

MEMBERSHIP APPROVED POLICY

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- The 3rd General Meeting (Montreal, Quebec, 1990)
- The 2nd General Meeting (White Rock, BC, 1988)

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AGRICULTURE

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.

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

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.

G06-p34: 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.

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- 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-p56: 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.

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

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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, nongenetically 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

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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.

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.

1988 – Agriculture

The Canadian Greens would:

- Call upon all levels of government to institute programs for sorting and recycling of organic wastes.
- Establish a federal agricultural land reserve program.
- Encourage direct marketing and local economic development.
- Promote self-sufficiency in food production.
- Ensure that food prices reflect the true environmental costs of production.
- Phase out nitrogen fertilizers from petro-chemicals.
- Adopt a set of national organic farming standards similar to those set out by the already organized organic growers associations.
- Offer tax incentives to farmers for conversion to organic agricultural methods as defined in the national standards.
- Include horticulture in children's education.
- Offer strong support for small family and cooperatively managed farms, possibly through tax incentives.
- Promote crop rotation and soil conservation in order to maintain the quality of the land.

1988 – Food Irradiation, Pesticides, and Food Production

The Canadian Greens call on the government to:

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- phase out, without delay, the production, use, and export of toxic herbicides and pesticides, and the use of antibiotics and hormones in meat, fish, and other food production.
- offer farmers tax incentives to go organic.

Call on all Green Party candidates to:

- have statements “Safe air, water and food” in what we stand for and work towards for all of us and our children.
- Support labeling and the use of a seal of environmental approval (for environmentally safe products) such as the ones currently used in California and Germany. This logo should be easy to recognize, be positive, and in use across the country.
- Are unalterably opposed to irradiated food because it is hazardous to consume and dangerous to produce.
- Are opposed to the distribution of radioactive isotopes for the purposes of food irradiation.
- Seek to prevent the creation of an infrastructure for the irradiation industry.
- Believe that food irradiation presents citizens and consumers with greater health and safety risks than it offers in real benefits.
- Insist upon accurate labeling of any and all irradiated foods and food ingredients which are distributed despite our best efforts to prevent the irradiation of food.
- Seek to establish sound public policies which prohibit food irradiation.
- Encourage public citizen participation at all levels of government and industry.
- Do not acknowledge or agree that the health of people should be compromised for the sake of nuclear technologies and profit motivation.
- Support and encourage sustainable, ecologically balanced methods of food production, harvest, and distribution.
- Believe life is too precious, and the Earth too beautiful to be assaulted by the technology of food irradiation.
- Depend ultimately upon the active participation of public citizens and like-minded organizations to insure the success of this movement.

ANIMAL WELFARE

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;

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- 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.

G08-p005: Animal Welfare

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

1. makes the acts of cruelty to animals an offence under the criminal code and not a property offence;
2. clearly defines in this legislation an animal as "A vertebrate other than a human being;"

3. 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;
4. makes it an offence to kill any animal without a lawful reason;
5. 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
6. bans the importation of animals for zoos except where the importation will assist the overall conservation of that species.

G06-p08: Bill C-50 (Cruelty to Animals)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada work to ensure all revisions proposed by the 2005 Bill C-50 be passed.

1996 – Ethical Treatment of Animals

Resolved that a Green Party government increase funding for conservation officers to stop illegal sport hunting and poaching;

Further resolved that a Green Party government eliminate of non-food trophy hunting;

Further resolved that a Green Party government ban on leg-hold traps, as suggested by the European Parliament and the Cree, the largest group of native trappers;

Further resolved that a Green Party government legislate standards for the care of farm animals that would phase in free-range organic production techniques;

Further resolved that a Green Party government eliminate growth stimulants and antibiotics in the production of meat and other animal food products require immediate labelling during phaseout period, and education of the public as to available alternative food sources;

Further resolved that a Green Party government legislate an end to cosmetic and household products testing and phase out psychological and medical research which uses animals;

Further resolved that a Green Party government ban the importation of products produced in a fashion which would not comply with Canadian animal treatment legislation;

Further resolved that a Green Party government ban importation of animals for zoos except where this is related to projects to save threatened species;

Further resolved that a Green Party government legislate an end to entertainment that uses animals (i.e. dog racing, rodeos, bullfighting, etc.).

1988 – Animal Rights

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The Canadian Greens affirms that human beings, as part of the natural world, must live in harmony with it. Human health and survival utterly depend on the health and survival of the planet which in turn depends on the sheer diversity of the other species sharing the planet with us; therefore, the health of humankind is equally dependent on the health and survival of other animals.

Therefore all species have their intrinsic right to exist. Their existence need not be justified by their usefulness to humankind. All animals, whether wild or domesticated, have the right to fair and ethical treatment by human beings.

KILLING OF ANIMALS

The Canadian Greens acknowledge the right to kill animals to provide essentials. Consideration must be given to the needs of aboriginal peoples to determine their practices on their lands.

ANIMAL PROTECTION

The Canadian Greens would:

- Put in place new comprehensive legislation, with much stiffer penalties, to prevent cruelty to animals.
- Increased funding for the animal protection functions of provincial humane societies.
- Increased funding for pounds and humane societies for spay/neuter clinics, extended holding days for impounded animals, and innovative pet placement programs.
- Put an end to pound seizure.

ANIMALS IN AGRICULTURE

The Canadian Greens would:

- Establish and enforce standards for the care of farm animals and animals in fur ranches.
- Phase out battery farming through stringent measures to favour free-range husbandry.
- Ban the sale and production of milk-fed veal and any other agricultural practices requiring continuous close confinement.
- Encourage a reduction in meat consumption with an educational campaign.
- Ban the import and export of live animals over long distances.
- Ban the use of growth stimulants for meat animals and the routine use of antibiotics in animal feeds.

ANIMALS IN RESEARCH

The Canadian Greens would:

- Ban the use of animals for the testing of cosmetics and household products, for psychological research, and other non-medical research.
- Set up independent, community-based committees to review all research projects involving animals.

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- Fund research into alternatives to animal testing for medical and psychological research with the aim to eventually phase it out.
- Prohibit the killing of animals for educational dissection.

WILD ANIMALS

The Canadian Greens Would:

- Ban hunting, trapping, and fishing in all provincial parks, conservation areas, and Crown game preserves.
- Substantially increase the number of conservation officers.
- Establish more stringent requirements to obtain a hunting license.
- Increase the penalties for poaching.
- Ban the leg-hold trap and other slow-kill trapping methods.
- Require the permission of the owner for trapping on public parkways which pass through private land.
- Eliminate predator bounties.
- Support federal funding to establish appropriate economic alternatives to commercial fur trapping for aboriginal peoples.

ANIMALS AS ENTERTAINMENT

The Canadian Greens would:

- Require that animals imported for zoos must have been born in captivity or be projects to save a nearly extinct species.
- Set up strict standards for the treatment of animals used for entertainment in horse racing, zoos, circuses, etc.
- Not allow new forms of entertainment using animals; i.e. dog racing, rodeos, bull fighting, etc.

