care;

WHEREAS “High Quality” Care is defined by the Canadian Council of Health Services Accreditation, to include all of the following dimensions: 1. Timely Access, 2. Clinical Competence, 3. Appropriateness, 4. Efficiency, 5. Acceptability, 6. Effectiveness, 7. Continuity, 8. Safety (of patient and care provider) and 9. Accountability;

WHEREAS there are a number of agencies that have the responsibility for overseeing high quality standards for various aspects of health care, there is still no national standard process with well-defined criteria to establish, monitor and regulate continuous, "high quality" service across this nation;

WHEREAS de-listing and shifting delivery of healthcare services out of hospitals and from non-profit agencies to for-profit organizations/suppliers have led to downloading of costs to patients, unequal access, and increasing reliance on private for-profit insurers; and

WHEREAS studies show that increased reliance on corporate for-profit delivery and for-profit healthcare insurance is more costly, may provide less quality care, and result in loss of public transparency and control.



7. Preserving High Quality Public Health Care and Health-Performance indicators (Cont.)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to:

1. Establish and implement, with the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) and the Health Council for Canada, clear Performance Indicators and measurable Standards of Practice for all medical care that is paid from Canadian tax dollars (Reference: Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation descriptors and dimensions which define Quality).
2. Monitor and enforce Performance Indicators and Standards of Practice across Canada through an independent, arms length body, and ensure that the independence and impartiality of this regulator is respected and maintained at all times..
3. Provide adequate funding for Health and Health Care and enforce the Canada Health Act.
4. Prohibit or limit direct and indirect public subsidies of private corporate ventures related to healthcare payment and delivery.
5. Implement enhanced universal coverage and publicly controlled non-profit delivery of new substitutes for short and long-term hospital and physician care.
6. Ensure universal coverage of pharmaceutical supplies and ambulance services; expand coverage for medically necessary vision and dental care.
7. Facilitate timely implementation of Romanow recommendations.

Edmonton Centre, Edmonton-Strathcona, Seniors Liberals' Commission



8. Water Conservation for Aboriginal Communities and Consultation

WHEREAS clean water is a universal right for all communities, aboriginal and non-aboriginal;

WHEREAS many of these communities face extinction due to the lack of clean water and sustainability of rivers and other water sources are being contaminated by raw sewage disposal;

WHEREAS Indian and Northern Affairs identified that over one quarter of the water treatment systems in First Nations communities remain at high risk to contamination;

WHEREAS consultation with First Nations communities around resolving these issues of proper treatment and disposal is insufficient and some cases non-existent;

AND WHEREAS communities and eco-systems are being exposed to highly infectious diseases and toxins in the contaminated water, and people are forced to rely on bottle water or boiling water methods;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to ensure that clean water is a right for Aboriginal communities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to develop a comprehensive plan to deal with the Aboriginal water crisis in consultation with Aboriginal people to ensure that standards of water quality are at the same levels as in mainstream Canada;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to ensure that consultations and negotiations with Aboriginal communities that deal with environmental impacts are made mandatory.

Alberta Aboriginal Liberal Commission

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9. Aging with Dignity

WHEREAS in 2002 Canada, participated in the development and adoption of the United Nations International Plan of Action on Ageing;

WHEREAS by 2031 almost 1 in 4 Canadians will be over the age of 65 compared with just over 1 in 10 Canadians currently over the age of 65;

WHEREAS the Liberal Party concurs with the interim report of the Special Senate Committee on Aging that population aging is a success story and seniors are a valuable and vibrant part of our country;

AND WHEREAS population aging presents a wide variety of complex challenges, ranging from financial security and retirement, to housing and transportation issues, to chronic diseases and health care needs,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urges support housing programs and building standards which promote the ability of seniors to age in place;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada supports a review of legislation governing private and public pension plans to ensure an appropriate framework for meeting the financial needs of seniors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada supports a national home care program which provides quality health care and home making services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada supports the establishment, of publicly funded and administered long term care facilities, with measurable standards of quality care which are monitored enforced and transparent;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as the population ages at different rates, the Liberal Party commits to ensuring equitable access to programs and benefits for all Canadians.

