



# Senior Liberals' Commission Ontario

## RESOLUTIONS SPONSORED BY SENIOR LIBERALS' COMMISSION

### Long Term Care (#3376)

**Description:** *This resolution is the result of blending by the policy committee as of January 21st, 2021.*

**Whereas**, the number of deaths associated with COVID-19 and neglect at long term care facilities account for a strong majority of deaths, ranking Canada as one of the world's leaders in long term care COVID-19 fatalities;

**Whereas** long term care homes serve the most vulnerable, primarily women; and are understaffed by underpaid, part-time support workers, often working in unsafe conditions, the majority of whom are also women;

**Whereas** the Canadian Armed Forces, called upon to provide adequate care during "Operation LASER", released a report describing horrific conditions, lack of pandemic preparedness, and serious shortcomings in facilities, with inconsistent treatment standards;

**Whereas**, while long term care is primarily a provincial responsibility, we must work together to ensure that care across Canada provides consistent, person-centered, high-quality care that vulnerable Canadians deserve to live with dignity, regardless of income or where they live;

**Be it resolved that** the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to work with Provincial/Territorial governments and stakeholders to establish and implement enforceable national standards for all long-term care facilities;

**Be it further resolved that** the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to work with Provincial/Territorial governments and stakeholders to ensure national standards include:

- Person-centred care standards, including accommodation, staffing levels, qualifications, and compensation;
- Standards in licensing and maintenance of LTC facilities;
- Transparency and public accountability through random inspections and annual public reporting.

**Be it further resolved that** new federal legislation be introduced to protect long term care as an insured service, adequately funded, such funding conditional on transparency, adherence to national standards and public accountability through random inspections and annual reporting.

LPC(British Columbia)

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## **Affordable Rental Housing for Vulnerable Seniors (#3045)**

**Whereas** hundreds of thousands of Canadian seniors are without a place to call home;

**Whereas** vulnerable Canadian Seniors are often forced to choose among housing, food or medicine;

**Whereas** the basic human right to an adequate home is not available to many seniors because of cost;

**Whereas** vulnerable low-income seniors require financial support to ensure adequate housing;

**Whereas** most seniors prefer to continue to live independently in order to age in place;

**Whereas** socially integrated communities develop better social welfare outcomes which, in turn can reduce the strain on the Canadian health and welfare systems;

**Whereas** community non-profits have the experience and human resources to find, manage and increase affordable rental housing stock to meet the needs of vulnerable seniors;

**Whereas** financial support and funding from the federal government is critical to ensuring affordable rental housing for vulnerable seniors;

**Be It Resolved** that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to include in the National Housing Strategy specific provisions for vulnerable seniors, including designated funding for non-profit community organizations to facilitate an increase in affordable rental stock to accommodate the housing needs of vulnerable Canadian seniors, and support for local municipalities to do so.

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## **Stronger Provisions to Protect Employee Pensions in Company Bankruptcies (#3051)**

**Whereas** people who give years of contribution to their company pension, on which they are reliant for their retirement, should be assured that their promised pensions are safe;

**Whereas** the current law allows executives to walk away with huge bonuses, creditors to recoup their investments, while pensioners only get what's left;

**Whereas** pensions are deferred wages committed by employees to their pensions, and to which companies have an obligation, and therefore should be protected by our government over executives' and shareholder profits;

**Whereas** over the past 10 years many Canadian companies have gone bankrupt and have left their pensioners with significantly reduced pensions;

**Be It Resolved** that the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to create a Company Pension Insurance Plan funded by employers insuring 100% of their pension liability;

**Be It Further Resolved** that insolvency legislation be amended (specifically the CCAA and BIA) to extend super-priority to any unfunded pension liability, placing pensioners ahead of creditors to be paid if a company goes bankrupt;

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Government of Canada enforce a requirement for companies to continually maintain their pension liabilities fully funded. In situations where the liability becomes underfunded due to sudden or severe downward economic conditions, a one or two year grace period to allow for the re-establishment of a fully funded pension could be allowed if deemed reasonable by the Government.

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