

CFUW Policy Session Booklet 2024

JULY 23, 2024, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA | RESOLUTIONS REPORT

Prepared for the CFUW AGM 2024

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CFUW 2024 Policy Session July 23, 2024

Presiding: Joy Hurst, National President Co-Chair: Linda Sestock, Deputy President

Parliamentarian: Elizabeth Haynes

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Report of the Resolutions Committee 2024

Grace Hollett, Chair CFUW Resolutions

Committee Members: Joy Hurst, Bonnie Jensen, Monique Sirios Kelly, Bilkies McKen, Heather Oxman, Wendy Taylor, Margaret Therrien

Consultant: Kenzie Zimmer, CFUW National Advocacy and Policy Specialist

Resolutions adopted since June 2023 Report

Since this committee's report of June 2023, five resolutions were adopted at the 2023 Policy Session and were actioned by CFUW beginning through the Fall Advocacy program. Those were: Archiving Select Policies I and II; Immigration Detention in Canada; Towards a comprehensive maternal death prevention strategy; and Advancing sustainable development and gender equality through international trade agreements. The resolution on Lyme disease was not adopted.

September-November 2023

In September 2023-2024 the committee finalized and published the annual revision of *Resolutions Information and Guidelines*. The modified Resolutions schedule and process were then workshopped, on September 28, in a Zoom session by the Resolutions Committee, Kenzie Zimmer and recent Proposers, 2023.

Leading up to the deadline of November 15th for the submission of Resolution Intents, the Committee interacted with Clubs who were preparing their Intents to ensure proposed Intents did not duplicate existing accepted resolutions. An Intent submitted by CFUW Barrie and District on

housing was deemed to be actionable through an existing adopted Resolution and the Club was advised they could action their proposal without waiting for another Resolution to be adopted.

Google Forms

The main change in the process this year, the use of Google Forms to make the communications system more efficient, was first in-serviced to the Resolutions Committee and then to Proposers, Amenders and Clubs. The system ran smoothly with only positive comments being received at the office when Intents were submitted using Google Forms. Some Clubs, however, during the later amendment process, emailed their amendments directly to Proposers rather than using the form, indicating a continued need to ensure members are more comfortable using Google Forms. The new spreadsheet system for amendments worked well.

2024 Resolutions

From ten Intents submitted, nine went on to be developed and eight of those will be presented at the 2024 Policy Session.

Resolution 1 – CFUW Advocacy Standing Committee

Archiving Select CFUW Adopted Resolutions I

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Combined CFUW Adopted Resolutions

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Restore and Preserve Canada's Peatlands

(Resolution 6 was withdrawn)

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Preserving Deep Sea Ecosystems

Resolution 8 – CFUW Advocacy Standing Committee

Ageing in Place: Resources for all Canadians to Age at Home and in Community Settings

Resolution 9 – CFUW Advocacy Standing Committee

<u>Incentives to Adopt Current Standards for Long-Term Care</u>

Resolution #6, National Database Documenting the Impact of Unsafe Drinking Water on Health in First Nation Communities was revised using the submitted amendments but was later withdrawn by the proposer Jane Watson of CFUW Georgetown in response to Club input, as she explained in Club Action News of April 26, 2024.

Nov. 15, 2023-Mar. 10, 2024

From November 15-22, the CFUW Resolutions Committee reviewed submitted Intents and provided comments to Proposers using Google Docs. Once accepted, Staff arranged translation and Intents were published. Proposers then developed the Resolved Clauses, Background, Implementation and Bibliography of their Resolutions for the deadline of February 9. This gave the Resolutions Committee from February 9 to February 23 to review the completed Resolutions and to send

detailed comments to Proposers. From February 23-March 10, Proposers could review comments from the Resolutions Committee, make any needed changes, confirm that all Bibliography hyperlinks were active and submit the revised Resolutions to the National Advocacy and Policy Specialist, and to the Committee Chair, for publication in a special newsletter in English and French on March 12. Meanwhile, on March 4, leading up to the amendment process, Kenzie Zimmer hosted a workshop to show members how, by using Google Forms, proposed amendments could be sent and received more efficiently. The link to the recording was provided for any who missed this workshop.

March 12-May 24

From March 12 to April 24 Clubs were able to review the resolutions and propose amendments. Clubs sent 122 amendments to National Office through Google Forms which automatically recorded them, confirmed by receipt, and arranged access by relevant Proposer. Proposers collaborated with their committees and decided whether each amendment could be accepted, or not, (in whole or in part) and for what reasons. They put their responses to each amendment in the Google Sheets spreadsheets. By May 24, Amenders were advised of those decisions by Kenzie Zimmer who compiled responses from those written on the spreadsheets. It is expected that in future such information may be accessed directly from the spreadsheets.

