

Minutes for the CFUW POLICY SESSION, July 9, 2023

Presiding: Joy Hurst, National President
Linda Sestock, Co-Chair & V.P. Quebec, Acting President
Sheila Service, Parliamentarian
Elizabeth Haynes, Tech Parliamentarian

1. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER - 12:30 p.m. Eastern, Sunday, July 9, 2023
Presiding: Joy Hurst

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER 12:39 p.m. Eastern

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The land acknowledgements were read in English by Presider Joy Hurst and in French by Monique Sirois-Kelly.

3. IN MEMORIAM

A moment of silence was observed for CFUW members who have passed since the 2022 Policy Session.

4. INTRODUCTION OF VIRTUAL PLATFORM MEMEBRS

Joy Hurst, National President
Linda Sestock, Co-Chair & V.P. Quebec, Acting President
Sheila Service, Meeting Parliamentarian
Elizabeth Haynes, Tech Parliamentarian
Jaime Beagan, CFUW Executive Director, acted as AGM secretary.

The presider expressed appreciation to Jaime Beagan, Paige Inglis and Elizabeth Malcolm for their involvement in the preparations for the AGM and Policy Session.

5. CREDENTIALS & REGISTRATION REPORTS

REGISTRATION REPORT

Club Delegates Registered	157
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CREDENTIALS REPORT - WEIGHTED VOTES ON THE FLOOR

Delegate Votes	185
Proxy Votes	17
Total Votes on the floor	202

ADOPTION OF THE CREDENTIALS REPORT

The credentials report was adopted by unanimous consent.

Chair Joy Hurst declared that a quorum (at least 53 votes) was present. The Chair and Recording Secretary were in place as was the timekeeper.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. APPROVAL OF STANDING RULES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- b. ADOPTION OF BUSINESS AGENDA
- c. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE TO VERIFY THE MINUTES

Assumed Motion: To appoint Sheila Service and Grace Hollett and Fiorenza Albert-Howard and Susan Lane as the committee to verify the minutes of the 2023 AGM.

Grace Hollett, Chair of Resolutions to verify the Resolutions of the Policy Session Meeting

- d. MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

7. REPORT OF THE CFUW RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Grace Hollett gave her report as Chair of the CFUW Resolutions Committee and invited members to a Resolutions Workshop on September 28, 2023.

The resolutions were deemed to be properly moved and seconded as provided for in rule 7 of the adopted standing rules. Resolutions were read in French by France Remillard and in English by Grace Hollett.

Resolution 1: Archiving Selected Policies I

Proposed by CFUW Advocacy Committee

RESOLVED, That CFUW Clubs support the transfer of the following policies from the current online CFUW Policy Book to the online CFUW Archival Policy Book:

1. Children – Redemption of Canada Savings Bonds for Minors - 1965
2. Culture, Heritage and Information – Public Libraries - 1966
3. Employment Equity – Affirmative Action - 1973
4. Environment – Canadian Water: Large Scale Water Exports - 2000
5. Environment – Canadian Water: Sovereignty Over Resources - 1993
6. Environment – Nurturing Global Co-operation and Mutual Trust - 1989
7. Environment – Water Pollution – 1967
8. Food and Food Security – Labeling of Genetically Engineered Foods – 1988-98
9. Health – Prevention and the Treatment of Infertility - 1989
10. Health Care System – Living Will - 1991
11. Health Care System – Patent Drug Act - 1984
12. Peace, Security and Trade – Antipersonnel Landmines - 1996
13. Peace, Security and Trade – Antipersonnel Landmines – Moratorium – 1995
- ~~14. Peace, Security and Trade – Military Commodities – 1992~~
- ~~15.~~ 14. Peace, Security and Trade – Low Level Test Flights Over Labrador - 1989
- ~~16.~~ 15. Peace, Security and Trade – Arms Race - 1984
- ~~17.~~ 16. United Nations – High Commissioner for Human Rights - 1968
- ~~18.~~ 17. United Nations – Appointment of Qualified Women - 1966
- ~~19.~~ 18. Violence and Exploitation – Pornography – Awareness - 1982

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Resolution 1: Archiving Selected Policies -1

Votes Cast	206
Votes Required to adopt	137
Votes in favour	206
Votes opposed	0

CARRIED

Resolution 2: Archiving Selected Policies II

Proposed by CFUW Advocacy Committee

Resolved Clauses:

RESOLVED, That the CFUW Clubs support the transfer of the following policies from the current online CFUW Policy Book to the online CFUW Archival Policy Book:

1. Finance and Pensions – Stay-at-Home Parenting - 1999
2. Finance and Pensions – Public Service Superannuation Act - 1991
3. Finance and Pensions – Registered Pension Account -1986
4. Finance and Pensions – Income Supplement Spouse’s Allowance - 1986
5. Finance and Pensions – Signing for Pensions - 1983
6. Finance and Pensions – Information About Pensions and Benefits - 1983
7. Finance and Pensions – Charitable Donations - 1980
8. Finance and Pensions – Old Age Security Act - 1978
9. Finance and Pensions – Family Unit for Taxation Purposes - 1968
10. Finance and Pensions – Tax Exemption of Housekeeper’s Wages - 1966
11. Justice and Legal System – Restoration of Court Challenges Program - 1992
12. Justice and Legal System – Family Court - 1978
13. Justice and Legal System – Young Offenders - 1978

