

SENIORS' ISSUES FOR DIALOGUE WITH GOVERNMENT

Resolutions 2015 - Passed

RESOLUTION 1 : AMBULANCE FEES

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Government of Saskatchewan through the Ministry of Health provide free ambulance services when transferring clients from one healthcare facility to another one.

RESOLUTION 2: QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Government of Saskatchewan increase its health services budget to enable the Ministry of Health to provide a higher quality of health services for seniors than what is currently in place.

RESOLUTION 3: CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Government of Saskatchewan reinstate the chiropractic services for the residents of Saskatchewan, as it was before it was removed.

RESOLUTION 4: CARE HOME BEDS

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Government of Saskatchewan through the Ministry of Health. expand health care centres that are in need of more beds so that those clients needing long term care can remain in their local communities.

RESOLUTION 5: COST OF GLASSES, DENTURES AND HEARING AIDS

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Government of Saskatchewan through the Ministry of Health,. provide and publicize an optical, dental and hearing aid plan that is affordable.

RESOLUTION 6: SENIORS HOUSING

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Saskatchewan Seniors Association request the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism to pursue the inadequacy of seniors' housing with the Government of Saskatchewan with increasing diligence.

RESOLUTION 7: Transportation

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Government of Saskatchewan through the Ministry of Health put in place a method whereby seniors with no other means of transport can meet their medical needs.

Resolution 8: MRI Legislation: Be it resolved that SSAI through its 2015 AGM express its concerns to the Health Minister Dustin Duncan and the Government of Saskatchewan in regards to the proposed MRI legislation.

Resolution 9: Truth and Reconciliation Report: Be it resolved that SSAI through its 2015 AGM go on record to support in principle, the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Report.

Resolution 10:Diabetic Supplies: Be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Medicare system supply all diabetic supplies and medication, ensuring that all diabetics have better control over their diseases.

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Resolutions 2014

#1. LIMITED ACCESS TO PUBLIC HOME CARE SERVICES.

BE IT RESOLVED: That SSAI lobby the Provincial Government and the Ministries of Social Services and Health to ensure that the citizens across the Province are receiving full access to Public Home Care services.

#2. HOME CARE:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Public Home care services be improved for long term clients. This would mean an increase in longer hours and increased services resulting in clients not having bedtime medication at 4:00 P.M. etc.

#3. AIDS TO DAILY LIVING:

BE IT RESOLVED: That those costs need to be brought into an affordable range or better subsidized by the Saskatchewan Government, so that seniors in this Province may enjoy a happier and less isolated life.

#4. AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Saskatchewan Government insure that the affordable housing is available and affordable for all seniors.

#5. SENIOR HOUSING GRANTS

BE IT RESOLVED: That SSAI lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to establish a grant program for home repairs for seniors to enable them to live in their own homes.

#6. TRANSPORTATION:

BE IT RESOLVED: That SSAI lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to provide an annual seniors' pass on STC for \$10.00 per month.

#7. SENIORS` CENTRES:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Executive Board of the Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc. urge the Government of Saskatchewan to include those senior centers in any future funding grant program that would help to sustain and support that philosophy.

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Resolutions 2013

SENIORS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY DEDUCTION

1. **Be it resolved** that SSAI lobby the Provincial Government and the Government of Canada to allow tax deductions for fees associated with seniors' physical activity-based programs.

HEMOCARE PROGRAM WITH COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

2. **Be it resolved** that SSAI urge the Government of Saskatchewan to develop a long-term commitment to work with community agencies and stakeholders so that more seniors

live safely and independently at home with the proper community and individual supports rather than in care facilities.

Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated Resolutions 2012

1. School Tax

Be it resolved that SSAI through SSM lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to also apply the same reduced rate for seniors from paying school tax on home-place residential property.

- Many seniors are having extreme financial difficulties on fixed incomes
- Farmland, that generates income, has insurance protection, and government programs to ensure annual viability, **school taxes on property** have been reduced to a very low amount.

2. Property Tax

Be it resolved that all SSAI seniors' centres be exempted from all property taxes in the province of Saskatchewan.

- A senior depopulation is occurring in rural Saskatchewan;
- Seniors; centres are facing many financial challenges in keeping their centres operational

3. Utility Services

Be it resolved that all SSAI seniors' centres in the province be provided service by SaskPower, Sask Energy and Sasktel at 50% of the charge levied for the services provided.

- a senior depopulation is occurring in rural Saskatchewan;
- seniors' centres are utilized as community centres also;
- seniors' centres are facing many financial challenges in keeping their centres operational;

4. Prescription Fees

Be it Resolved that all Saskatchewan seniors who qualify for the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan not be charged a prescription fee.

- many seniors are having extreme difficulty making a living on fixed incomes
- seniors have had many increased costs – rents, gasoline, dispensing fees, ambulance, etc.