

Private Clinics' Attack on Medicare

Whereas Dr. Brian Day, owner of the for-profit Cambie Surgery Centre, has launched a court case that could turn Canada's Medicare system into a United States style system - without the public having a say; and

Whereas most personal bankruptcies in the United States are due to medical bills and this case could create a system in Canada where we would risk losing our home or going into deep debt when we get sick or injured; and

Whereas if Dr. Day wins this case, public wait times would also become longer as doctors and other health professionals are drained from the public system to work in the for-profit system; and

Whereas seniors are among those who would experience the most negative impacts if this legal attack destroys Medicare;

Therefore be it resolved the BC Federation of Retired Union Members (BC Forum) will support the BC Health Coalition and Canadian Doctors for Medicare as they fight to protect Canada's public health care system in the court case that Dr. Brian Day and his for-profit clinics have launched to destroy Medicare; and

Be it further resolved that the BC Forum will continue to inform our members about this case and how they can support the public campaign that the BC Health Coalition and Canadian Doctors for Medicare are leading to protect Canada's public health care system; and

Be it finally resolved that the BC Forum will encourage our provincial and national allies to support the participation of the BC Health Coalition and Canadian Doctors for Medicare in this dangerous court case and to support their campaign to save Medicare.