ARTS and CULTURE

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:

1. 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;
2. greater support and adequate resources for arts grants programs;
3. increased funding incentives for artists and art events to tour in rural regions; and
4. protection for indigenous intellectual and artistic property rights.

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.

1996 - The Arts

Resolved that a Green Party government maintain and increase arts funding especially for smaller, community-based, participatory arts and recreational activities;

Further resolved that a Green Party government eliminate GST on books, magazines and newspapers;

Further resolved that CBC TV become commercial-free;

Further resolved that CBC TV produce programmes that are educational, thought-provoking, useful and unavailable elsewhere.

1988 - Green Community Networks

Canadian Greens encourage Greens in their various localities to begin to establish institutions and projects such as: Community farms; alternative schools; alternative economic structures; Green credit unions; community meeting places; a camps network; a home hostel network; Green stores (stocking Green products); Green counseling, referral, and education service centres; a Green youth movement, Green children's toys (water testing kits); Green science fairs and offering prizes for existing science fairs and literary contests; Green political drama groups; Green cultural development network; Green book distribution; Green publishing house (books, music, records, films); Green magazine(s); international gathering place; information distribution centres; a Green tourist multi-language phrase book; and union environmental committees.

The names of those interested in working to establish such Green societal structures now will be mutually distributed and the discussion of ways and means and strategies will begin using the multilogue system. The Canadian Greens move for national recognition of and status for the above network committee, and invite additional participants and project/institution ideas.

CITIZENSHIP and IMMIGRATION

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.

1998 – Maki Family

The Green Party of Canada calls on the Government of Canada to allow the Maki Family to remain in Canada on humanitarian and compassionate grounds, or failing that, as political refugees; and requests full disclosure of all United States government FBI files maintained on the Maki Family so that a fair hearing can occur before the Canadian Immigration and Refugee Board.

DEFENCE

G06-p64: 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, eco system protection, disaster relief, and strengthening of the UN.

G06-p43: 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.

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.

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- 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.

1996 - Military Conversion

Resolved that the Green Party of Canada work for:

- dramatic reduction of the military budget;
- halting low-level flight training in Labrador;
- withdrawal from the global arms race;
- elimination of nuclear weapons and land mines;
- closure of Canadian waters and ports to nuclear-powered and/or -capable war ships;
- ending nuclear submarine testing at Nanoose Bay.
- Commitment of Canadian armed forces to work nationally and internationally to assist in relieving natural and environmental disasters.

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.

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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.

DEMOCRACY and GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

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.

G08-p089: Proportional Representation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that: The policy item from the 1996 Green Party of Canada convention titled "Participatory Democracy" and the policy item from the 1998 GPC convention titled "1997 Campaign Highlights: Elections Canada" except for the last line, are hereby repealed, and the last line of "Elections Canada" is amended by the insertion of the word "public" before "funds" to read "A Green Party Government would undertake to eliminate the use of public funds by incumbent and government parties during the pre-writ period."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Green Party of Canada advocates the use of a system of proportional representation for elections to the House of Commons, so that there shall be an approximate equivalence between the proportion of votes which a political party receives from the electorate, and the proportion of the total number of seats in the House of Commons which it receives as a result of the vote.
2. The GPC does not believe that exact proportionality is the sole desirable feature of an electoral system, but it does believe that broad proportionality is an essential feature of a democratic electoral system.
3. The GPC believes that the voters of Canada should choose their electoral system rather than members of Parliament or political parties.
4. The GPC advocates the establishment of a Citizens' Assembly for Canada following the general pattern of those used in British Columbia and Ontario but with adequate time and resources for the process of the Assembly and for publication of the results and discussion, aimed at setting before the voters for their choice in a referendum two or three alternative electoral systems at least two of which shall be broadly proportional, plus the existing system.
5. The referendum shall be conducted by the version of the single transferable vote to fill one place commonly known also as the "alternative vote" or "instant run-off" and no

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unusually stringent criterion shall be set, but the system shall be chosen which just exceeds the number of votes of the last remaining alternative.

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.

G06-p47: Ballot Counting Supervision by Candidates

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada advocate that the Canada Elections Act part 283(1) be strengthened to assure the right of candidates or their representatives to see each individual physical ballot in such a way as to be able to verify in a simple, easily understood and reliable manner that the ballots are counted correctly, and that such henceforth be the policy of the Green Party of Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the GPC ensures that Elections Canada provides persons with disabilities access to such non-computerized ballots for a federal election.

G06-p69: Lobbyists

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

- 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) that the Registrar for Lobbyists 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.

G06-p48: Online Ballot Counting Updates

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada advocate that Elections Canada be instructed to provide poll-by-poll ballot counts on its website at the same time as, or before, the vote totals are disseminated, and that such henceforth be the policy of the Green Party of Canada.

G02-d4 - Electoral Reform

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

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1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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).

2000 - Electoral Reform, Eligibility to make Political Contributions

MOTION: That the law of Canada shall declare that:

G00-p11.2 - Only natural persons may contribute directly or indirectly to Canadian political parties, constituency association, candidates and to Canadian election campaign activities. Any such natural persons must be Canadian citizens or residents, not corporate or other aggregate entities.

G00-p11.3 - Individual contributions shall be limited to a total of \$2000 per calendar year plus \$2000 per election period to all parties, constituency associations, and candidates, and to the political activities of all organizations which are not political parties, combined, throughout Canada.

G00-p11.4 - Tax credits for political contributions shall be made refundable, whether or not the contributor has a taxable income, and otherwise the tax credit system shall be maintained substantially as it exists at present

G00-p11.5 - Election subsidies payable to candidates and parties shall be calculated on an amount per (first choice) vote obtained, and there shall be no minimum number of votes required to qualify for subsidy

G00-p11.6 - Legislation on the financing of political parties shall be designed on the assumption that is desirable to facilitate the establishment and growth of new parties in order to encourage the development of new ideas and policies and to promote a healthy competition among parties

G00-p11.7 - Constituency Associations and Registered Parties shall be required to register with Elections Canada to update their information on file to file annual audited reports organized on an accrual basis, cumulating surpluses and deficits from year to year.

G00-p11.8 - Constituency Associations and Registered Parties shall be authorized to issue official receipts for contributions for tax purposes. Elections Canada shall pay audit subsidies annually for each campaign period for each party up to two thousand. Audit subsidies will be paid directly to the auditor.

1998 – Democratic Reform

A Green Party government would undertake:

- to reform our current electoral system along the principles of proportional representation where a party receives a number of seats equal to their share of the vote.
- To promote proportional representation for its positive effect in electing more women and minorities to parliaments around the world.
- To recommend a Promotional Representative system similar to that used in Germany and New Zealand, where political parties hold seats after passing a 5%-threshold of the popular vote
- to encourage the use of the mixed-member-proportional system where Canadians would vote twice: once for their local representative (as they do now) and once for the party of their choice (which would determine how many seats a party can have). Such a system would ensure Canadians have both personal and political representation.
- To phase out limits to democratic participation such as \$1000 deposits required for federal candidates.
- To impose strict limits upon election campaign spending, and particularly limit amounts raised from vested economic interests such as corporations and unions, and eliminate refund of 22.5%
- to ensure equal access by all registered political parties to publicly regulated media during elections.
- To eliminate the use of funds by incumbent and government parties during the pre-election writ period.