When forwarding the revised text of the 2024 year's resolutions, Clubs were alerted to the changes made to the resolutions (as indicated in red text) resulting from the Proposers' consideration of proposed amendments and making every effort to integrate into the revised clauses, amendments that they considered improvements to the original wording. Clubs were reminded that the revisions might affect initial decisions made regarding their support of the Resolutions at the July Policy Session.

May 30 Workshop - June 5

Preceded by a preparatory session between the Committee, Proposers and the Parliamentarian, Elizabeth Haynes, a May 30 workshop was held for Proposers, Amenders and other Club members when each Proposer spoke on the amendments for her resolution and explained why she and her committee accepted some amendments, in whole or in part, and why some amendments were not accepted. Those who submitted amendments, and all other CFUW Club members, had an opportunity to discuss the revised resolutions with the proposers in the Q and A following each presentation. Those whose proposed amendments had not been accepted and who remained unsatisfied with the revised Resolved Clauses could speak on behalf of their proposed amendments. This collegial discussion resulted subsequently in a greater understanding of the process and in the Proposer accepting a further amendment to Resolution 5 by adding a third point at the end of Clause 2.

By June 5 all amended Resolutions had been forwarded to the Resolutions Chair and to the National Advocacy and Policy Specialist who arranged any further edits to the French translation and publishing the final wording in Club Action News on June 7.

Final preparations for the CFUW July 23 Policy Session

1. A practice on June 27 for the Proposers with the Committee and the Parliamentarian

- 2. A written record of all amendments and their acceptance or not, to facilitate handling of amendments from the floor, where only those amendments submitted already (and not accepted) are in order. This is for Policy Session Presiders and the Parliamentarian
- 3. Proposers (or their delegates) have been named to present the Resolutions on July 23.
- 4. The Committee Chair and Parliamentarian will confer on the procedure for presenting the Resolutions

Looking ahead to 2024-2025

The Resolutions Committee considered ways to extend the Resolutions period, and decided to promote starting the Intent process earlier, beginning this year, to enable submission by Nov. 1, 2024 rather than Nov. 15.

Acknowledgements

Thanks to all Proposers, Amenders and Clubs who became involved in Resolutions this year; to Kenzie Zimmer, Elizabeth Malcolm, Elizabeth Haynes, and the diligent, investigative members of the Resolutions Committees with whom I have worked during my four chairs chairing the Resolutions Committee.

Grace Hollett

Proposed Resolutions for 2024

Resolution 1: Archiving Select CFUW Adopted Resolutions I Proposer: CFUW Advocacy Standing Committee

Final Wording (No Amendments Made)

RESOLVED, That CFUW Clubs support the transfer of the following adopted resolutions from the current online CFUW Adopted Resolutions Book to the online CFUW Archived Policies Book:

- 1. Child Care and Early Learning Child Care and Early Learning 1987
- 2. Employment Equity Employment Equity 1997
- 3. Environment Ethanol Blended Gasoline 1992
- 4. Environment Endangered Spaces 1991
- 5. Environment Recycling of Waste Private Industries 1972
- 6. Environment Excessive Use of Packaging Materials 1972
- 7. Environment Solid Waste Disposal 1972
- 8. Environment Recycling and Reconversion of Waste 1972
- 9. Finance and Pensions Division CPP/QPP 1994
- 10. Finance and Pensions Survivors 1984
- 11. Finance and Pensions Vesting 1984
- 12. Finance and Pensions Vesting/Private 1984
- 13. Finance and Pensions Vesting/Public 1984
- 14. Finance and Pensions Tax Deductions for Tuition Paid on Behalf of a Dependent 1975
- 15. Justice and the Legal System Implementation of the Refugee Appeal Division 2004
- 16. Justice and the Legal System Hate Propaganda Provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment 2004
- 17. Justice and the Legal System Custody Enforcement Legislation 1977
- 18. Justice and the Legal System Marriage Age 1967

Resolution 2: Archiving Select CFUW Adopted Resolutions II Proposer: CFUW Advocacy Standing Committee

Final Wording (No Amendments Made)

RESOLVED, That CFUW Clubs support the transfer of the following adopted resolutions from the current online CFUW Adopted Resolutions Book to the online CFUW Archived Policies Book:

