

17. Affordable Housing

Whereas the people of Saskatchewan all have the right to a basic standard of housing at affordable costs;

Whereas safe, stable, and affordable housing is essential for the health of ourselves, our families and our communities;

Whereas affordable housing is essential to quality of life for low-income families, students and seniors;

Whereas the lack of affordable housing impacts on children's ability to stay in school, parent's participation in the workforce, and neighbourhood safety and sustainability;

Whereas affordable housing initiatives create better homes, better neighbourhoods and people who take pride in where they live, who develop bonds with their neighbours and their community because of their stability, and who have learned effective financial skills to build a better future;

Whereas assisting new and existing housing will create better neighbourhoods and family living conditions, reducing social costs such as police services, health, education and social services;

Be it resolved the SLP expand existing support for assisted home ownership programs which achieve the goal of home ownership and increase the set of life skills in maintaining a home;

Be it further resolved the SLP create a roundtable on sustainable communities, bringing together the policy and resources of the three levels of government, the business community, NGO's, not-for-profit groups, and co-operatives to develop a strategy to provide affordable housing in Saskatchewan communities;

Be it further resolved the SLP work in partnership with aboriginal leadership and communities and with the federal government to invest in affordable housing for our growing urban Aboriginal population;

Be it further resolved the SLP develop tax incentives to encourage private sector, organizations, and individual involvement in affordable housing initiatives.

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