

Resolution #2

NATIONAL SENIORS' CARE STRATEGY

Whereas most people will rely on seniors' care at some point in their lives, and Canada's health care system is not equipped to meet the needs of the aging population, and;

Whereas seniors care often falls outside the scope of the *Canada Health Act*, which only covers medically necessary services provided by doctors and hospitals, and;

Whereas a lot of seniors' care has been privatized, and not everyone can afford it, and;

Whereas the level and scope of seniors' care in the public system varies greatly across the country, with provinces and territories all having different wait times and eligibility criteria, and;

Whereas the Canadian Federal Government is responsible for ensuring access to public healthcare,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the British Columbia Federation of Retired Union Members (BC FORUM) call upon the Federal Government of Canada to develop and immediately implement a National Seniors Care Strategy which includes home care, long-term care and palliative care; dedicated Federal funding invested in **public** long-term care facilities and home care services; National Standards for staffing levels and hours of care; a Human Resources Strategy to be wholly implemented and monitored through a framework that will extend the criteria of the Canada Health Act to long-term care homes and in home care for seniors; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BC FORUM work with its allies in promoting the immediate and essential need for a National Seniors Care Strategy.