

Resolution #4

HOSPITAL PAY PARKING

Whereas the Canada Health Act is “to protect, promote and restore the physical and mental well-being of residents of Canada and to facilitate reasonable access to health services without financial or other barriers”; and

Whereas hospital parking fees pose a barrier to health care; and

Whereas the practice of charging patients for parking contravenes the Canada Health Act because they constitute indirect user fees; and

Whereas patients should not have to avoid seeking care or cut appointments due to high parking costs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the British Columbia Federation of Retired Union Members (BC FORUM) endorse the HospitalPayParking.ca campaign and promote its objectives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BC FORUM, in conjunction with our allies, lobby all levels of government to express our concerns with hospitals and/or their privately contracted companies that charge patients and their families fees for parking.