- 1. Food and Food Security Bovine Growth Hormone 1995
- 2. Food and Food Security Nutrition Labeling 1980
- 3. Government Long Form Census 2013
- 4. Government Citizenship Act Sex Discrimination 1973
- 5. Government Status of Women Council: Federal 1972
- 6. Government Status of Women 1967
- 7. Health Ethical and Human Rights Implications of New Reproductive Technologies 1998
- 8. Health Tobacco and Health 1997
- 9. Health Tobacco Health Education 1997
- 10. Health Infertility 1991
- 11. Health Gametes and Embryos 1991
- 12. Health HIV/AIDS 1989
- 13. Health Abortion 1970
- 14. Indigenous Issues Women and the Indian Act 1969
- 15. Peace Security and Trade Cluster Munitions 2008

Resolution 3: Archiving CFUW Adopted Resolutions Identified for Combining Proposer: CFUW Advocacy Standing Committee

Final Wording (No Amendments Made)

RESOLVED, That CFUW Clubs support the transfer of the following adopted resolutions from the current online CFUW Adopted Resolutions Book to the online CFUW Archived Policies Book:

Education – Access to Post-Secondary Education – 2004

Education – Post-Secondary Education Funding – 1988

Education – Adult Literacy Materials – 1991

Education – Adult Literacy – 1988

Education – Nutrition – 1980

Education – Food on School Premises – 1977

Health Care System – Health Care Delivery Services (Romanow Report) – 2003

Health Care System – Health Care Delivery Standards – 1996

Poverty – Ending Youth Homelessness – 2018

Poverty – Homeless Youth – 2006

Violence and Exploitation – Prevention of Violence Against Women – 1992

Violence and Exploitation – Violence Prevention Education – 1992

Violence and Exploitation – Protecting Children from Exposure and Access to Pornography

and Sexual Violence on the Internet – 2020

Violence and Exploitation – Municipal Regulations Regarding Pornography – 1985

Resolution 4: Combined CFUW Adopted Resolutions Proposer: CFUW Advocacy Standing Committee

Final Wording (No Amendments Made)

RESOLVED, That CFUW Clubs support the combination of the following adopted resolutions:

Education - Adult Literacy

CFUW Advocacy Committee – A resolution combining the 1991 Adult Literacy Materials and the 1988 Adult Literacy adopted resolutions.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada and provincial and territorial governments to provide continuing support to adult literacy organizations and special adult literacy projects including those in the workplace.

RESOLVED, That CFUW co-operate with other national organizations in the promotion of literacy, and that individual CFUW Clubs explore literacy issues and support community efforts to address the problem.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada, provincial and territorial governments, and publishers of educational material, to continue to provide funds and to support literacy programs and writers in the production of relevant Canadian material in the official and Indigenous languages of Canada for use in adult literacy classes.

Education - Nutrition and Education

CFUW Advocacy Committee – A resolution combining the 1980 Nutrition and the 1977 Food on School Premises adopted resolutions.

RESOLVED, That CFUW request all member organizations to urge local school boards to ensure that food offered on school premises conforms with sound nutritional principles, and that these principles be emphasized in educational programs; and further, that advertising for non-nutritional food be excluded from school premises.

RESOLVED, That CFUW encourage member clubs to sponsor and/or support on a continuing basis a nutrition awareness program with nutritionists as consultants. This program could include but not be limited to auxiliary nutrition training in schools, consumer counselling and media coverage.

Education - Post-Secondary Education Funding

CFUW Advocacy Committee - A resolution combining the 2004 Access to Post-Secondary Education and the 1988 Post-Secondary Education Funding adopted resolutions.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the federal government to work to remove economic and social barriers to post-secondary education by:

- 1. ensuring that federal transfer payments to provinces and territories include funds dedicated specifically and exclusively for the support of post-secondary education; and
- 2. improving and increasing a needs-based student financial aid program that includes a combination of grants, federally insured student loans, and debt reduction programs available to both undergraduate and graduate students.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada and the provincial and territorial governments to promote actively the need for excellence in post-secondary education, and to undertake negotiations in a renewed spirit of co-operation to facilitate provision of appropriately directed funding, so that each level of government can meet its obligations in the field of post- secondary education.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada and the provincial and territorial governments to increase the funds given for research and development to cover both the direct and indirect costs.

Health Care - Health Care Standards

CFUW Advocacy Committee - A resolution combining the 2003 Health Care Delivery Services (Romanow Report) and the 1996 Health Care Delivery Standards adopted resolutions.

RESOLVED, That CFUW call upon the Government of Canada and the provincial and territorial governments to ensure quality health care and preventive health care programs which are universal, accessible, comprehensive, portable and publicly administered and that all reforms to the health care system incorporate these five principles of Medicare as outlined in the Canada Health Act (1984).