1996 - Proportional Representation

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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.

1996 – Electoral Reform

Resolved that a Green Party government replace paid political advertising and political donations with equal access to the media and funding for all parties.

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 with 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.

1990 – Grassroots Ecological Society

That Greens want to create an ecologically sound society with decision-making base at the grassroots, including all citizens.

1990 - Reaffirmation of Decentralization and Self-determination

The Green Party of Canada supports decentralization, self-determination, and full regional economic autonomy

EDUCATION

G06-p24: 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-p26: 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-p25: 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-p22: 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.

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

G06-p51: 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.

1988 - Education

A- Therefore the Canadian Greens suggest that the prevailing educational paradigm based on the mechanistic industrial values be changed to an educational paradigm based on humanitarian sustainable values.

B- Furthermore, if the Canadian Greens are to be change agents, the Canadian Greens must practice and publicize these paradigmatic approaches;

C- Therefore the Canadian Greens suggest that Green publications, courses, and educational programs be set up wherever Green Movement and/or Green Party organizations exist. The "Green Teacher" is an example of this kind of project.

1988 - Child Care

The Canadian Greens will support the principle of universal access to flexible, public funded, non-profit child care.

ENERGY

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-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.

G08-136: 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:

1. develop and maintain the Transition Plan;
2. carry out or support research in support of energy transition;
3. 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;
4. make targeted investments in critical national infrastructure, through direct Federal initiatives or joint programs with the Provinces;
5. consult with the Provinces on the creation of Provincial transition plans;
6. consult with industrial sectors on sector transition plans; and
7. consult with and promote the need for transition to the general public.

G08-p126: Strategic Petroleum Reserve

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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.

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.

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.

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-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:

1. 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.
2. Is modeled on the energy self-sufficiency of Energy Plus structures which produce more energy than they consume.
3. Is performance-based rather than prescriptive to open the way to innovation and unlock barriers to green design.
4. 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.
5. 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.

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

G08-p112: Immediate Improvements in New Housing Construction

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 homes be built to meet R-2000 standards until an improved national building code is established which would eliminate the need for fossil fuels entirely in new construction.

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-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.

G08-p009: Biofuels

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada makes clear its opposition to producing and/or requiring the use of biofuels, including a 10% ethanol and 10% biodiesel standard by 2010, as long as the source of biofuels is from food crop sources; that the statement "establish a 10% ethanol and 10% biodiesel standard by 2010 (as Liberals), phasing this up to 100% cellulosic ethanol and biodiesel by 2040" be removed from Vision Green; that a Green government will provide research and development funds to develop biofuels from domestic cellulosic and waste sources only as long as these are not needed to sustain soils; and that the Green Party will support biofuel and biodiesel standards when Canadian supplies of biofuel and biodiesel from cellulosic and non-food sources are available.

G06-p21: 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

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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.

G06-p13: Assessment of Nuclear Plants

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada opposes Cameco's uranium conversion plants in Port Hope and any new power generating plants proposed to be built in Canada and demands an independent full panel review environmental assessment for any proposed plants.

G06-p11: Enhanced Nuclear Policy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the party calls for:

1. 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.
2. 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).
3. 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.
4. The acknowledgement of the irreversible environmental, social, health, and economic consequences of the production, distribution and use of nuclear arms of all forms.
5. 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.
6. The endorsement of the treaty proposed for the abolition of nuclear weapons.
7. The institution of a global ban on the mining and export of uranium.
8. The discontinuation of the circulation and berthing of nuclear powered and/or armed vessels in Canadian waters.

G00-p18 - Resolution on Windpower

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.

1998 – Natural Resources

A Green Party government would undertake:

- to eliminate subsidies for nuclear and fossil fuels and to raise taxes on them to reflect environmental costs.
- To accelerate investment in sustainable energy infrastructure.

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- To redirect research and development spending to focus on environmentally sound energy technologies.
- To change the focus of international energy assistance away from mega projects towards appropriately sized community planned and driven projects.
- To immediately revise tax treatment of renewable energy and energy efficiency investments to make them at least as attractive to investors as investments in conventional energy sources (such as oil and gas) including changes to flow-through share eligibility to include development costs and elimination of the Specified Energy Property rules.
- To provide incentives to renewable energy producers and investors with a production credit of \$0.05 per kilowatt hour.
- To implement an Energy Research & Development Act to divert in excess of \$1 billion in annual federal research and development spending to fund sustainable energy research and development.
- To allocate a significant portion of energy research and development spending to support field trials and commercialization of renewable energy technologies to improve their reliability, efficiency and competitiveness in Canadian and international markets and thereby accelerate their adoption by clients.
- To ensure that water is not declared to be an "economic good".
- to prevent any privatization of community water systems.

1996 - Nuclear Phase-Out

A- Resolved that a Green Party government cease involvement in the CANDU owners group and end all subsidies to AECL;

B- Further resolved that a Green Party government cease to sell CANDU reactors internationally;

C- Further resolved that a Green Party government halt current plans to bury nuclear waste in the Canadian shield.

ENVIRONMENT

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.

G08-p141: Moratorium on Airport Expansions

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a two year moratorium on expansion of airports is necessary.

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.

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-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:

1. 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.
2. 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.

3. Protection of the carbon sequestered in existing forests and encouragement for sequestration in agricultural soils by implementing rewards for improved forestry and agricultural practices.

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-p095: Genetic Conservation and Biodiversity

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that

- 1.1 The Green Party of Canada advocates that the Government of Canada should lead the countries of the world in organizing and financing
- 1.2 a array of protected areas on land, and marine reserves, especially in poor countries, able to effectively conserve the diversity of wild nature, and
- 1.3 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

G08-p080: Energy and Climate Change

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will emphasize to the public that we are faced with two major world energy related problems: climate change and a declining supply of economically accessible fossil fuels, as well as serious air pollution, and that

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appropriate solutions for dealing with all of them simultaneously are energy conservation and the efficient use of energy plus renewable energy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will make it clear to the public that reducing our consumption of fossil fuels saves everyone money now and is likely to save much more in the future as well as preserving our livelihoods, comfort and safety.

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

1. applies to all consumer products including cleaning products and other domestic-use chemical mixtures and cosmetics sold in Canada;
2. harmonizes ingredient nomenclature with EU and US ingredient labeling provisions; and
3. 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.

G06-p41: 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.

G06-p14: 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:

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

G06-p53: 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-p50: 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.

G06-p57: 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.

G06-p17: 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.

