

## RECLAIMING AND SUSTAINING CANADA'S HEALTHCARE

**WHEREAS** in 2014, more than 4 million Canadians had no family doctor;

**WHEREAS** waitlists for specialists and surgical procedures are among the highest they have ever been, with significant regional disparities, including for rural areas and indigenous peoples.

**WHEREAS** in 2017, the International Commonwealth Fund ranked Canada's healthcare 9<sup>th</sup> among eleven high-income countries.

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government commissioned the *Advisory Panel on Health Care Innovation*, (2015) chaired by Dr. David Naylor, to identify "areas of innovation that have potential to sustainably reduce growth in health spending while leading to improvements in the quality and accessibility of care."

**WHEREAS** the panel reported Canadian healthcare "in crisis", and identified numerous areas for systemic improvement.

**WHEREAS** in 2017 a majority of senior Registered Liberals identified an urgent need for:

- i. better access to family doctors and healthcare services;
- ii. reduced wait times for specialists and medical procedures; and
- iii. innovation for service delivery efficiency and cost reduction.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the LPC urge the federal government to accept the Naylor Report's findings and assume leadership in systemic reform of healthcare.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the LPC urge the federal government, in cooperation with provinces, territories, and professional organizations, to identify and implement methods to:

- i. provide every Canadian access to family physician-led primary care;
- ii. eliminate unreasonable wait times to access specialists and surgical procedures; and
- iii. encourage innovation in the efficient delivery of, and reduction of costs for, healthcare services in Canada.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the LPC urge the federal government to measure performance of Canada's healthcare system (including patient-derived metrics), and report regularly to Canadians.

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### References:

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