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Workshop 1: Education, Culture and Justice

Proposal 1: Home school

Suggested by

David Lauzon and Julie Charette

Preamble

- Whereas the academic performance of children educated by their parents is as good or better than that of children attending school (Deani Neven Van Pelt, Home Schooling in Canada: The Current Picture - 2015 Edition <https://www.fraserinstitute.org/research/home-schooling-in-canada-current-picture-2015> accessed March 3, 2019; Brian D. Ray, "Homeschool Progress Report 2009" <https://hslsda.org/content/docs/study/ray2009/> accessed March 3, 2019; Lawrence M. Rudner, "Scholastic Achievement and Demographic Characteristics of Home School Students in 1998", Education Policy Analysis Archives, Volume 7, Number 8, March 23, 1999 <https://epaaa.asu.edu/ojs/article/download/543/666>, accessed March 3, 2019; Brian D. Ray, "A nationwide study of home education in Canada: Family characteristics, student achievement, and other topics", Salem, NHERI (National Home Education Research Institute), 1994).
- Whereas the socialization of children educated at home is as good or better than that of children attending school (Larry E. Shyers, "Comparison of Social Adjustment Between Home and Traditionally Schooled Students", 1992 <https://archive.org/details/comparisonofsoci00shye> (accessed March 3, 2019).
- Whereas adults who have been educated at home are as good or better off than adults who have attended school in terms of their education, income, community involvement, family situation and level of satisfaction (Deani A. Neven Van Pelt, Patricia A. Allison and Derek J. Allison, Fifteen Years Later: Canadian Adult Home School Graduates, CCHE, 2009 <https://thewaysofyore.files.wordpress.com/2013/10/2009-study-fr.pdf> (accessed March 3, 2019).

- Whereas adults who have been educated at home demonstrate political tolerance as good or better than adults who have attended school (Albert Cheng, "Does homeschooling or private schooling promote political intolerance? Evidence from a Christian university", *Journal of School Choice: International Research and Reform*, 8(1), 2014, pp. 49-68 (<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/15582159.2014.875411> accessed March 3, 2019).
- Whereas the academic performance of children educated at home by parents without teacher training is as good as that of children educated by a parent who is also a certified teacher (Brian D. Ray, "Homeschool Progress Report 2009" <https://hslida.org/content/docs/study/ray2009/> accessed March 3, 2019; Lawrence M. Rudner, "Scholastic Achievement and Demographic Characteristics of Home School Students in 1998", *Education Policy Analysis Archives*, Volume 7, Number 8, March 23, 1999 <https://epaaa.asu.edu/ojs/article/download/543/666>, accessed March 3, 2019)
- Whereas current legislation requires families choosing family learning to prove that children are receiving appropriate education, thereby placing the burden of proof on them and depriving them of the presumption of innocence.
- Whereas the burden of proof is a heavy bureaucratic burden, especially for large families, depriving parents of valuable time that would be better spent caring for their children's education.
- Whereas the current law grants an important right of scrutiny to government employees, thereby infringing the privacy and freedom of choice of families engaged in family learning.
- Whereas the academic performance of children educated by their parents is also good without government intervention (Brian D. Ray, "Homeschool Progress Report 2009" <https://hslida.org/content/docs/study/ray2009/> accessed March 3, 2019).

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to:

- repeal the *Home Schooling Regulations*,

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- repeal the 14th paragraph of Article 67 of the *Health Insurance Act (Chapter A-29)*
- repeal subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph of section 15 of the *Education Act* and insert the following new paragraph before the first paragraph (i. e. before the words *Exempted from the obligation*) in section 15:
- *Any child whose parents retain for themselves the right and duty of custody, supervision and education of the child under the Civil Code of Québec (section 599) without exercising their right to delegate them (section 601) is excluded from the application of the Education Act.*

Proposal 2: Consult parents for the sex education class

Suggested by

Patrick St-Onge and Tina Cerulli

Preamble

- Whereas, parents have not been sufficiently consulted in the development of the new sex education program.

Statement

A Conservative Party of Quebec government is committed to truly consulting parents in the development of the new sex education program, to taking their concerns into account and to respecting their choices and values.

Proposal 3: Rights and privileges arising out of marriage

Suggested by

Jean-Philippe Chaussé and Rowen Tanguay

Preamble

- Whereas, all Canadian provinces and American states allow wives to adopt the surnames of their spouses.
- Whereas, for most of our history, Quebec women have adopted their husbands' family names.
- Whereas, the state should not legislate to prevent harmless Canadian traditions.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec will implement the following policy:

- will allow Quebecers to use their names, their spouses' names or a combination of both in their civil activities,
- will tolerate this practice among non-residents of Quebec,
- will allow the name of one of the two spouses, or a combination of both, to be used on identity documents and other official documents.
- Allow married couples to legally change their surname to use a spouse's name or a combination of both.

