

SSM Resolutions passed at June 2014 AGM

Home Mail Delivery

That SSM write a letter to the Federal government & Canada Post to reverse the decision to imminently remove home delivery and encourage Canada Post to consult widely in order to consider alternative solutions for mail delivery.

We have written a letter to express this concern and received a letter thanking us for our concern.

Seniors Physical Activity Deduction

That SSM lobby the Provincial Government and the Government of Canada to allow tax deductions for fees associated with seniors' physical activity-based programs.

A resolution about this was presented to Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association. It was passed and they have picked this up. For more information visit

<http://www.spra.sk.ca/news-events/top-stories/seniors-tax-credit/>

Seniors Property Tax Deferral

That the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism urge the Government of Saskatchewan to explore the feasibility of a Seniors' Property Tax Deferral Program similar to that administered by other provinces.

Have been raising this in various places. Will consult with SUMA on how to promote this.

To be addressed as part of upcoming federal election issues e.g. at candidates' forums:

Home Care

That SSM lobby the government of Canada to add the provision of Home Care Services to the Canada Health Act.

The Canadian Health Coalition/Saskatchewan Health Coalition are also promoting this.

Comprehensive Health Accord

That SSM urge the Government of Canada & the Government of Saskatchewan to urge the negotiation of a new comprehensive health accord that protects, transforms and strengthens Canada's national health care system in accordance with the five principles as laid out in the Canada Health act.

The Canadian Health Coalition/Saskatchewan Health Coalition are also promoting this.

That SSM urge the Federal Government to implement a national seniors health care strategy and a national pharmaceutical plan.

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More information can be found at <http://pharmacarenow.ca/>

and <http://pharmacare2020.ca>

Contributions & Interest to be Paid to Estate or Alternate Beneficiary

That SSM lobby the Government of Canada to ensure that when there is no partner/spouse, contributions made to CPP and interest earned on the contributions made by the deceased, be paid to the estate or designated alternate beneficiary.

Child Rearing Dropout Provisions

That SSM lobby the Government of Canada to allow up to ten zero contributory years when determining CPP benefits.

Additional Voluntary Contributions to CPP

That SSM lobby the Government of Canada to allow Canadians to make voluntary contributions to the Canada Pension Plan, in addition to the mandatory contributions.

To be addressed as part of upcoming provincial election issues:

Seniors' STC Bus Pass

That SSM lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to provide a Seniors' Pass on STC for \$10 per month.

Transportation for Seniors as a Key to Maintaining Independence

That SSM urge the Government of Saskatchewan to host forums to discuss and explore solutions to seniors' transportation needs.

Homecare Program with Community Support

That SSM continue to advocate with the Government of Saskatchewan to develop a long-term commitment to work with community agencies and stakeholders so that more seniors live safely and independently at home with proper community and individual supports rather than in care facilities.

Home Care

That SSM lobby the government of Saskatchewan to develop a provincial home care program and home support programs to assist seniors and others to remain their homes.

Aids to Daily Living

That SSM urge the Government of Saskatchewan to bring costs involving hearing, dental, eye care, walking and wheelchairs, etc. under control or better subsidized so that seniors in this Province may enjoy a happier and less isolated life.

Diabetic Supplies and Medications

That SSM urge the Government of Saskatchewan to ensure that the Saskatchewan Medicare System supply all diabetics with their supplies and medications, ensuring that all diabetics would have better control over their disease, resulting in reduced hospitalization and thereby saving the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health considerable Resources.

Planning to meet with Sask. Housing to discuss the following:

Senior Housing Grants

That SSM lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to make available the already established grant programs for home repairs for seniors to enable them to live in their own homes.

Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit

That SSM encourage the Government of Saskatchewan to provide a Healthy Homes Renovation refundable Tax Credit for seniors.

Housing

That SSM urge the Government of Saskatchewan to ensure that their affordable seniors' housing remains affordable for all seniors.