

Ensuring Canada's Game of Ice Hockey is Accessible to ALL Children/Youth

WHEREAS

- Hockey Canada, since absorbing Canadian Amateur Hockey Association in 1994, has been complicit in perpetuating competitive hockey for children/youth to grow inorganically resulting in massive and ongoing deterioration of local, grassroots and recreational hockey.
- Municipalities provide heavily subsidized ice time at community center arenas which are controlled by one or more competitive programs and municipal councillors do not address the underlying systemic and unintended policy issues that undermines community ice hockey programs for children of diverse abilities.
- New user groups governed by local residents that reflect their neighbourhood demographics must deal with significant systemic and monopolistic barriers to form accessible and cost effective ice hockey nonprofit programs.
- Ice hockey is a late development sport and can be played by older adults and seniors and so competitive hockey should not be promoted until puberty which is underscored by the Long-term Athlete Development Model.
- All children regardless of athletic potential or gender should play in the same local club or league to ensure community ties can be formed and sustained.
- Hockey in Canada has become a niche sport rather than a mainstream activity and pastime played by a wide cross section of Canadians both newcomers and established Citizens.
- Hockey Canada charges the same expensive insurance/membership for all types of users even though virtually all claims and legal defence costs arise from competitive streams.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LPC calls on the Federal Government to:

- Mandate that municipalities ensure community programs receive no less two-thirds of children/youth hockey ice time allocations and competitive programs receive no more than one-third.
- Have independent governance of community and competitive hockey programs by moving community hockey to a different portfolio such as the Minister of Health which would oversee a new National Sporting Organization (NSO) with name of "Canadian Community Hockey Federation". Hockey Canada can continue to govern competitive hockey stream only.

LPC of Thornhill Riding of (York Region, Ontario)

Hiten Patel, Policy Chair

Tel#: 365-597-0717

Email: HP@HitenPatel.ca

Social Justice for Seniors in Retirement Homes

WHEREAS

- Pandemic has exposed the Western Democracies to an essential aspect of our lives that governments have not paid enough attention to; Social Justice, specifically the health and welfare of our senior citizens in retirement and nursing homes.
- Covid-19 exposed this negligence that shocked most citizens. Most Canadians could not believe the inhumane conditions our senior are living in these homes until Covid-19 started to kill them at an unprecedented rate
- The Prime Minister's words reverberated across Canada when he said that we have failed to protect our seniors who have fought and suffered to build this country.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LPC calls on the Federal Government to:

- The three levels of our governments took over the responsibilities of our Seniors Homes across Canada without exception. They partnered the Homes with our local Hospitals for the Management and Operation of the Homes effective January 2021.
- The healthcare and welfare of all the rest of living senior Veterans from the World War II, and the civilians who worked in the procurement of our military resources for the World War II, be assumed by the Federal Government, starting January 2021; and for the rest of their lives.

Submitted by:

LPC of Thornhill Riding of (York Region, Ontario)
Hiten Patel, Policy Chair
Tel#: 365-597-0717
Email: HP@HitenPatel.ca

Providing Amnesty for International Refugee Claimants

WHEREAS

- Both the Federal and the Provincial government have asked and received service request in healthcare services by internationally trained professionals and other trained and untrained in the healthcare during this Pandemic.
- It is the typical history of immigrants in this country who have come looking for opportunities for a better life for themselves and their families and make contributions to Canada.
- It shows that if given the opportunity, the refugee claimants are willing to work to fulfil their dreams and make Canada their home.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LPC calls on the Federal Government to declare general amnesty for all refugees claimants who:

- Have no criminal records in Canada and abroad
- Have been in Canada for two or more years
- Have a young family with children in schools
- Have internationally recognized professional background and willing to get their Canadian qualifications or ready to be trained for other jobs.
- Those not receiving government assistance and have young families and internationally trained professionals to have a priority.
- Single or unmarried young people willing to get trained or get a job immediately.
- Those who entered Canada through our local borders from the United States and do not fit the regular Canadian criteria should not be eligible for this amnesty.

LPC of Thornhill Riding of (York Region, Ontario)

Hiten Patel, Policy Chair

Tel#: 365-597-0717

Email: HP@HitenPatel.ca