Proposal 4: Apprenticeship in the company (dual training)

Suggested by

Jimmy Voyer and Jessie Mc Nicoll

Preamble

- Whereas it is difficult for a low-skilled or unskilled worker to find an interesting and well-paying job.
- Whereas this reality mainly affects young high school graduates who want to join the labour market.
- Whereas the unemployment rate for young workers is particularly high.
- On the other hand, companies often struggle to recruit skilled workers who are ready to meet current labour market needs. Whereas we must act effectively to provide opportunities for young workers, while meeting the needs of companies.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to creating dual training programs, as already exists in Switzerland, for all trades that need them. In practice, dual (or in-company) learning, whatever the occupation, generally takes place in the following way: the practice is carried out in the company 3 or 4 days a week and the theory is taught in a vocational school 1 or 2 days a week. The full duration of an apprenticeship is 3 or 4 years, depending on the trade. The worker must therefore find an employer and then sign an apprenticeship contract. During his apprenticeship, he is paid. The amount of the salary is defined at the signing of the contract. At the end of his apprenticeship and after passing the final exams, he graduated.

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Proposal 5: Custodial fees

Suggested by

Samuel Fillion Doiron and Jessie Mc Nicoll

Amends resolution #44

Preamble

- Whereas the Conservative Party of Quebec favours the free choice of parents as to the choice of daycare, daycare or CPE.
- Whereas Mario Dumont's promise regarding the \$100/child/week is more than 10 years old.
- Whereas some private daycare centres can charge up to \$45 per child per day.

Statement

The following current text:

The Conservative Party of Quebec wants to give all parents of preschool children free choice in child care. He will pay, by the end of his first term, a taxable child care allowance of \$100 per week per eligible child. This allowance will be paid to either parent of the child provided that at least both parents are in the full-time labour market. A reduced allowance will be paid in the case of part-time employment. Parents will then be able to choose the type of care that best suits their child: daycare, private daycare or family daycare. It goes without saying that parents who choose a subsidized private daycare or daycare centre will see the amount of \$7 per day they currently pay for each child in the centre adjusted upwards as the childcare allowance increases. Of course, the amount of subsidies paid to subsidized daycare centres and daycare centres will be reduced accordingly. When this allowance reaches \$100 per week, the per diem rate will be deregulated and daycare centres will be able to set the price charged for their services themselves. will be replaced by the following new text. In order to give :

parents free choice in childcare, the Conservative Party of Quebec will pay parents with at least one of them in the labour market a taxable allowance of \$200 per preschool child per week. This allowance, which will be phased in over 4 years, will replace public funding for daycare centres and subsidized daycare centres or services as well as early repayments for childcare costs.

Proposal 6: Democratize agricultural and artistic trade union representation

Suggested by

Anne DeBlois and Guy Morissette

Amends resolution #103

Preamble

- Whereas artists who are members of the two union monopolies, the Union des artistes and the Guilde des musiciens et musiciennes du Québec, as well as farmers who are required to be members of the UPA, should also have the right to vote on the maintenance of a union monopoly in their respective arts.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec undertakes to oblige the UPA, the UdA and the GMMQ to let their members decide whether or not to maintain union monopolies in their respective fields at their annual general meetings, at least every 3 years.

Proposal 7: Financing and mission of Télé-Québec

Suggested by

Patricia Popert-Fortier and Louis-Charles Fortier

Amends resolution #100

Preamble

- Whereas Quebec taxpayers must already fund a French-language public broadcaster, Radio-Canada.
- Whereas Télé-Québec's audience ratings are low.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec will gradually end the subsidies paid to Télé-Québec over three years, and reinvest the money saved in improving the quality and improving the supply of francization and literacy in Quebec. As a result, the number of potential consumers for Quebec cultural products will increase, both in the television and film sectors and in the literary and musical fields.

Télé-Québec will then be transformed into a non-profit organization, like its counterpart PBS in the United States, and the donations it receives from the public will be tax deductible as donations to a charity, as will donations to NPOs from the print media. If Télé-Québec wants to continue to receive public funding, it will only have to submit a project to broadcast French-language and literacy courses on its airwaves.

Proposal 8: De-taxation of culture

Suggested by

Anne DeBlois and Guy Morissette

Amends resolution #98

Preamble

Whereas:

- Quebeckers themselves, not the public service, should decide which works deserve their attention and money.
- Books are not the only type of cultural product.

Statement

- A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to abolishing the Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec, a duplication of the Canada Council for the Arts, and to using the funds saved to extend the exemption from the QST already granted to books to the following other Quebec cultural products:
 - Museums, interpretation centres, art galleries and heritage places requiring an entrance fee.
 - Tickets for shows, cinema, circus, theatre and any other artistic event.
 - Subscriptions to content providers (Spotify, iTunes, Google Play Music, Netflix, Crave, Illico.tv, etc.)
 - Records, DVDs and any other multimedia media sold on the Quebec market.
 - Any other cultural product or service.

