

POLICIES ADOPTED 1971

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71.1 Uniform Highway Traffic Regulations

Whereas, The number of motorized vehicles on inter-provincial and intercity roads is increasing yearly; and,

Whereas, There are many variations across Canada in Highway Traffic Regulations; and,

Whereas, These variations, through ignorance of Traffic Regulations can and do, cause accidents sometimes fatal or serious; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to discuss in Dominion Provincial Conferences, measures to make the Highway Traffic Regulations uniform across Canada, with the necessary legislation being enacted by Provincial Governments and to adopt the International Traffic signs.

71.2 Elimination of Undesirable Films and Documentaries from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Network, and Time Restrictions of Films Unsuitable for Children

Whereas, Television has proved to be a profound and far reaching influence in our everyday life; and,

Whereas, The number of undesirable demoralizing films is steadily increasing; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the National Council of Women of Canada continue to urge the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation:

1. To include more educational and higher quality films on their network;
2. To make a careful selection of films shown in the early evening when children may be viewing.

71.3 Hostels for Travelling Youth

Whereas, Young people today are travelling across Canada; and,

Whereas, Young people require accommodation at a minimum rate; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the National Council of Women of Canada request the Government of Canada, together with the Provincial Governments, to make available more hostels from May 15 to September 30; and further,

RESOLVED, That accommodation be limited to three consecutive days and a minimum rate be charged and adequate supervision be given by mature adults.

71.4 Adoption of the Metric System in Canada

Whereas, The introduction of the Metric System in Canada would establish a means of measurement more applicable to a technical society; and,

Whereas, 110 countries now use the Metric System and many of these are trading nations with Canada; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the National Council of Women of Canada request the Government of Canada to take steps to introduce the use of the Metric System in Canada.

71.5 The Desirability of Preserving Objects of Historical and Cultural Value

Whereas, A rich cultural environment benefits all citizens within that environment; and,

Whereas, In the past some of our cultural treasures have found their way out of Canada; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the National Council of Women of Canada bring to the attention of its federates the importance and desirability of encouraging the Canadian people to take an active interest in the preservation of our national culture; and

further,

RESOLVED, That the National Council of Women of Canada request the Government of Canada to place adequate restrictions on export of antique irreplaceable objects which relate to our Canadian history.

71.6 Canadian Short Documentaries

Whereas, The National Film Board has done a great deal to interpret Canada to Canadians since it was established in 1939 as a Government Agency to supervise Government film production and distribution in Canada and abroad; and,

Whereas, The high quality of the productions of the National Film Board has been recognized both at home and abroad in that during the past two years it has won more than 150 awards in International Film Competitions; and

Whereas, The Canadian Film Development Corporation, while producing fine films, is having distribution problems; and,

Whereas, The Canadian people have not received the full benefits of these fine productions because for the most part American controlled theatres in this country book only American shorts with their American feature films, and the quality of these shorts does not compare, on the whole, with those produced by the National Film Board or other Canadian producers; nor do these American shorts contribute anything to the cultural life of Canadians; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the National Council of Women of Canada encourage the Provincial and Federal Governments in the interest of Canadian culture to specify a Canadian content in the showing of documentaries and shorts in Canadian theatres.

71.7 Abortion

Whereas, Abortion is a matter of personal rather than public morality; and,

Whereas, Abortion should be considered a medical not a legal procedure; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the National Council of Women of Canada request the Government of Canada to remove the sections pertaining to abortion from the Criminal Code of Canada.