



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 12, 2013

## RESOLUTION 1

### **Health Council of Canada**

*Whereas* the Harper Conservative Government is abandoning the essential federal role in Canadian Health Care; and

*Whereas* Harper's decision to terminate the Health Council of Canada by stopping its \$6 million funding will end common standards across the country, and strike a blow to accountability, transparency and evidence-based health care policies; and

*Whereas* achievements of the Health Council include lowering wait times and encouraging innovation in the public health care system to promote access to a continuum of services in and out of hospital as addressed by the Romanow Commission in 2003; and

*Whereas* the lack of Federal coordination and guardianship means more and more Canadians will lack access to comparable health services in primary care, prescription drugs, home care, rehabilitation and long term care; and

*Whereas* the Harper government has announced major cuts to federal transfer payments all of which will take more than \$60 billion out of health transfers and equalization payments following 2014;

*Whereas* the Harper government is essentially saying it is time to wind down National Medicare;

*Now therefore it be resolved* that the BC Federation of Retired Union Members (BC Forum) demand that the Harper Government:

1. Protect and maintain financial support for the Health Council of Canada; *and*
2. Reverse their decision to cut \$60 billion from Federal Transfer Payments commencing in 2014.