Proposal 9: Freedom and sustainability of the press

Suggested by

Guy Morissette and François Pelletier

Preamble

- Whereas the subsidies granted by Philippe Couillard's government to the written press call into question the neutrality of the press, which will always be inclined to give favourable coverage to parties that promise to maintain or increase these subsidies, and to give negative or minimal coverage to parties that promise otherwise.
- Whereas subsidizing the print media will only make it dependent on these subsidies and slow its adaptation to the new media situation.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to ending all print media subsidies, and will simply copy the federal government by making donations to non-profit newspapers tax deductible, such as donations to charities.

Proposal 10: Voluntary paternity

Suggested by

Jean-Philippe Chaussé and Rowen Tanguay

Preamble

- Whereas Quebec women have the right to terminate a pregnancy at any time.
- Whereas the state assumes the costs of abortions.
- Whereas, even after birth, a woman may abandon her child.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec will implement the following policy:

- will allow men to waive the rights and obligations of paternity of children born out of wedlock,
- such waiver shall be made within a reasonable time after the birth of the child or upon becoming aware of the child's existence,
- will require the father's consent to be recorded as such on the child's birth certificate.

Proposal 11: Freedom of expression

Suggested by

Guy Morissette and François Pelletier

Amends resolution #101

Preamble

- Whereas several incidents that have occurred at various Quebec post-secondary educational institutions in recent years threaten freedom of expression.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to imposing the "Chicago Principles" on all post-secondary educational institutions in Quebec.

References: -Report setting out the Chicago Principles:

<https://provost.uchicago.edu/sites/default/files/documents/reports/FOECommitteeReport.pdf> -List of American universities that have adopted the Chicago Principles:

<https://www.thefire.org/chicago-statement-university-and-faculty-body-support/>

Proposal 12: Enhance regional police security

Suggested by

Serge Benoit and Pierre Fortin

Preamble

- Whereas the SQ alone cannot ensure the safety of our small municipalities, due to its significant shortage of staff.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to encouraging RCMs to create their own police forces, one per municipality. The Sureté du Québec, which is a state police force, must return to high-calibre police duties as it used to be.

Proposal 13: Targeted assistance in culture

Suggested by

Anne DeBlois and Guy Morissette

Amends resolution #96

Preamble

- Whereas the PCQ seeks to make our creators more autonomous from the State.
- Whereas this autonomy will require the revitalization of patronage in Quebec; the government must stop completely replacing private patronage.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to making the Orchestre symphonique de Québec a model for funding all Quebec orchestras and theatres that are currently 100% funded by taxpayers: \$1 of public funding will be allocated to them for every \$2 of funding they have raised from private philanthropy.

Proposal 14: Public domain

Suggested by

Jean-Nicolas Marchand and François Pelletier

Preamble

Considering that, at present, any legislation, publication, database or study produced by the Government of Quebec is subject to copyright law, which greatly limits the possibility of its distribution and reuse by requiring permission to reproduce often in exchange for administrative fees.

Statement

The Conservative Party of Quebec undertakes to release into the public domain all publications produced by the Government of Quebec, and this retroactively. By the same token, it also undertakes to abolish the publisher *Les publications du Québec*.

Proposal 15: Respect for privacy

Suggested by

Jean-Nicolas Marchand and François Pelletier

Preamble

Whereas advances in artificial intelligence allow more and more profiling from data.
Whereas the government has a significant amount of data on citizens Whereas citizens
must have control over the information that is held by the government over them.

Statement

The Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to ensuring that all public and
parapublic organizations:

- Require consent for the use of personal data beyond the provision of the service.
- Provide, upon request, to a citizen all data concerning him or her in a structured and machine-readable format.
- Deletes, at the citizen's request, all archived data concerning him/her that is not necessary for the provision of a service.
- Protect citizens' data from the design stage using the most efficient techniques available.
- Disclose any use of this data by automated processing or machine learning algorithms.

Proposal 16: Tangible and intangible cultural heritage

Suggested by

Frédéric Bastarache-Ouellette and François Pelletier

Preamble

- Considering the extent of Quebec's tangible and intangible cultural heritage and its importance in our common identity.
- Whereas many Quebec architectural works are in a deplorable state or have been demolished in previous years due to lack of funding or political consideration.
- Considering the absence of a funding policy for the safeguarding of intangible heritage elements in the Cultural Heritage Act.
- Whereas the Conservative Party of Quebec wants to develop a culture of strong patronage.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec will allow the registration of tax-exempt endowment funds for the conservation and restoration of tangible cultural heritage and for the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage. These elements, under public or private ownership, have legal status granted by the Government of Québec, the Minister, local municipalities and Aboriginal communities under the Cultural Heritage Act or previous laws.

Workshop 2: Economics, Governance and Social Programs

Proposal 1: Neutrality of the PCQ during the next federal general election

Suggested by

Éric Barnabé and Anne DeBlois

Preamble

- Whereas, in the last provincial election, the CCP did not support the PCQ as stated in Article 15.1 of the CCP Constitution;
- Whereas the PCC specified its neutrality because provincial PCC activists were active in the PCQ, CAQ, or even the PLQ;
- Whereas PCQ activists are militating with the CCP or the PPC;
- Whereas Maxime Bernier has always supported the PCQ.