G06-p06: Reducing Car Ownership Through Shared Access

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GPC will press the federal government to:

- officially recognize the key role of car-ownership in car-dependency, sprawl, and climate change, and develop programs to get Canadians to shift to various shared-access alternatives.
- work with the four basic shared-car-access industries (taxis, car-rental, ridesharing, and carsharing) to help them grow and to work seamlessly together to allow Canadians to see them collectively as an alternative to ownership

G06-p15: Banning Cosmetic Pesticides

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

The policies found here include those of historical interest as the Green Party has a "living policy" approach. For older policy positions, please contact the GPC central office for clarification regarding their current status.

G06-p67: Sustainability Within a Generation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada update its policy document to include the policies in the Suzuki report where they do not already exist and/or do not contradict existing policy.

G06-p55: Ecological Footprint Analyses

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Green Party of Canada

1. Advocate that Canada adopt the use of Ecological Footprint analyses as a key indicator of the performance of Canadian society;
2. 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;
3. 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;
4. Develop and support public policies that reflect such choices;
5. 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.

G02-p7 - Resolution on Waste Importation

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

G02-p10 - Environmental Regulations

BE IT RESOLVED THAT no industry or individual can be exempted from any federal, provincial or municipal regulation or standard concerning environmental law.

G00-p6 - 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.

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.

2000 - Bulk Water Sales

The policies found here include those of historical interest as the Green Party has a "living policy" approach. For older policy positions, please contact the GPC central office for clarification regarding their current status.

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.

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.

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- 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.

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

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- 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.

1996 - Forests

A- BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Green Party government implement legislation to maintain healthy forest ecosystems, promotes sustainable forestry alternatives and local community control;

B- Further resolved that a Green Party government ban clear-cutting;

C- Further resolved that a Green Party government conserve remaining old growth;

D- Further resolved that a Green Party government reform tenure and stumpage fees to encourage selection logging;

E- Further resolved that a Green Party government mandate value-added manufacturing;

F- Further resolved that a Green Party government ban the export of raw logs;

G- Further resolved that a Green Party government decriminalize hemp and promote kenaf, etc., as alternative sources of paper fibre.

1996 - Biodiversity and Wilderness

A- Resolved that the Green Party of Canada continue to work for legislation that will set aside core reserves, corridors, and buffer zones free from permanent human habitation and resource exploitation, and which contain no roads, railways or commercial helicopters;

B- Resolved that such areas accommodate viable, self-reproducing, genetically diverse native plant and animal species, including large predators.

1996 - Endangered Species Act

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A- Resolved that the Green Party of Canada continue to work for legislation that will protect all endangered species, provide mandatory protection for any critical habitat, prohibit killing or harming of endangered species across Canada, require advance review of projects that affect endangered species or their habitats, and provide a national safety net to ensure that species do not become extinct as a result of provincial inaction.

1996 - Ozone Depletion

Resolved that a Green Party government ban emissions, transportation and manufacture of methyl bromide, halons, chlorofluorocarbons, hydrochlorofluorocarbons, carbon tetrachloride and other compounds capable of bearing chlorine to the stratosphere.

1996 – Global Climate Change

Resolved that Green Party government enact legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% over the next 25 years through conservation and development of renewable energy sources.

1996 – Life-Cycle Product Stewardship

Resolved that a Green Party government enact product-stewardship legislation that would require producers to assume the full recycling and composting costs of their products in an ecologically sound manner.

1992 – National Parks

Resolved that the federal government should have the power to expropriate provincial Crown lands to create new National Parks in ecologically significant areas; and

Resolved that these new Parks should have no commercial activities within them; and

Resolved that existing National Parks should be expanded where possible onto adjacent public lands when necessary to provide a sufficient land base to ensure the stability of animal populations; and

Resolved that equestrian recreational activities should be curtailed in National Parks, and that equestrian tour operators be required to pay for the significant damage to public trails caused by their horses; and in addition

Whereas helicopter recreational activities are polluting and a menace to the survival of large mammals such as caribou (not to mention obnoxious, elitist and unnecessary), the Green Party of Canada/Parti Vert du Canada resolved that helicopter recreational activities should be permanently banned from National Parks.

1990 - Global Warming/Greenhouse Gases

Resolved that the Canadian Greens support these goals:

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- The elimination of production and use of ozone depleting chemicals;
- The reduction of CO2 emissions in excess of the 1988 International Toronto Protocol target of 20% reduction by 2005;
- To generally reduce the consumption of energy, and especially to reduce the use of nonrenewable fuels;
- Education programs designed to make individuals aware [of] how their consumption patterns can help the abatement of greenhouse damage;
- Renewable, ecologically sound forms of energy;
- Protection of forests, especially old-growth forests, and the promotion of ecological reforestation;
- Regular emission inspections of automobiles to promote cleaner engines, and a combined carbon/mileage tax to discourage the use of heavily polluting engines;
- In acknowledgment of the environmental dangers created by gasoline, existing gasoline taxes should be directed solely at combating the problems caused by using gasoline;
- Promote the use of trains, mass transit, bicycles, and walking;
- Support of financial incentives designed to promote energy-efficiency and conservation, and of financial disincentives (i.e. taxes) for waste;
- A surtax on excess personal vehicles that use nonrenewable fuels (in excess of 1 per household) in urban and surrounding areas;
- New energy efficiency and conservation standards for industry, business, and construction;
- As cities are developed, they should be designed so that cars are not required for daily living. Cities should: be more compact, have mixed land use within sectors, incorporate significant green spaces, and provide a sufficient average density necessary to provide a high level of public transit service. As much as possible, existing natural ecosystems should be preserved.
- All publicly funded building projects, including housing, should be subject to life-cycle energy and pollution cost analysis.

1990 – Automobile Emissions Standards

Resolved that the Green Party supports Canada adopting new emission standards for automobiles to equal or surpass those now existing in California.

1990 - Clear Cutting

A- Clear cutting is to be opposed on all sites, except small patches which would allow natural regeneration.

B- Selective cutting is to be allowed only without weakening the forest ecological system.

1990 – Organochlorines Production

The pulp and paper industry must be put under tight control, ending kraft mills producing organochlorines (such as dioxins and furans).

1990 - Green Forest Field Guide

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We propose the production of a "Green Forest Field Guide" for members active on forest issues as a critique and interpretive guide to pulp and lumber companies public relations statements.

1990 - Green Forestry Network

We propose the setting up of a national Green Forestry Network, so information and activity can be combined and coordinated across Canada and with other Greens worldwide.

1990 - Wildlife Areas

We stand for the protection of large areas of unlogged "Wildlife Areas" large enough that all species can be maintained in a vital state. These areas are to be connected by Wildlife corridors. Remaining old growth forest areas are to be preserved as part of unlogged areas.

1990 - Access to Environmental Information

BE IT RESOLVED THAT anyone considering environmental problems can get the information they need to develop their ideas and projects.

1990 - Antarctica World Park

Resolved that Canada join France and Australia in declaring Antarctica a World Park to protect its fragile ecosystem. Of utmost importance is to establish a total ban on mining. The Green Party supports Antarctica being designated as a World Commons under United Nations auspices.

1988 - Sustainability

The Canadian Greens propose the following definition:

Activities are sustainable when they:

- Use materials in continuing cycles.
- Use continuously reliable sources of energy.
- Come mainly from the potentials of being human, i.e., communication, creativity, coordination, appreciation, and spiritual and intellectual development.