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the federal, provincial and territorial governments of Canada to work collaboratively to implement the recommendations of the Romanow Commission (Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada) *Building on Values; The Future of Health Care in Canada (2002);* and

RESOLVED, That governments ensure the public and concerned organisations are included in consultations during any reform process and that their input is given due consideration by these governments.

RESOLVED, That CFUW monitor health care policies, funding and regulations, as they are implemented.

Poverty - Homeless Youth

CFUW Advocacy Committee - A resolution combining the 2018 Ending Youth Homelessness and the 2006 Homeless Youth adopted resolutions.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to work in cooperation with Provincial, Territorial, Municipal and Indigenous governments to develop and implement strategies and support programs, both long and short term, to address and take action on the root causes of youth homelessness.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to provide sufficient funding to combat youth homelessness specifically targeting those aging out of government care, Indigenous youth, youth with mental health and addiction issues, youth with physical health issues, and LGBTQ+ youth.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the federal, provincial, territorial, regional and municipal governments to formulate and implement gender sensitive plans to address the specific needs of homeless youth, including but not limited to:

- 1. a range of housing options including crisis, transitional (supportive and supported) and long-term affordable housing;
- 2. coordinated and accessible youth support services with focus on education and self-sufficiency; and
- 3. ongoing financial resources committed to organizations and agencies that provide housing and support services to homeless youth.

Violence and Exploitation - Prevention of Violence Against Women

CFUW Advocacy Committee - A resolution combining the 1992 Prevention of Violence Against Women and the 1992 Violence Prevention Education adopted resolutions.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the federal, provincial, territorial, municipal and Indigenous governments to take appropriate steps to improve measures to prevent violence against women.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada and the provincial, territorial, municipal and Indigenous governments to continue to exercise their leadership roles to

ensure security of the person and to promote zero tolerance to violence for Canadian women in the following ways:

- 1. By expanding the multi-media education campaign on violence against women;
- 2. By working with relevant professions and community groups to promote strong and consistent violence-prevention education; and
- 3. By working together to ensure that the community has adequate resources to accommodate the demand for services for abused women and children resulting from the increased education on violence.

Violence and Exploitation - Protecting Children from Exposure and Access to Pornography and Sexual Violence

CFUW Advocacy Committee - A resolution combining the 2020 Protecting Children from Exposure and Access to Pornography and Sexual Violence on the Internet and the 1985 Municipal Regulations Regarding Pornography adopted resolutions.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to further investigate avenues and develop effective policy to limit children's ability to view pornography using internet or mobile technologies.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to require all forms of media, including online platforms, to limit the access of minors to sexually explicit and violent images and videos.

RESOLVED, That CFUW advocate for municipal by-laws to be enacted for the protection of minors, to regulate the display of pornographic material including but not limited to magazines, books, newspapers, advertisements and displays.

Resolution 5: Restore and Preserve Canada's Peatlands Proposer: CFUW North Delta/Surrey

Original Wording	Amended Wording
RESOLVED, that CFUW urge the Government of Canada to work with provincial and territorial governments to:	RESOLVED, that CFUW urge the Government of Canada to work with provincial, territorial, regional, municipal, and Indigenous governments to:

- implement legislation/policies to protect and restore degraded Canadian peatlands,
- take immediate concrete steps to prevent further destruction of Canadian peatlands,
- adhere to the Ramsar Convention principles, and
- designate funding for empirical research to identify all peatlands in Canada and study how peatlands benefit our earth and inhabitants.

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

- educate the public to protect Canadian peatlands using the rationale that the efforts:
 - o mitigate climate change
 - improve food and water security
 - reduce forest fire severity
 - enhance coastal security
 - decrease ecological concerns regarding peatlands' flora and fauna
- develop relationships with industry to find sustainable agricultural and horticultural alternatives to peat in order to protect, conserve and restore healthy peatlands.

- implement legislation/policies to protect and restore degraded Canadian peatlands and take immediate concrete steps to prevent further destruction of all Canadian peatlands,
- adhere to the principles of the Ramsar Convention Guidelines for Global Action on Peatlands (2002) to halt the worldwide loss of wetlands and to conserve, through wise-use and management, those that remain,
- designate funding for research to urgently identify all peatlands in Canada and study how peatlands benefit our earth and its inhabitants.

RESOLVED, that CFUW urge the Government of Canada, provincial, territorial, regional, municipal, and Indigenous governments, and educational institutions to:

- educate the public and protect our Canadian peatlands in order to:
 - recognize that these ecosystems are ancient and irreplaceable;
 - mitigate climate change;
 - improve food and water security;
 - reduce forest fire severity;
 - enhance coastal management;
 - decrease ecological concerns regarding peatlands' flora and fauna;
- develop relationships with industry to find sustainable agricultural and horticultural alternatives to peat in

order to protect, conserve and restore
healthy peatlands.
engage with industries such as, but not
limited to, mining, forestry, road
construction and urbanization for the
purpose of preventing direct or indirect

damage to peatlands.