Statement

Given that Conservative Party of Quebec activists are active for various federal parties, the PCQ will maintain its neutrality during the 2019 federal election, while recalling that Maxime Bernier has always supported the PCQ and that the CCP remained neutral during the last provincial election campaign in 2018.

Proposal 2: Abolition of the SQDC

Suggested by

Anne DeBlois and Jessie Mc Nicoll

Amends resolution #89

Preamble

Whereas:

- The Quebec government's effort to nationalize the sale of cannabis is a resounding failure;
- Consumers do not have access to a variety of merchandise that meets their needs at a fair price, unless they go to another Canadian province, online or on the black market;

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec will abolish the Société québécoise du cannabis and in return issue sales permits to private companies that request them.

Proposal 3: No tax and no contribution on overtime

Suggested by

Guy Morissette and François Pelletier

Preamble

- Whereas a worker who has paid all his taxes and contributions on 40 hours' salary has already contributed enough to the state, and that he deserves to be able to work completely for himself.
- Whereas Quebec taxation discourages work.
- Whereas Québec's tax burden is the highest in North America (according to the Chair in Taxation and Public Finance (CFFP) at the Université de Sherbrooke, 2019).

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to following France's example and to exempting all overtime worked after 40 hours a week from tax. In other words, a taxpayer will only pay provincial tax and provincial contributions over the first 40 hours he or she works.

Proposal 4: OTC negotiations for demerged cities

Suggested by

Frédéric Bastarache-Ouellette and François Pelletier

Preamble

- Whereas the cities demerged in 2004 and now part of agglomerations have no negotiating power with the central cities for the services they must obtain from their agglomeration.
- Whereas this has created a situation where some central cities have taken advantage of their power within agglomerations to send disproportionate bills to demerged cities for the services they have to buy from their agglomeration.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to allowing cities that were demerged in 2004 to negotiate over the counter with their agglomeration for the services they are required to obtain from it.

Proposal 5: Principle of the smallest municipality regulation

Suggested by

Guy Morissette and François Pelletier

Preamble

- Whereas Quebec has a clear propensity to regulate things that are not always regulated in other Canadian provinces.
- Whereas this additional Quebec regulation is often onerous and does not always provide added value proportional to its cost to the population, whether in economic, environmental, workers' or consumers' rights, or occupational health and safety.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to adopting the principle of the "smallest common regulation": if something that is regulated in Quebec is not regulated in another province or territory in Canada, and Quebec regulation does not provide significant added value for the population compared to the absence of regulation in the other province or territory, this regulation will be abolished.

Proposal 6: Abolition of all floor prices

Suggested by

Anne DeBlois and Jessie Mc Nicoll

Includes a portion of resolutions #104, 108 and 125

Preamble

Whereas:

- Any price control negatively affects supply and demand;
- The floor price is an obstacle to healthy competition;
- Many products already subject to regulations (supply management), including milk, are very expensive because merchants are not allowed to lower their prices for promotional purposes, unlike what we see elsewhere in Canada for these same products;
- Products subject to the floor price, such as milk, may also be exempt from loyalty programs and other promotions and are very expensive;

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec will abolish all floor prices, including those for milk, beer, maple syrup and gasoline.

Proposal 7: Comprehensive reform of social housing policy

Suggested by

Guy Morissette and François Pelletier

Amends resolution #117

Preamble

- Whereas social assistance recipients are often discriminated against in their search for housing, mainly because a minority of them are poor tenants or payers.
- Whereas, if landlords had the assurance that at least part of the tenant's rent would be paid each month, they would have less hesitation in accepting social assistance recipients as tenants.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec undertakes to deposit the housing allowance directly into the owner's account.

Proposal 8: Business hours

Suggested by

David Morin and Guy Morissette

Preamble

- Whereas the law that prohibits grocery stores from having more than 4 employees after 8:00 p.m. on weekends was put in place only to protect convenience stores and to please food unions, without regard to its impact on consumers.
- Whereas this law limits job creation in grocery stores, which, on the other hand, are eliminating jobs by moving to self-serve cash registers.
- Whereas business hours are not something that the government should regulate, as long as merchants respect their neighbours.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to abolishing this law and any law regulating business hours. It will let workers decide for themselves whether they want to work in the evening or at night, consumers decide for themselves whether they prefer to go to the convenience store or grocery store, and entrepreneurs decide on their business hours. If a business that remains open late at night disturbs the peace and quiet of a neighbourhood, its neighbours may try to get along with its owner or complain to their municipality.