Activities are non-sustainable when they:

- Require continual input of non-renewable resources.
- Use renewable resources faster than their rate of renewal.
- Cause cumulative degradation of the environment.
- Require resources in quantities that undermine other people's well-being.
- Lead to the extinction of other life forms.

In this context, the Canadian Greens propose that non-sustainable activities be taxed and that the money collected be directed towards support for sustainable activities.

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FINANCE and ECONOMY

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.

G08-p28: 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.

G08-p116: Removal of Perverse Subsidy for New Construction from Green Party Policy

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada remove the refundable tax credit for R-2000 homes as stated in our policy.

G08-p120: Standards for Retrofits

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada will:

1. 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;
2. Develop timelines and targets for raising existing building stock to the new standard; and
3. Promote the adoption of this high efficiency standard by providing revolving federal loans for retrofits to homeowners.

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.

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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.

G08-p108: Promoting Marine Ecotourism

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

G08-p098: Pension Protection

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, in order to protect the pension benefits which workers have earned,

1. 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
2. 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.

G08-p096: Cooperatives

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that

1. The Green Party of Canada advocates a greater role for consumer and producer cooperatives in Canada's economy and society;
2. 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 such as the highly successful Mondragon and Valencia cooperative federations of Spain.

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

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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-p05: Sustainable Urban Development

BE IT RESOLVED THAT global trade regimes, credits and banking reserve rules be reformed to advance incentives to implement polices 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.

G06-p54: 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:

- o improving on-farm environmental performance;
- o ensuring the highest levels of food security and safety;
- o shifting to organic methods of production;
- o contributing to clean, locally-produced energy for farming and other uses;

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o ways whereby local production can be more readily matched with local consumption;
 o ways whereby government and industry should collaborate to achieve the foregoing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada not penalize third world farmers 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-p59: NRTEE municipal funding criteria

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

G06-p63: 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 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.

G06-p29: 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).

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.

1998 – Purpose of Economic Activity

Therefore the Canadian Greens promote the concept that the fundamental purpose of economic activity is to create and produce only those goods and services that are necessary and useful in the pursuit of self-fulfillment collectively as well as individually, and for the preservation and nurturing of a natural life and process for its own sake.

1998 - Finance - Monetary Policy

The policies found here include those of historical interest as the Green Party has a "living policy" approach. For older policy positions, please contact the GPC central office for clarification regarding their current status.

A Green Party government would undertake:

- to reduce the current 10.6 billion military budget by 50%, and transfer a significant proportion of the savings into restoring transfer payments to the provinces.
- To institute a Community Economic Development (CED) that promotes local sourcing, revolving community loans, development of bioregional social and material needs inventories, and matching of those needs with local suppliers. A study of the feasibility of developing local alternative currencies would be encouraged.
- To support the LETS or similar community based programs.
- To enact legislation that would ensure that corporate owners and officers be held legally liable, in criminal and civil court, for any environmental and social harm they cause.
- To eliminate subsidies to nuclear power and to fossil fuels and/or chemical-dependent sectors and to embark on time-bound phasing out of the use of civil nuclear power and fossil fuels.
- To replace the Gross National Product with the Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI). The GNP excludes social and environmental costs in its accounting, thus facilitating the illusion that community breakdown, crime, the loss of farmland and biodiversity, and unemployment have no economic significance.
- To institute an average four-day/32-hour work week which would mean that existing jobs could be shared with those now unemployed.
- To enact product stewardship legislation that would require producers to increase the life span of their products and to assume the full recycling and disposal costs.
- To enforce the "Polluter Pay Principle", and to raise corporate taxes to OECD levels.
- To cease involvement in the CANDU owners group, to end all subsidies to AECL and to cease to sell CANDU reactors internationally.
- To prevent the transfer of plutonium from dismantled nuclear weapons in Russia and the USA to be used in CANDU reactors.
- To prevent the transfer to other states of substances or activities that are harmful to human health or the environment.
- To dismiss the use of "Prior Informed Consent" to justify the transfer of harmful substances; "the right to be harmed" is not a legitimate right.
- To revise the tax treatment of renewable energy and energy efficiency investments immediately to make them more attractive to investors than investments in conventional energy sources such as oil and gas.
- To spend 50% of energy research and development on renewable energy technologies by the year 2000.
- To discontinue all spending on nuclear energy research, including the subsidy to Atomic Energy of Canada.
- To focus programs related to fossil fuel energy supply, production and consumption on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful environmental impacts.
- To stop all foreign energy assistance related to energy mega-projects by the year 2000.
- To discontinue all foreign energy assistance related to nuclear and fossil fuel projects by the year 2000.
- To make energy efficiency and renewable energy supply from appropriately sized community planned and driven projects a key focus of overseas development assistance.

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- To advocate the creation of a jointly administered federal/provincial Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) which would replace all current income support programs. A GIS would provide a subsistence income to those who are unable to work and top up the incomes of the underemployed and unemployed by 50% of the gap toward a target income at, or slightly above the, poverty line.
- To prevent the situation where states that wish to raise their standards and regulations are prevented from doing so through GATT , or Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI), or through threats from the corporate sector to relocate elsewhere by establishing Mandatory International Normative Standards/regulations (MINS) drawn from international principles and from the highest and strongest regulations from member states harmonized continually upwards.

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.

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.

1990 - Economic Production

The policies found here include those of historical interest as the Green Party has a "living policy" approach. For older policy positions, please contact the GPC central office for clarification regarding their current status.

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

1988 - Green Economics

Resolved that the Canadian Greens work to shift control of the economy towards economic activity managed by accountable communities, bioregions and worker cooperatives.

Resolved that the Canadian Greens promote legislation which will empower communities and regions to regulate economic activity through taxation, prohibition, etc.

The Canadian Greens will also work toward these goals through diverse strategies and activities depending on local conditions; for example:

- Promoting the development of self-sufficiency for bioregions.
- Promoting community resistance to the destruction of its economic bioregion.
- Supporting legislation that promotes sustainable economic activity and legislation that restricts non-sustainable activity.
- Promoting the development of community exchange system such as LETS (Local Exchange Trading System) and barter.
- Promoting the development of local and/or regional legal tender.
- Promoting local economic activity based on voluntary reciprocity.
- Educating and raising consciousness about sustainable consumer and producer practices.
- Supporting environmentally benign products and producers.

1988 - Free Trade

A- Therefore the Canadian Greens cannot support any trade program which does not deal directly with the issues of sustainable development.

B- The Canadian Greens favour a fair trade policy for Canada.

C- The Canadian Greens trade policy should insure local and bioregional self-reliance principles with support for smaller and developing countries.

D- The Canadian Greens trade policy will hold foremost a principle of resources conservation which will not sacrifice long-term sustainability to short-term economic gains and will strive to achieve a more equitable distribution of wealth and power among peoples and regions.

HEALTH

G08-p015: Preventable Injuries

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.

G08-p38: 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.