14. Justice and Legal System – Young Offenders: Administrative Body - 1978
15. Justice and Legal System – Young Offenders: Application – Age - 1978
16. Justice and Legal System – Young Offenders: Cultural and Linguistic - 1978
17. Justice and Legal System – Young Offenders: Media Presence in Court - 1978
18. Justice and Legal System – Women’s Prison - 1978
19. Justice and Legal System – Hate Propaganda -1966
20. Justice and Legal System – Marriage Age - 1965
21. Justice and Legal System – Jury Duty - 1964
22. Justice and Legal System – Contraception and the Criminal Code – 1964
23. Justice and Legal System – Divorce/Separation - 1964

Resolution 2: Archiving Selected Policies -2

Votes Cast	200
Votes Required to adopt	133
Votes in favour	200
Votes opposed	0

CARRIED

Resolution 3: Immigration Detention in Canada

Proposed by CFUW Halifax

RESOLVED, That the CFUW urge the Government of Canada, provincial and territorial governments to:

- 1) Gradually phase out the use of correctional facilities for the purpose of the detention of immigrants taking into consideration public safety and security.
- 2) End the provincial and territorial contracts with the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) for the purpose of the detention of immigrants in correctional facilities.
- 3) Collaborate among all levels of governments to develop, fund, and utilize alternative options of monitoring immigrants that treat them with dignity and respect.

- 4) Support the passage of Bill C-20, the Public Complaints and Review Commission Act or similar legislation.

Resolution 3 - Immigration Detention in Canada

Votes Cast	193
Votes Required to adopt	128
Votes in favour	182
Votes opposed	11

CARRIED

Resolution 4: Towards a Comprehensive Maternal Death Prevention Strategy

Proposed by CFUW Hamilton

RESOLVED, that CFUW urge the federal government to work with the provinces/territories to establish a program similar to the United Kingdom’s Mothers and Babies: Reducing Risk through Audits and Confidential Enquiries (MBRRACE) model to collect and analyze consistent disaggregated and anonymized data about maternal deaths and close calls, and to share those data in confidential form with relevant groups (e.g., health care providers, policy makers, researchers, advocacy groups, members of the public).

RESOLVED, that CFUW urge the federal, provincial, and territorial governments, along with the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada, the Canadian Association of Midwives, and other relevant groups, to work together on a comprehensive maternal death prevention strategy. This strategy would promote awareness and best practices among health care providers around risk factors (e.g., age, ethnicity, race, income, mental health issues, housing, education level, access to medical care), and enhance public education of patient populations.

Resolution 4: Towards a Comprehensive Maternal Death Prevention Strategy

Votes Cast	187
Votes Required to adopt	124
Votes in favour	185
Votes opposed	2

CARRIED

Resolution 5: Treatment for Canadians Suffering from Chronic Lyme Disease and Other Tick-Borne Diseases

Proposer: CFUW Perth and District

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge that the federal government and all relevant provincial bodies (governments, public health agencies, medical associations, and colleges of physicians and surgeons) to:

- **Recognize chronic Lyme disease as a treatable disease** in Canada and accept the 2022 World Health Organization’s (WHO) ICD-11 (International Classification of Diseases) medical diagnostic codes for chronic Lyme disease;
- **Provide access to treatment** under our publicly funded health care systems - a right enshrined under the federal Health Care Act - for Canadians suffering from chronic Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases so that they do not have to pay out of pocket for ongoing medical care.
- **Employ the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS) *Diagnostic and Treatment Guidelines*** (based on peer-review science) as the primary guidelines in the treatment of acute and chronic Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge Canadian medical schools to:

- Include comprehensive, evidence-based learning about Lyme disease and other tick-borne disease in their curriculum;
- Adopt the ILADS diagnostic and treatment guidelines as the primary, evidence-based approach to diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases;
- Educate medical doctors and other health practitioners to rely on a **clinical diagnosis** of acute Lyme disease as recommended by Health Canada.

Resolution 5: Treatment for Canadians Suffering from Chronic Lyme Disease and Other Tick-Borne Diseases

Votes Cast	201
Votes Required to adopt	134
Votes in favour	113
Votes opposed	88

DEFEATED

Resolution 6: Advancing sustainable development and gender equality through International Trade Agreements

Proposed by CFUW International Relations Committee

RESOLVED, that CFUW urge the Federal Government to ensure that international trade agreements and related policies are used as tools to maximize efforts to promote and thereby to reaffirm and accelerate achievement of the 2015 United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),

RESOLVED, that CFUW urge the Federal Government to reaffirm its commitment to gender equality by consulting with civil society organizations in developing, monitoring and evaluating the gendered impacts of its international trade agreements.

Resolution 6: Advancing sustainable development and gender equality through International Trade Agreements

Votes Cast	213
Votes Required to adopt	141
Votes in favour	204
Votes opposed	9

CARRIED

- 8. MOTION: That the Chair of Resolutions and her Committee be authorized to correct grammar, numbering, punctuation and spelling.

Moved by Grace Hollett on-behalf of the Resolutions committee.

The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

- 9. ANNOUCEMENTS
Members were invited to AGM 2024, expected to be in-person.

- 10. ADJOURNMENT- 3:05 PM EASTERN