Resolution 7: Preserving Deep Sea Ecosystems

Proposer: CFUW Nanaimo

Original Wording	Amended Wording
RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to extend the current temporary moratorium on deep seabed mining in Canada's coastal waters.	RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to protect deep sea ecosystems in Canadian coastal waters by immediately extending the current moratorium on deep seabed mining until research has been
RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to press the International Seabed Authority to develop and implement, without	completed and a robust regulatory regime has been developed and implemented.
delay, seabed mining regulations that protect the deep sea environment, and conserve and restore global oceans and their resources.	RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to fund and support credible shortand long-term scientific research on deep sea ecosystems and how to regulate and preserve
RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to fund and support short- and	their biodiversity.
long-term research on deep sea ecosystems and preserving their biodiversity.	RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to work with other member countries to urgently press the International Seabed Authority to declare a precautionary pause on international deep seabed mining activities until comprehensive, science-based and enforceable seabed mining regulations are developed and implemented to protect deep sea ecosystems.

Resolution 8: Ageing in Place: Resources for all Canadians to Age at Home and in Community Settings

Proposer: CFUW Advocacy Standing Committee

Original Wording	Amended Wording
 RESOLVED, that CFUW urge the federal government to: Increase targeted funding to provincial and territorial governments for high-quality, accessible, affordable, and equitable services for seniors to enable aging in place in home and community settings. Ensure funding is allocated equitably, allowing communities to build seniors' services specific to their context. Clearly articulate the parameters of funding and ensure accountability in the appropriate distribution of resources. Promote funding models that encourage collaboration among all levels of government to develop, fund, and utilize a variety of options in home and community care that allow seniors to age in the right place. 	RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the federal, provincial, territorial, regional, municipal, and Indigenous governments to: a) Increase targeted funding for older adults' high-quality, accessible, affordable, and person-centred community services to enable ageing in place at home or in their preferred community setting; b) Ensure funding is allocated equitably in communities, allowing them to build older adult services specific to their context, while taking into consideration cultural diversity and the specific needs of rural, remote, and urban settings; c) Clearly articulate the parameters of funding and ensure accountability and the on-going monitoring of the appropriate distribution of resources with transparency to the public; d) Encourage collaboration among all levels of government in developing, funding, and evaluating a variety of inhome and community care options;
 RESOLVED, that CFUW urge the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to: Ensure that research and practice address the current and emerging needs of seniors in a manner that allows continuous support in home and community settings. Continue to engage with the National Seniors Council to ensure their work provides up-to-date research and best 	 e) Ensure that research and practice address the current and emerging needs of older adults in a manner that allows continuous support in home and community settings, and; f) Continue to engage with stakeholders, including, but not limited to, healthcare providers, clinical bodies, and the National Seniors Council, to ensure ongoing up-to-date research and best practices are available from,

practices from the health professional point of view.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the federal government to:

a) Provide allocated resources and funding for older adults and/or their families who need additional care supports, and;

b) Grant federal subsidies for needed renovations to existing housing to

enable ageing in place.

Resolution 9: Incentives to Adopt Current Standards for Long-Term Care Proposer: CFUW Advocacy Standing Committee

Original Wording	Amended Wording
RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the federal government, in collaboration with the provincial and territorial governments, to support the adoption and implementation of provincial and territorial Long Term Care strategies, based on the work of the Health Standards Organization and the Canadian Standards Association, specifically HSO's 2023 Long Term Care Service Standards. RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the federal government to provide incentives to the provincial and territorial governments for the development of Long Term Care strategies that incorporate the HSO's 2023 Long Term Care Service Standards.	RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the federal government to: a) Collaborate with the provincial, territorial, and Indigenous governments to integrate the most recent and current Health Standards Organization's and Canadian Standards Association's Long-Term Care Service Standards and their Infection Prevention and Control Standards into management frameworks for Long-Term Care; b) Encourage provinces and territories to develop, adopt, and implement long-term care strategies that comply with those standards and are for all long-term care facilities; c) Provide incentives to provincial, territorial, and Indigenous governments through bilateral agreements, allocated funding, and an

	accountability framework to facilitate adherence to these standards.
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MOTION from the CFUW Resolutions Committee Chair

Motion to permit the Chair of Resolutions to make grammatical corrections.