G08-p021: Tobacco

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada support increasing taxes on tobacco products.

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.

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.

G06-p40: 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.

G06-p16: 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:

1. 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.
2. the implementation of government procurement contracts requiring vendors to provide carcinogen-free products.
3. 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.
4. adding significant pollution taxes to all products containing known or suspected carcinogens.
5. meeting, and even exceeding, the chemical stewardship goals of the European Unions REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals) legislation and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM).
6. 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.
7. 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.

G06-p18: 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.

G06-p19: 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-p33: 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.

G02-p14 - 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.

G00-p20 - 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.

2000 - Electromagnetic Radiation (Health & Safety)

That Health Canada create enforceable regulations that would limit human exposure to electromagnetic radiation (e.g. as emitted by cellular phone and antennae), to 100 times less than now permitted in Safety Code six, and promote safer technologies.

1998 - Health

A Green Party government would undertake:

- to build on the strong foundation of the Canada Health Act by providing research funding for healing techniques that complement drugs and surgery, and by including reportedly effective techniques from world medicine and traditional practices.
- To establish channels to align Canada's research excellence more closely with effective techniques from world medicine and traditional practices.
- To ensure an admonitory labeling strategy for all nonnutritive substances and processes affecting food (e.g.. genetic engineering). to address the concern that the health of Canadians is currently under threat from decisions that are made both inside and outside Canada. Governments have cut health care spending and have contemplated privatization or a two-tier system.
- To allocate significant research funding to healing techniques that complement drugs and surgery.
- To initiate an effective program of public education about the health benefits of uncontaminated food, water and air.
- To establish environmental standards to protect health rather than just promote trade.
- To include the health status of the human population and the ecosystem as criteria in any scale or method for assessing prosperity.
- To encourage research that factors in all the determinants of health (the medical equivalent of "full cost accounting).
- to ensure that doctors and hospitals continue to serve their valuable role in our communities while also engaging resources for the health promotion and disease prevention.
- To work cooperatively to address First Nations' health concerns.
- To include health research and health services responsive to women's needs and reflective of the diversity of women's life stages.
- To endorse a program of reproductive health.
- To respect the wishes of patients who are of sound mind as to the manner and duration of their treatments.
- To reorient the priorities of the Health Protection Branch to provide a more stringent and holistic review process for new and existing human-made chemicals, technologies, genetic manipulation and electromagnetic disruption.
- To take a friendlier approach to the views of herbalists and citizens who use time-tested, naturally occurring substances in health care.
- To evaluate policies by considering the well-being of future generations rather than relying only on short term indicators of progress.
- To ensure the availability of less expensive generic prescription drugs.
- To replace the current Canada Food Guide with a New Canada Food Guide based on the recommendations of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (P.C.R.M.) as a

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model. A New Canada Food Guide will recommend the New Four Food Groups which the P.C.R.M. recommends, i.e. (1) fruits, (2) vegetables, (3) grains, and (4) legumes, with other items mentioned as foods that people may choose to eat, but not recommended as ideal or necessary for health.

1996 - Endocrine -Disrupting Chemicals

A- Resolved that a Green Party government end Canadian participation in the federal and international trade of endocrine disrupting chemicals, especially where they are sold to, or produced and used in, third-world countries that lack the resources or technology to properly monitor and control exposure levels;

B- Further resolved that a Green Party government fund research to examine diverse wildlife species at all levels of biological organization in order to better understand and eliminate chemical endocrine disruption at the molecular, cellular, individual, population, and ecosystem levels;

C- Further resolved that a Green Party government introduce labelling legislation that requires manufacturers to release the names of all chemicals used in their products and their potential as develop mental health hazards;

D- Further resolved that a Green Party government require mandatory permanent liability insurance of those producing and developing new synthetic chemical products;

E- Further resolved that a Green Party government require more stringent safety standards for new chemicals to assure product safety beyond a reasonable doubt;

F- Further resolved that a Green Party government educate family physicians and other health practitioners and administrators on the possible occupational and environmental hazards which synthetic chemical agents play in underlying or constituting risk factors for "primary" human diseases;

G- Further resolved that a Green Party government require adequate medical school training for physicians on the often latent affects of pollutants on human development and health;

H- Further resolved that a Green Party government establish a coordinated speakers bureau and on-line systems such as a site on the World Wide Web for endocrine-disruptors.

1996 - Reproductive Technologies

Resolved that a Green Party government ban paid surrogate motherhood and closely regulate the practise to ensure that human compassion for another woman's desire to have children is involved.

1990 - Tobacco Phase Out

Resolved that all taxes collected from the sale of tobacco products be earmarked specifically for health care related to tobacco illnesses, to education programs to prevent tobacco addiction, to allow nicotine dependent persons to break their drug dependency, or to programs that will help tobacco farmers switch to alternative crops.

Indigenous Peoples

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.

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, where ever 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.

1992 – Self-Determination

Resolved that the Greens recognize First Nations' self-chosen governments; and

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Further resolved that the Greens recognize any governmental treaties any First Nation is signatory to as internationally binding agreements; and

Further resolved that any negotiation with aboriginal peoples be through each nation's 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 nation's right to self-determination and the rule of international law respecting treaty process; and

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS and QUEBEC

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:

1. Accountability through clarity of roles and responsibilities,
2. Fiscal responsibility and budget transparency,
3. Predictability and long-term planning in federal-provincial/territorial financial arrangements,
4. Efficiency and productivity within the economic and social union, and
5. Openness and cooperation in the management of the Canadian federation.

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:
 1. Provincial veto over future Constitutional amendments;
 2. Limiting federal spending powers in programs falling under the exclusive jurisdiction of Quebec;
 3. Appointment of judges from Quebec to sit on the Supreme Court of Canada;
 4. Broader immigration powers;
 5. 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.

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- 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.

1990 - Support of le Parti Vert du Québec

We recognize Québec as a distinct society and we support Le Parti Vert du Québec in their pursuit of Green Values and greater autonomy of Québec society.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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 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-p94: Population Decline

BE IT RESOLVED that

1. the Green Party of Canada advocates that the human population of the world and of Canada should be allowed to decline by means of lowered birth rates until a population level not exceeding the earth's human carrying capacity with available resources and technology, is reached, having regard to the need to maintain a thriving community of life in the interests of the human population as well as for its own sake, and as indicated by a cessation of the destruction of wild nature and the beginning of its recovery;
2. the Green Party of Canada advocates as primary means of lowering birth rates;
 - improving the education, and the social and economic power and status of women and girls;
 - improving primary health care, and improving and spreading knowledge of birth control methods and increasing availability of birth control equipment and supplies; and
 - encouraging the development and spread, in countries around the world, of institutions and services providing for support in old age not dependent on the number of one's children;
3. the Green Party of Canada recognizes that the high level of per capita resource consumption in developed countries makes the impact of their populations much more serious; and
4. the Green Party of Canada recognizes that failure to stabilize and reduce human population within a reasonable time will result in the inevitable reduction of human population by means of high death rates as the earth's human carrying capacity is not only exceeded but reduced by the consumption of resources and the destruction of biological capital, resulting in poverty, starvation, disease, great human suffering and possibly social disruption.

