

## 2005:02PU Public Private Partnerships (P3s)

**Whereas:** 2004 Policy resolved that 1) National Council of Women of Canada adopt as policy that public-private partnerships (P3s) for public infrastructure, particularly for Health Care and Educational Institutions, be accepted only after careful and open examination by the Government of Canada: and further, that 2) Canada examine the impact of public-private partnerships (P3s) especially for Health and Educational Institutions, and advise the public of their findings before proceeding with further development of such arrangements and that P3s be rejected unless significant benefits and improvement of service delivery can be demonstrated: and be it further Resolved 3) That the National Council of Women of Canada request its Local and provincial councils of Women to adopt as policy that public-private etc.

**Whereas:** Federal Government infrastructure funds are increasingly being used by provincial/territorial and municipal government to fund public-private partnerships (P3s) in the areas of health, environment and education, and

**Whereas:** independent studies overwhelmingly demonstrate that P3s are more costly and less effective, and under international trade rules may render governments less able to protect the environment, ensure good service delivery, and preserve or expand public services: therefore be it

**Resolved:** that the National Council of Women of Canada adopt as policy the rejection of public-private partnerships (P3s) in the areas of health, environment, education and public service delivery; and be it further

**Resolved:** that the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to cease the funding of public-private partnerships (P3s) at all levels of government in the areas of health, environment, education and public service delivery.