Proposal 9: Elimination of unnecessary permits

Suggested by

Anne DeBlois and Jessie Mc Nicoll

Preamble

Whereas:

- Many municipalities already issue permits for several types of businesses or objects, such as ATMs, pool tables, bowling alleys, etc;
- It is now surprising to see that to operate a bowling alley, for example, you need a permit per lane of \$140 per year;
- This represents a lot of paperwork, time wasted and operating costs for entrepreneurs in addition to the taxes to be paid;
- This represents unnecessary public spending for taxpayers.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec will search for and eliminate all permits deemed unnecessary, redundant and outdated, such as [RACJ permits to have bowling alleys](#), or to organize contests and draws.

Proposal 10: Active participation in the Canadian Federation

Suggested by

Guy Morissette and François Pelletier

Amends resolution #114

Preamble

- Whereas, in addition to free trade in interprovincial trade in goods, Canada also needs to liberalize trade in financial services between provinces.
- Whereas the AMF has repeatedly demonstrated its ineffectiveness in regulating securities in Quebec (Vincent Lacroix, Earl Jones, Carole Morinville, etc.).
- Whereas Canada is the only federation in the world that does not regulate its capital markets at the federal level.
- Whereas the federal government has implemented the Cooperative Regime for the Regulation of Capital Markets, and 5 provinces and 1 territory are already participating in it.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to joining the Cooperative Regime on capital market regulation and abolishing the AMF.

Proposal 11: Strong local authorities

Suggested by

Guy Morissette and François Pelletier

Amends resolution #53

Preamble

- Whereas the PCQ wants to make our municipalities stronger and more autonomous, and to achieve this objective, they must retain a greater share of the revenues they generate, in exchange for a reduction in the subsidies granted to them. Whereas the federal government already refunds all GST to municipalities.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to refunding the entire QST to municipalities, not just 50% as is currently the case.

Proposal 12: Hydro-Québec

Suggested by

Guy Morissette and François Pelletier

Amends resolution #6

Preamble

- Whereas Quebec needs investment.
- Whereas the economic activity practiced by cryptomone miners is not of an illegal or criminal nature.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to allowing Hydro-Québec to sell its electricity to cryptomers, provided they are willing to pay the regular rate for companies and not charge any special rates, which would be equivalent to a hidden subsidy.

Proposal 13: Reduce construction costs and delays

Suggested by

Guy Morissette and François Pelletier

Amends resolution #77

Preamble

- Whereas the two weeks of the construction holidays are not always weeks of oppressive heat.
- Whereas, when there is no extreme heat during these two weeks, they are only a waste of two weeks during the most productive season of the year under construction.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed, during the next negotiation of collective agreements in the construction sector:

- to demand the end of the holidays imposed on all workers on all sites during the last two weeks of juillet ;
- to allow construction workers to agree with their employer to take these two weeks when they voudront ;
- and finally, to force the closure of the work sites on days when weather reports will issue warnings of extreme heat.

Proposal 14: Facilitate the return to work for social assistance recipients who are unable to work

Suggested by

Éric Barnabé and Anne DeBlois

Amends resolution #115

Preamble

- Whereas the net minimum wage is about \$1,475 per month for a 40-hour week,
- Whereas a claimant receives an amount representing a percentage of that amount,
- Whereas the beneficiaries are generally the chronically unemployed,
- Whereas part-time labour is in demand by private enterprise,
- Whereas, a claimant's return to work is often on a part-time basis,
- Whereas the objective is to facilitate a gradual return to the labour market for a service provider,
- Whereas a service provider who works part-time is cut off 100% of the sums earned between the amount he is entitled to earn and the amount of his benefit,
- Whereas the severely constrained benefit represents about 65% of the minimum wage at 40 hours per week,
- Whereas the severely constrained benefit represents about 55% of the minimum wage at 40 hours per week,
- Whereas the severely constrained benefit represents about 30% of the minimum wage at 40 hours per week,
- Whereas, the mechanism for managing claimants' earnings restricts claimants' ability to return to part-time work.

Statement

A Conservative Party of Quebec government is committed to restructuring the earnings formula for Emploi-Québec claimants from the current predetermined amount into a cut equal to the percentage of the benefit versus the full-time minimum wage.

Proposal 15: Abolition of the subsidiary "CDPQ Infra" of the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec

Suggested by

François Pelletier and Jean-Nicolas Marchand

Preamble

Whereas the Caisse is forced to make risky investments that serve political interests, such as the McInnis cement plant project and the Metropolitan Express Network.

Statement

The Conservative Party of Quebec will abolish the Infrastructure branch of the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec and sell its investment portfolio.

Proposal 16: Tax for retired workers

Suggested by

Éric Barnabé and Anne DeBlois

Preamble

- Considering the chronic lack of workers in Quebec
- Whereas a retired worker uses his basic tax credit on all his income
- Whereas a retiree has his or her salary taxed without a basic credit on this income

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to allowing retirees to report their working income separately from their other income so that a basic credit can be applied to this working income.