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.

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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-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-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.

G08-p079: Restructuring Canada's Role in Afghanistan

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada evolve its role in Afghanistan according to the following principles:

1. That Canada take a diplomacy based approach to restoring peace, stability and alleviating suffering in Afghanistan, through a revised mission mandate emphasizing "peace making in this conflict zone". That Canada develop proficiency in "high risk diplomacy" in this mission and in addition sponsor a larger regional peace process that will include Pakistan, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and representatives of tribal leaders in the

autonomous regions of northern Pakistan, and also include China with the further participation of Russia and India.

2. That Canada immediately reorient the Canadian military and the overall mission towards neutrality and against offensive combat operations in Afghanistan. That the Canadian military force structure in Afghanistan realigned with the new “peacemaking” role with an emphasis on development of the National Afghan army logistic capacity. This ‘peacemaking force’ is not to exceed 100 troops.
3. That Canada shift offensive combat operations to the Afghan national authority but agree to assist with Afghan force and policing training and operational support.
4. That in support of human rights, environmental and economic strengthening, Canada conducts humanitarian aid, governance development and reconstruction projects.
5. That the primary function of Canada’s mission in Afghanistan be diplomacy through the creation of safe spaces for all parties involved, and the facilitation of dialogue with the aim of stopping the violence and beginning the process of reconciliation.
6. That the primary military role be to contribute to diplomatic activity, through initial contact with all parties in conflict, protection of military and civilian diplomatic staff, and protection of safe space activity.
7. That a secondary military role be the protection of all mission components be they defence forces, diplomatic staff, humanitarian aid agencies, governance development and reconstruction activity.

G08-p074: CIDA Reform and 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 in a manner that reaches the goal of 0.7% of GDP by 2016 and further will attempt a target of 1% of GDP by 2020 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.

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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.

G08-p054: Global Overpopulation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Canada address the problem of global overpopulation through a foreign policy committed to environmentally sustainable local economics and the education, health care, political, and economic rights of women as equal participants in society.

G08-p31: 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.

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.

G06-p42: 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

G06-p60: 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.

G06-p03: Canada's Military Involvement in Afghanistan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada call for an end to Canada's current involvement in the NATO-led military campaign in southern Afghanistan, and advocate that Canada instead strictly confine its efforts to peacekeeping, rebuilding infrastructure, and humanitarian work to improve the lives of the people of Afghanistan. The military security aspect would strategically best be undertaken by the United Nations or other appropriate nations and Canadian troops would cease undertaking offensive military operations.

1998 - International Cooperation

A Green party government would call upon the member states of the United Nations:

- to sign and ratify international agreements that they have not yet signed and ratified, and to enact the necessary legislation to ensure compliance and enforcement.
- to undertake to fulfill expectations created through General Assembly resolutions and declarations, and to act upon commitments arising from conference action plans.
- To ensure that corporations including transnationals comply with national codes, social security... international laws, including international environmental law.
- To establish mandatory international normative standards/regulations (MINS) drawn from international principles and from the highest and strongest regulations from member states harmonized continually upwards.
- To recommend to the OECD to cease deliberations on the Multilateral Agreement on Investments (MAI) which if implemented would undermine the United Nations, and the ability of nation states to harmonize social and environmental standards upwards.
- To revoke charters of corporations that violate human rights, cause environmental degradation, or contribute to conflict or war
- to act upon the Malaysian General Assembly resolution which affirmed that "the continuing existence of nuclear weapons poses a threat to all humanity".
- to embark immediately and conclude before the year 2000 negotiations on a nuclear weapons abolition convention that requires the phased elimination of all nuclear weapons within a time bound framework with provisions for effective verification and enforcement
- to immediately reduce the military budget by 50% and transfer the savings:

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- to prevent further environmental degradation and human rights violation and thus to fully act upon the commitment under principle 14 of the Rio Declaration which calls for the prevention of the transfer to other states of substances or activities that cause environmental degradation or that are harmful to human health. This principle would presumably include toxic, hazardous, and atomic substances and wastes and associated activities. Prior informed consent by the receiving country does not absolve the export state from the commitment to not transfer these substances.
- To extend this principle to include transfer within states to lands of indigenous peoples, or to communities of marginalized citizens.
- To act upon a commitment in recent UN Conferences to move away from the overconsumptive model of development, reduce the ecological footprint and reject the notion that economic growth will solve the urgency of the global situation.
- To invoke the Precautionary Principle found in the Rio Declaration, Convention on Biological Diversity, and Framework Convention on Climate Change Convention) and not wait until there is scientific certainty that environmental degradation, loss or reduction of biodiversity, or climate change will occur for current practices causing environmental degradation, loss or reduction of biodiversity, or climate change to be banned, discontinued, or phased out.
- To adhere to the Prevention of Disasters Principle as enunciated in the Habitat II Agenda, and ban, discontinue and phase out the use of substances and activities that could potentially cause disasters.
- To address the issue of pharmaceutical corporations dictating changes into the Codex Alimentarius.
- To institute an International Court of Compliance where citizens can take evidence of state and corporate noncompliance.

1998 - Foreign Affairs

A Green Party government would undertake:

- to advocate that security be achieved through fair trade not free trade;
- to discontinue the arms trade including the banning of antipersonnel land mines;
- to demilitarize Canada's North and stop low-level flights;
- to cease treating the unique ecosystem of the North and the communities living there as commodities for the use of southern urban centres;
- to withdraw from NATO and NORAD;
- to improve Canada's contribution to conflict prevention and resolution, and peacebuilding;
- to make environmental and social charters the backbone of trade deals;
- to stop all exports of arms from Canada (for the last 5 years Canada has been annually increasing its arms exports);
- to improve regulations for imports to avoid products made with child and slave labour;
- to stop all export and national movements of hazardous waste;
- to stop sale of nuclear technology from Canada (technology for dealing safely with nuclear waste does not exist);

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- to reduce the need for large-scale human migration by requiring rich countries to pay a fair price for third world commodities, and through eliminating the arms trade;
- to maintain and expand trade sanctions with countries with human rights abuses;
- to encourage bioregional self-reliance in basic goods and services;
- to ensure debt forgiveness for poor countries and to restrict wealth transfer from poor to rich countries in the form of corporate profits.

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.

