

**Whereas 1** in Canada there is no central registry of medical asbestos cases as there is in other countries so no predictions of problems can be made; and

**Whereas 2** in November 2007 a paper “Exploratory Sampling of Asbestos in Residences near Thetford Mine: The Public Health Threat in Quebec” reported that levels of asbestos in more than half the homes were excessive; and

**Whereas 3** Canadian Occupational Health agency studies have concluded that exposures to asbestos accounted for approximately 60% of all work related deaths in the country in 2005; and

**Whereas 4** “bystander” cases of asbestos related disease have been documented; therefore be it

**Resolved 1** that the National Council of Women of Canada adopt as policy the creation of a Central Registry of people living with medical effects from asbestos, and of buildings containing asbestos; and be it further

**Resolved 2** that the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to develop a plan to include:

- a. a national surveillance system to track health outcomes of people who have been exposed to asbestos; and
- b. a listing of buildings that contain asbestos