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10. Tailing Ponds and Oilsands

WHEREAS a healthy and balanced environment is essential for growing and sustaining Canada's economy;

WHEREAS the Liberal Party has traditionally encouraged the development of unconventional energy resources such as the oilsands;

AND WHEREAS to reconcile the above two goals, there is a need to establish proper regulations and standards on water use, and the creation of tailing ponds as part of oilsands development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada petition the governments of Canada and Alberta to develop baseline data and conduct scientific study to establish regulations on tailing ponds and remediation of oilsands sites.

Calgary West Federal Liberal Association



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11. Support for Equality Rights for Women

WHEREAS the Liberal Party of Canada supports equality rights for women;

WHEREAS equality rights will be best advanced through consultation with the NWLC, Womens Clubs and equity seeking organizations;

WHEREAS the Liberal Party of Canada supports front line women's centres and full participation of all community based women's organizations i.e.: Aboriginal Women, Immigrant Women and Equity Seeking Women;

AND WHEREAS the value of financial support to women's organizations in Canada is critical to raising and maintaining the standard of women's equality in Canada and to ensuring that research and services to that end are maintained;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to:

1. Restore funding to the Status of Women Canada to at least pre-October 2006 levels, in order that true equality may be returned to the department's mandate;
2. Actively engage with community based women's organizations to make appropriate increases in funding for women's organizations;
3. Actively engage and strengthen the legislative process to provide gender based analysis of the status of women; and
4. Improve the legislative basis for a reinstatement of gender-based equality in the status of women.

Alberta Womens' Liberal Commission, Calgary Southeast Federal Liberal Association



12. Meeting the Challenges of the Climate Change Crisis on Canada's High Arctic

WHEREAS due to the climate change crisis, more internal Canadian waterways in the Arctic are ice free for longer periods of the year.

WHEREAS Canadian sovereignty in the arctic regions has been challenged by some international actors.

WHEREAS the region is insufficiently monitored or protected by the government of Canada.

WHEREAS this lack of control threatens national security, cultural integrity, international travel and environmental sustainability.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Part of Canada urges the government of Canada to take a stronger stance on enforcing and promoting Canadian Arctic sovereignty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada should encourage the government of Canada to seek worldwide compliance with the International Law of the Sea and seek recognition of the waters of the arctic archipelago as Canadian internal waters.

Young Liberals of Grant MacEwan College



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13. Official Development Assistance (O.D.A.)

WHEREAS the level of O.D.A. has decreased from a level of 0.49% of G.D.P. in 1992 to a present level of 0.34% of G.D.P.;

WHEREAS approximately 2.8 million people die every year from HIV/AIDS and malaria kills between 700,000 and 2.7 million people a year;

WHEREAS at various international conferences, Canada has pledged to an O.D.A. contribution of 0.7% of G.D.P. which would honour a United Nations Millennium Goal in the area of human development and poverty reduction.;

WHEREAS this resolution was unanimously approved at the L.P.C.A. Alberta Convention in November 1999 and at subsequent conventions including the 2005 Convention;

WHEREAS this resolution is consistent with Canada promoting itself as a Model Citizen within our Global Community;

WHEREAS Democratic Nations of the World must be involved in promoting democratic values and good governance through a constructive process of "Democratic Regime Building and Development " rather than the violence of forced and imposed "Regime Change;" and

WHEREAS it is in our own self interest to provide hope to the poor, voiceless and desperate masses of humanity, who provide fertile ground for an ideology of hatred and terror as the means for social change.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Liberal Party of Canada strongly urge the Government of Canada to honour its international commitment of providing Official Development Assistance at the level of 0.7% of G.D.P according to the time line outlined in the U.N. Millennium Goals.