1996 - Common Security Policy

Resolved that the Green Party of Canada work for a common security policy emphasizing:

- interdependence of nations;
- a need to focus on local food security and human rights rather than competitive advantage;
- a need for solidarity, partnership, synergy, and a sustainable global community rather than promotion of national chauvinism;
- a Canadian foreign affairs, defence, and aid policy which recognizes that security of every community is dependent on and contributes to the security of others;
- targeting of Canada's aid program to the poorest countries;
- Canadian contributions to international financial institutions focusing on distribution of wealth rather than expansion of markets;
- better quality aid projects involving local communities in design and evaluation;
- expanded partnerships with community-based Canadian and international NGOs;
- community-based organizations as main purveyor of Canada's aid;
- humanitarian aid based on the use of local resources and regional responses;
- supporting regional and international networks of community-based organizations to build civil society;
- supporting local markets, land reform, and self-reliance rather than export of cash crops;
- demilitarizing Canada's North and stopping low-level flights;
- creating international, mutual non-aggression pacts and leaving international military organizations like NATO and NORAD;
- improving Canada's contribution to conflict resolution and peace-building;
- environmental and social charters as the backbone of trade deals;
- ending exports of arms from Canada;

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- improvement of regulations for imports to avoid products made with child and slave labour;
- ending export and federal movement of hazardous wastes; and
- ending sale of nuclear technology from Canada.

1996 - Foreign Aid and Energy

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.

1996 – Canada’s Ambassador to the United States

Resolved that the GPC shall work to have Canada's ambassador to the United States elected at each federal election using the preferential ballot.

1994 - World Green Coordination

Re: Proposed endorsement of "The Guiding Principles of the World Green Coordination" submitted by Earthrise Greens in New Jersey, and endorsed by the Greens/Green Party USA and the Partido Verde Ecologista de Mexico: We are in general agreement with the proposed "Guiding Principles of the World Green Coordination" and recommend its adoption.

1994 - Panamerican Action Network

Be it resolved that the Green Party of Canada endorse the creation of a Panamerican Action Network (P.A.N.), to better facilitate the dissemination of information and to organize South, Central and North America around issues/actions that need prompt attention.

1988 - Solidarity with Estonia Greens

The Canadian Greens:

- View the birth of the Estonia Green Movement as a timely and important event;
- Support the aims of the Estonian Green Movement and its actions to solve the above and other problems;
- Request the Canadian Greens to begin a file of correspondence and step into immediate contact with the Estonian Green Movement;
- Urge the Soviet government to take urgent steps to avert ecological disaster in Estonia and the Baltic Sea; and

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- Support the establishment of a Nordic Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone which includes Estonia and other Baltic states.

1988 - Solidarity with Mordecai Vanunu

The Canadian Greens deplore and oppose the illegal abduction of Mordecai Vanunu by the Israeli Government.

The Canadian Greens also declare the 24 hour Television surveillance, solitary confinement, and round-the-clock lights-on condition of his internment as a serious violation of fundamental human rights.

The Canadian Greens call upon the Israeli Government to declare a re-trial of Mordecai Vanunu by the United Nation's Court of Justice at The Hague.

The Canadian Greens further urge the Israeli Government to work towards making the Middle East a Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone.

JUSTICE and SECURITY

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-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.

G08-p060: Public Prisons

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

G06-p07: 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.

G06-p45: Driving Offences

The policies found here include those of historical interest as the Green Party has a "living policy" approach. For older policy positions, please contact the GPC central office for clarification regarding their current status.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

OCEANS and FISHERIES

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.

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.

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-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.

G06-p28: 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.

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- 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.

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.

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.

G02-p12 - 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.

G02-p11 - Cessation of Polluting the Waters of Canada

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

G02-p8 - Ban Whaling

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

G02-p9 - The Atlantic Salmon Fishery

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

G02-p4 - Concerning the Atlantic Seal Harvest

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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.

G00-p2 - 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.

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.

G00-p8 - 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-p4 - 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.

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 netcatch 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:
 1. Risks of introduction of exotic diseases from the continued importation of Atlantic salmon into Pacific waters;

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2. Pollution from fish sewage, contamination of shellfish, and loss of habitat;
3. Death, wounding, and harassment of mammal and bird populations due to shootings, net entanglements, and acoustic deterrent devices;
4. 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;
5. Competition for spawning beds and genetic interaction between wild and escaped salmon in fresh and salt water;
6. Decline of wild stocks Losses of wild fish, such as herring and juvenile salmon, consumed by netcage fish;
7. 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.

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.

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.

1988 - Factory Ship Fishing

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

G06-p35: 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 meets 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.

G06-p37: 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.

G06-p32: The Issue of Racism

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

G06-p31: The Issue of Poverty

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

G06-p39: 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.

TAXATION

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.

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-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.

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:

1. that carbon taxes be phased in, in order to allow businesses and individuals time to make adjustments;
2. and that, in order to maintain a level playing field for Canadian businesses with respect to foreign competitors, carbonbased tariffs be introduced against countries that apply no carbon tax (or similar mechanism) or apply a lower rate of carbon tax than Canada.

G06-p44: Taxation Policy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada recommit 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 countries, 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.

G06-p46: 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.

G06-p20: 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.

G06-p36: 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.

2004 - Political Financing

The Green Party of Canada will work to establish legislation which shall provide that

- Elections Canada shall make quarterly payments from government funds to registered parties and electoral district associations to a total amount which shall cover most of their total expenses averaged from election to election.
- The amount distributed to each party and constituency association in each year shall be determined by allotting to each Canadian resident who files an income tax return for the preceding calendar year, some such sum as one dollar to be divided among the registered parties as the tax filer sees fit, and an equal sum to be divided in the same proportion among the registered constituency associations of the various parties in which the tax filer resides.
- The distribution shall be accomplished by providing to each Canadian tax filer along with the income tax return, a machine-readable form which shall bear the name of each registered party and its contact information including website address, and opposite each party name the form shall bear outlined squares to some such number as ten, each square having some such nominal value as ten cents.
- Each tax filer shall mark with a machine-readable mark a number of squares representing the total amount which he or she has been allotted to divide among the registered parties, and shall return the form to Canada Revenue with the tax return, and Canada Revenue shall enter upon each form the tax filer's postal code in machine readable form so that from the postal code the tax filer's electoral district of residence may be determined, and so that from that point on the necessary calculations up to the issuance of cheques can be completely computerized and can be accomplished economically.
- If the tax filer does not mark the correct number of squares summing to the total allotted then the sums allotted to that person shall be distributed according to the total number of squares marked.
- If the tax filer does not fill out the form so that it is usable, then the sums allotted to that person shall be distributed according to the average of all those forms which were marked in a usable manner and returned.
- Elections Canada shall enter into a contract with Canada Revenue under which Canada Revenue shall distribute, collect and process the forms, shall store them until the following general election, shall preserve the confidentiality of the information contained on the forms, and shall perform the necessary calculations except for those more conveniently performed by Elections Canada.
- Elections Canada shall publish annually a list of the sums which have been paid to each party and to each electoral district association.
- A partial system of per-vote subsidies is not excluded by this resolution but the bulk of public funds provided for political financing will be allocated as described above.
- The system of political contribution tax credits laid down by previous policy resolutions shall be maintained.
- The election expense subsidies in force in 2004 shall be reduced in amount or terminated.
- Any contribution by an entity other than a natural person to any political party, electoral district association, or candidate shall be made unlawful and subject to effective penalties.

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TRANSPORTATION

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.

G06-p01: 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.

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.

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.

The policies found here include those of historical interest as the Green Party has a "living policy" approach. For older policy positions, please contact the GPC central office for clarification regarding their current status.