

88.8 Economic Recognition of Volunteerism

Whereas, The participation of the volunteer sector is essential to a healthy, pluralistic society, in initiating new ideas, planning and providing services, fund raising, and decision making; and,
Whereas, Volunteer participation develops and utilizes knowledge, experience and skills which otherwise might be lost to the Canadian economy; and,
Whereas, Volunteer participation involves personal expenditures which could limit participation; and,
Whereas, Some volunteers do not have access to private or Canada Pension Plan Benefits nor excess earned income to contribute to an RRSP; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That The National Council of Women of Canada request the Government of Canada:

1. To initiate a policy which would permit volunteers to earn credits for the Canada Pension Plan and RRSP contributions; and,
2. To re-iterate its existing policy (1978) requesting the Government of Canada to allow substantial out-of-pocket expenses (re day care/child care, transportation, meals) for taxpayer or dependents involved in providing voluntary service to voluntary organizations to be an allowable tax credit as charitable contribution for tax purposes and the criteria for registration for income tax purposes be broadened.