Edmonton-Leduc Federal Liberal Association , Edmonton-Strathcona Federal Liberal Association, Edmonton-St. Albert Federal Liberal Association



14. Discouraging Subsidization of Converting Foodstuffs to Ethanol

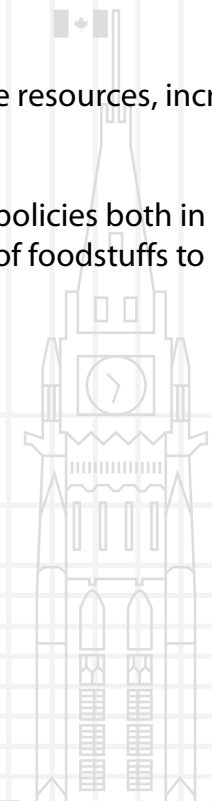
WHEREAS subsidies given by governments throughout the world have resulted in food production being converted to the production of ethanol;

WHEREAS the conversion of foodstuffs into ethanol for fuels is capital and energy intensive and results in production of vital foodstuffs being placed in the hands of a few multi-national corporate entities;

AND WHEREAS subsidies for the production of fuel ethanol from foodstuffs results in a misallocation of scarce resources, increase the price of basic food, and leads to foodstuffs being diverted from the food chain to the fuel chain;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to support policies both in Canada and through international agreements that discourage or prohibit the provision of subsidies for the conversion of foodstuffs to ethanol.

Calgary–Nose Hill Federal Liberal Association



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15. Income Splitting for Couples with Children and Dependent Adults

WHEREAS there is a close relationship between family stability and the stability of society;

WHEREAS promotion and support of the family unit strengthens the entire community and nation;

WHEREAS income splitting for families with children benefits most families by giving tax relief and is an acknowledgement of the family's contribution, role and responsibilities;

AND WHEREAS supporting the splitting of incomes for families with a single wage earner respects, encourages and supports the differing of work preferences, women's choice and parental choice in childcare as well as the nurturing and education of children by a parent;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada promotes income splitting for families with children and/or dependent adults and for families with children where there is a single wage earner as a platform of the Liberal party;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada promotes income splitting as an option when it benefits the financial situation of families with children/dependent adults in regards to tax relief as a platform of the Liberal party;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada promotes income splitting with an income ceiling of \$60,000 as a platform of the Liberal party.

ginal students, low income students and students that are new immigrants to Canada.

Linda Schultz and Five Others



16. Aboriginal Languages & Education

WHEREAS the Liberal Party of Canada has long championed multiculturalism;

WHEREAS Canada is in danger of loosing key parts of our heritage due to the possible loss of aboriginal languages;

WHEREAS Canada should look to upholding the values and spirit instilled in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People;

AND WHEREAS the Aboriginal population of Canada is steadily growing at a faster pace than the non-Aboriginal population;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to reinstate and renew the funding to the Aboriginal Languages Initiative research and support with specific emphasis on aboriginal languages and to distribute it according to the recommendations of the 2005 report of the Task Force on Aboriginal Languages and Cultures.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to increase financial resources and support for Aboriginal Post-Secondary education.

Calgary West Federal Liberal Association, Alberta Aboriginal Liberal Commission



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17. Core Liberal Values

WHEREAS an organization, and its people, are lead by the clear articulation of core values;

WHEREAS core liberal values define and differentiate the Liberal Party of Canada, in its symbols, language, policies, and practices while engendering trust and earning the respect of all Canadians and the international community;

WHEREAS core liberal values effectively empower, and therein cause, individuals and their families to equally co-exist in peace, security, dignity, and worth;

AND WHEREAS core liberal values presently enable prosperity with a purpose for each and every Canadian, while fueling the progressive liberal agenda of nation building and the protection of world peace.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada's core liberal values be adopted as:

- A gratitude for and respect of all LIFE and the home we call EARTH
- A love for and the protection of a unified CANADA, its heritage, democratic principles and institutions, and most assuredly, its future promise
- A belief in the innate ability of and support for the development of CANADIANS, as individuals, families, municipalities, territories, provinces, and as a country
- A reverence for and the protection of FREEDOM--individual and collective—for the betterment of humankind and the encouragement of health and happiness
- An appreciation for and commitment to the ARTS and SCIENCES as our universal language and national legacy
- A drive for innovative, sustainable ENTERPRISE and reward of the INITIATIVE, RISK, AND WORK required
- An honoring of the need for ethically responsible and compassionately responsive STEWARDSHIP at home and abroad

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada internalize its core liberal values and lead by example. ine outlined in the U.N. Millennium Goals.

