

## 2017.02 ENVIRONMENTAL HARM FROM CIGARETTE FILTERS

**Whereas #1** cigarette filters are a wide-spread pollutant, mostly discarded into the environment, with many being washed into lakes, and eaten by birds, animals and fish; and

**Whereas #2** cigarette filters, 95% of them being made of non-biodegradable cellulose acetate particles, provide little to no benefit to smokers, and are designed to accumulate toxins; therefore be it

**Resolved #1** that the National Council of Women of Canada adopt as policy that cigarette manufacturers be required to make cigarette filters fully bio-degradable within the next three years; and be it further

**Resolved #2** that the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to enact legislation that requires manufacturers to make cigarette filters fully bio-degradable within the next three years.