Proposal 17: Basic credit adapted to hours worked

Suggested by

Éric Barnabé and Anne DeBlois

Amends resolution #116

Preamble

- Considering the chronic lack of workers in Quebec
- Whereas the current tax system calculates tax over a pay period regardless of the number of hours worked
- Whereas overtime may be taxed up to 75% under the current system
- Whereas the current tax system discourages workers from working overtime
- Whereas the basic credit is based on 2000 hours of work per year, regardless of the number of hours worked.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to increasing the basic tax credit on income tax returns in proportion to the number of hours worked after 2000 hours.

Workshop 3: Environment, Health and Infrastructure

Proposal 1: For an efficient and transparent climate action

Suggested by

Mathieu Beaudoin and Guy Morissette

Amends resolution #140

Preamble

- Whereas climate change is a serious long-term risk, and sound management of this risk requires reasonable actions to be taken in advance to limit it;
- Whereas the emission of greenhouse gases by an individual or a company is a negative externality that is not naturally reflected in prices;
- Whereas the federal government now requires all provinces to have some form of carbon price, whether they like it or not, and the challenge of the legitimacy of this carbon price by a few provinces is likely to fail, according to experts;
- Whereas the carbon exchange is an unnecessarily complicated and volatile way to impose a price on carbon, because such a market is subject to supply or demand shocks that can cause prices to vary widely, and such a system requires regular and arbitrary intervention to adjust the total volume of allowances;
- Whereas a tax is a simple way to discourage harmful behaviour (in this case, greenhouse gas emissions), and its impact on the economy would be more predictable than that of a variable price from a stock exchange;
- Whereas the presence of an incentive to reduce greenhouse gas emissions would eliminate the need for any legislation or regulation imposing specific means to achieve the same end;
- Whereas pollution from vehicles is already taxed in Quebec by the fuel tax, additional registration fees for large-displacement vehicles, the contribution to

public transit added to registration fees and finally the ARTM tax (Greater Montreal only), while other countries do not tax the litre of gasoline at all or even subsidize it (Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Nigeria, etc.);

- Whereas a majority of Quebeckers, * particularly young people, want Quebec to show leadership in the fight against climate change, and that an obstructionist position on this issue constitutes an electoral handicap;
- Whereas, in the absence of a constructive right-wing position on this issue, the debate risks being ceded to those who favour large state-led spending and regulatory projects;
- Whereas the government's current approach reduces the disposable income of Quebeckers and spends their money on costly and ineffective projects through the Green Fund, depriving them of the money they need to make greener choices that are, for the most part, more expensive.

Reference: http://www.rncreq.org/images/UserFiles/files/RNCREQ_Survey-Climate_Change_2012.pdf

Statement

A Conservative government is committed to:

- replace the carbon exchange with an economy-wide carbon tax, the level of which will follow the levels mandated by the federal government;
- eliminate the Green Fund and instead return all tax revenues to individuals and businesses through a transfer that would be added to the solidarity tax credit and a reduction in corporate taxes, to allow households to absorb any price increases resulting from the tax and avoid penalizing our economy;
- create an apparatus isolated from political influence to administer the carbon tax and redistribute its revenues, to prevent a future government from being tempted to dip into these sums to balance its budget or increase spending;
- eliminate any existing taxes, laws or regulations that mandate specific means to reduce greenhouse gases, reallocate government resources currently used to enforce these laws and regulations to the administration of the carbon tax, and return what remains of them to individuals and businesses.

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Proposal 2: End of privileges for environmental lobbyists and trade unions

Suggested by

Anne DeBlois and Jessie Mc Nicoll

Preamble

Whereas:

- It is tolerated that various leaders of central labour organizations and non-profit organizations, particularly those dedicated to the environment, have privileged access to the Prime Minister and to ministers and their political staff, without being duly registered in the Quebec Lobbyists Registry;
- More and more citizens are shocked to see in the first 100 days of a new government people known as Dominic Champagne photographed with the Prime Minister;
- There is a growing perception that NPOs and unions have more weight in governance than corporations and ordinary citizens.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec will amend its laws governing lobbying to require representatives of labour organizations and NPOs to register with the Quebec Lobbyists Registry, even if it means offering a more affordable permit for lobbyists.

Proposal 3: Bottle and can instructions

Suggested by

Anne DeBlois and Jessie Mc Nicoll

Amends resolution #142

Preamble

Whereas:

- In the absence of a deposit, the recovery of glass containers is problematic because of the frequent breakage of these containers during the collection of recycling bins;
- The uses of glass used for recovery are multiple, ranging from the manufacture of new containers to glass granules that can be mixed with asphalt, but not limited to;
- An article in the Journal de Montréal dated February 5, 2018* indicates that 86% of the glass recovered ends up in the garbage, and that when it is sent to sorting centres it is contaminated because of its mixture with other materials;
- We are already seeing partnerships created between recycling organizations and universities such as UQTR to facilitate the recovery of glass containers outside the traditional circuit with good results.

Statement

A Conservative Party of Quebec government would abolish the deposit on all bottles and cans and encourage Quebeckers to put them in their recycling bins.

(Text added) A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec will encourage municipalities, public and parapublic organizations, as well as institutions, to set up voluntary glass recovery depots to facilitate recycling and reuse.