Calgary Centre-North Federal Liberal Association

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18. Establishment of Department of Peace

WHEREAS the Conservative minority Government of Canada has taken an increasingly militaristic stance toward the foreign policy challenges of a post-September 11th world;

WHEREAS Canada has been recognized throughout the world as a country with the compassion and commitment to build a collaborative and multi-national approach to preventing and resolving conflict and peacekeeping;

WHEREAS Canada signed the Declaration and Programme of Action for the UN International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence (2001–2010);

WHEREAS Canada's International Policy Statement: "A Role of Pride and Influence in the World", was tabled in Parliament in April 2005 by a Liberal Government of Canada calling for a greatly expanded initiative in human security and peace-building;

AND WHEREAS Nobel Peace Prize nominee and advocate for causes of peace and international development and former Foreign Affairs Minister from 1996 to 2000, Hon. Lloyd Axworthy states, "A ministry of peace could be a place where peace-building activities could be consolidated and development education program across the country and other parts of the world that we could develop techniques for reconciliation,";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Liberal Party of Canada supports the growing global movement calling for the establishment of a Department of Peace in the governments of all nations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada calls upon the Conservative Government of Canada to form a Ministry of Peace to coordinate domestic and international economic and social initiatives in various portfolios which build a culture of peace and non-violence by promoting and implementing Peace Education and Training Activities, Domestic Peace Activities, International Peace Activities, Arms Control and Disarmament, Human and Economic Rights.

Stephen Jenuth, Jade Boldt, Pauline Kay, Ivanka Ruseska, and Christine Sander



19. Agriculture Committees

WHEREAS agriculture is a major segment of the Canadian economy;

WHEREAS agriculture represents a significant portion of the economy of Alberta;

WHEREAS attention to agriculture has been woefully lacking within the Liberal Party of Canada to the severe detriment of Canadian and Alberta farmers;

WHEREAS the LPCA formed a Standing Committee on Agriculture at the last Convention and this Committee has been working to make a difference within the Party and within the country;

AND WHEREAS there remains considerable work to be done;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the LPCA maintains the Standing Committee on Agriculture;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the current Co-Chairs, namely Bob Russell and Don Thompson be reappointed as Co-Chairs with the ability to add to the Committee Membership as required;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LPCA Board take steps to ensure and facilitate the working together of Federal Liberal Agriculture Committees of Federal Liberal organizations in each province and territory of Canada;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada endorses and promotes a semi-annual meeting of all Federal Liberal Agriculture Committees to be chaired by the Minister of Agriculture in times of Liberal government or the Liberal Agriculture Critic at other times.

Liberal Party of Canada in Alberta Standing Committee on Agriculture



20. Nuclear Waste and Nuclear Power

WHEREAS Canada currently lacks an approved nuclear waste long term storage facility;

WHEREAS the Nuclear Fuel Waste Act sets forth a process to manage nuclear waste;

WHEREAS the Nuclear Waste Management Organization has recommended establishing a Deep Geological Repository as part of an Adaptive Phased Management nuclear waste plan;

WHEREAS the Nuclear Fuel Waste Act sets forth that nuclear operators shall finance the management of nuclear waste, and that currently \$3.3 billion is set aside for implementation of a management plan;

WHEREAS new nuclear reactors are being explored nationwide;

AND WHEREAS nuclear reactors have a record in Canada of providing plentiful, reliable, zero-emissions electricity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to withhold new reactor operating licenses until such a time as a Deep Geological Repository is approved and under construction.

Calgary West Federal Liberal Association



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21. Emergent Resolution: Afghan Prisoners

WHEREAS the Afghan Human Rights Commission on February 1, 2008 said that Canada should resume transfer of prisoners to Afghan custody to avoid embarrassment to Afghanistan;

WHEREAS Canada's agreement with Afghan government relies on the Afghan Human Rights Commission to investigate and advise of any human right abuses;

WHEREAS the Afghan Human Rights Commission has failed to detect cases of torture which have now been well documented;

AND WHEREAS the attitude of the Afghan Human Rights Commission will prevent it from deterring or reporting on cases of abuse of prisoners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the LPCA opposes the resumption of the transfer of prisoners to Afghan custody.

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