Proposal 4: Medical expense tax credit

Suggested by

Samuel Fillion Doiron and Jessie Mc Nicoll

Preamble

- Whereas it is only possible to claim a medical expense tax credit if you pay expenses exceeding 3% of your income.
- Whereas this regulation applies to everyone, regardless of income.
- Whereas, to be eligible for this tax credit, the said medical expenses must be paid for a consecutive period of 12 months.

Statement

That a government of the Conservative Party of Quebec:

1. Reduce the eligibility threshold for the tax credit from 3% to 1.5%.
2. Enhance the medical expense tax credit.
3. Repeal the requirement to pay medical expenses for 12 consecutive months to qualify for the tax credit.

Proposal 5: Caregivers

Suggested by

Samuel Fillion Doiron and Jessie Mc Nicoll

Amends resolution #45

Preamble

- Whereas, caregivers must invest from their own wallets in accessories that promote home support and reduce the risk of accidents at home.
- Whereas the current caregiver tax credit does not cover all types of housing.
- Whereas the current tax credit does not even reach \$2500
- Whereas there is no legal definition of caregiver
- Whereas informal caregivers relieve the health care system by providing services to their loved ones, often at their own expense.
- Whereas, caregivers sometimes have to make budget cuts, reduce their work schedule and refuse career promotions to help a loved one.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec

- will create a legal definition of caregiver.
- Enhance the caregiver tax credit to a minimum of \$2500 while indexing it to the cost of living for the years following the implementation of this measure.
- Facilitate access to this tax credit for all types of housing.

Proposal 6: Redesign of the role of the BAPE

Suggested by

Anne DeBlois and Jessie Mc Nicoll

Preamble

Whereas:

- The BAPE (Bureau des audiences publiques sur l'environnement) has been in existence since 1978 to advise the Ministry of the Environment on the ecological, social and economic impacts of various projects affecting citizens;
- Its role is advisory, i.e., accompanying, but over time its reputation has been severely damaged due to the abandonment of some projects due to the delays imposed by the entire environmental assessment process;
- Some interest and environmental protection groups are increasingly using the BAPE to block projects that they do not like, and are asking for an exemption when they like other projects, as was recently tried with the Quebec City tramway;
- Several hearings were the scene of confrontations, demonstrations and unsightly events;
- The government reserves the right to override the BAPE to accelerate the completion of certain projects, the latest example being the McInnis cement plant in Port-Daniel.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec will reform the role of the BAPE in order to improve the environmental assessment process so that it is faster, more efficient, non-partisan and, above all, less restrictive for project proponents.

Proposal 7: Bicycle paths

Suggested by

Guy Morissette and to be determined

Preamble

- Whereas the user-pay principle should be applied wherever possible and realistic.
- Whereas, while cycling is an environmentally friendly and healthy mode of transportation, this should not exempt cyclists from having to pay for the infrastructure they use if they can afford to pay their fair share.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to stopping providing subsidies to municipalities for the construction and maintenance of bicycle paths, in order to encourage cities to charge bicycle registration fees to finance these infrastructures. However, low-income households should be exempt from paying these registration fees. Finally, cities will also have the power to remove the right to register a bicycle from repeat driving cyclists who reside in their territory.

Proposal 8: For an eco-tax that encourages rather than penalizes

Suggested by

Guy Morissette and Mathieu Beaudoin

Amends resolution #143

Preamble

- Whereas, the closer a motorist lives to his or her place of work or study, the lower the GHG emissions he or she emits to get to his or her place of work or study.
- Whereas, if a worker decides to work from home, he or she does not emit any GHGs to get to work.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to requiring only that a taxpayer come at least 20 km closer to his place of work or school so that his moving expenses are tax deductible, rather than 40 km as is currently the case. In addition, it will increase the tax deduction for "Expenses related to the use of the home" for self-employed workers who have their office or workshop at home.

Proposal 9: Wastewater discharge into watercourses and the St. Lawrence River

Suggested by

Anne DeBlois and Jessie Mc Nicoll

Preamble

Whereas:

- The environment has become an important issue in Quebec;
- In October 2015, the City of Montreal made headlines for its famous Flushgate, a planned spill of more than 8 billion litres of wastewater into the St. Lawrence River;
- A citizen or farmer is fined for throwing anything into these same waterways;
- Many Quebec municipalities discharge their sewers permanently into the St. Lawrence River;
- It is now very unseemly that a city claiming to be green has no alternative but to dump its wastewater into the St. Lawrence River or a nearby river during maintenance work, despite the known low impact on the aquatic environment;
- In addition to justice, the environment is an area where a Conservative government is willing to invest money to improve the quality of soil, air and water.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec will require municipalities and cities to publish a minimum of 2 weeks notice on the Ministry of the Environment website of any planned activity to discharge their wastewater into any watercourse. The purpose of this is to have time to inform citizens on how to reduce the impact of such an operation.

In addition, in order to reduce these operations in the longer term, it will encourage and support the main municipal actors in the search for and implementation of alternatives to direct discharges during maintenance work, giving priority to municipalities that discharge their sewers permanently into waterways.

Proposal 10: Protected Home Care Fund

Suggested by

Samuel Fillion Doiron and Jessie Mc Nicoll

Preamble

- Whereas home care is less expensive for the health care system.
- Whereas the majority, if not all, of people with loss of autonomy wish to remain in their homes.
- Whereas people with loss of autonomy often have difficulty arriving financially

Statement

That a government of the Conservative Party of Quebec will create a protected fund exclusively reserved for people losing their autonomy in order to promote home support.

Proposal 11: Volunteer escort transport

Suggested by

Samuel Fillion Doiron and Jessie Mc Nicoll

Preamble

- Whereas the Domestic Assistance Services Financial Exemption Program (DADES) allows voluntary assistance from recognized community organizations that relieve the health care system.
- Whereas this program covers up to \$15.44 per hour for services such as household chores.
- Whereas this program does not cover volunteer escort transportation.

Statement

- That a government of the Conservative Party of Quebec will amend the PEFSAD to include volunteer escort transportation in the basket of services.
- *or*
- That a government of the Conservative Party of Quebec integrate the entire program (with covered volunteer escort transportation) into the Protected Fund for Home Care.

Proposal 12: Open data

Suggested by

Jean-Nicolas Marchand and François Pelletier

Amends resolution #67

Preamble

- Given the increasing number of incidents with environmental impacts, citizens and governments have the right to be adequately informed of them in order to make informed decisions.

Statement

Before: Environmental and public health assessments

Next: environmental and public health assessments, as well as a geolocalised list of all incidents and public decisions with an environmental impact, and the quantification of this impact (for example, the number of litres of a spill).

Proposal 13: Explore and exploit the natural resources of the Quebec subsoil

Suggested by

Guy Morissette and Mathieu Beaudoin

Amends resolution #18

Preamble

- Whereas oil pipelines are recognized as a safer means of transportation for oil than rail.
- Whereas the Eastern Energy Project would allow Quebec to import less oil from outside Canada, including from countries with a disastrous environmental or human rights record.
- Whereas, the Quebec subsoil could contain interesting hydrocarbon deposits.
- Whereas the fight against climate change cannot be done by requiring additional sacrifices from Quebecers, who are already the most heavily taxed taxpayers in North America.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to lifting any real or virtual moratorium on the exploration and exploitation of mineral, gas and oil resources on its territory, and to allowing the Énergie Est project to see the light of day. To offset the greenhouse gas emissions of the hydrocarbons these projects will produce, their revenues will be reinvested in public transit systems.

Proposal 14: PPPs in road infrastructure

Suggested by

Guy Morissette and François Pelletier

Amends resolution #127

Preamble

- Whereas the Government of Quebec collects a portion of the revenues from the tolls on the Route 25 bridge in Montreal, and the private consortium that built it collects the rest.
- Whereas the excess tolls collected from Quebec motorists, truckers and motorcyclists, which are not used to maintain or improve this infrastructure, should be returned to motorists.

Statement

A government of the Conservative Party of Quebec is committed to returning to Quebec motorists, truckers and motorcyclists all excess tolls that are not used to maintain or improve this infrastructure, in the form of a rebate proportional to the number of trips made on this road infrastructure. This system will apply to all private road infrastructure that will be built as PPPs, and to all public road infrastructure that will be privatized.

Proposal 15: Shingles vaccine

Suggested by

Samuel Fillion Doiron and Jessie Mc Nicoll

Preamble

- Whereas the Programme québécois d'immunisation covers the cost of certain vaccines
- Whereas the mission of the Immunization Program is to improve the health of the Quebec population.
- Whereas the shingles vaccine is not covered by this program.

Statement

That a government of the Conservative Party of Quebec include the shingles vaccine in the Quebec Immunization Program for people aged 50 and over, in the same way as influenza and pneumococcus.

Proposal 16: Death benefit to the estate

Suggested by

Samuel Fillion Doiron and Jessie Mc Nicoll

Preamble

- Whereas a funeral can be very expensive and this amount depends essentially on the deceased's last wishes, or even on the deceased's religion.
- Whereas people who died in CHSLDs and had lost their autonomy for several years often emptied their savings to pay their rent and maintain a certain dignity in their lives.
- Whereas the death benefit offered to the estate is a maximum taxable amount of \$2500 for funeral coverage.

Statement

That a government of the Conservative Party of Quebec will increase the death benefit offered to the estate by up to \$5,000.

Proposal 17: Parking in CHSLDs

Suggested by

Samuel Fillion Doiron and Jessie Mc Nicoll

Preamble

- Whereas seniors often live in isolation.
- Whereas paratransit is sometimes expensive and schedules are very rigid.
- Whereas parking in CHSLDs is also very expensive

Statement

That a Conservative Party government make parking free for people who come to visit a resident in a CHSLD.