

Bruce Grey Owen Sound Federal NDP General Meeting
Re: Federal Convention – elect delegates and vote for resolutions
via Zoom

Wednesday, February 14, 2026, 7:00 pm

Resolution For Emergency Action to End the Housing Crisis

Create new policy under Section 3.6

Whereas, access to adequate housing is a human right, and

Whereas, the greed of the corporate rulers of our society has created a severe housing crisis by turning the need for adequate housing into a vehicle for massive financial exploitation, condemning tens of thousands of Canadians to homelessness and forced millions more to pay rent far beyond their means, and

Whereas, successive governments have passed legislation that promotes and incentivizes the conversion of the housing market into a speculative asset, and

Whereas, Real Estate Investment Trust (REITs) have created an artificial housing crisis by exercising control over 200,000 units across the country, in which they constantly raise fees and rents for tenants in order to benefit investors who enjoy lucrative tax incentives

Therefore be it resolved that the NDP is committed to:

1. Remove corporate landlords from the rental market and convert all existing REIT properties into housing cooperatives with existing tenants guaranteed the right of first refusal on co-operative membership.
2. Build 200,000 units of social and co-op housing each year;
3. Expropriate, and assign to under-housed people, vacant housing units and spaces amenable to housing purposes, in buildings with more than four units;
4. Declare a housing emergency and expedite legislation designed to ensure that public good, rather than private profit, takes precedence so that quality, affordable housing will be available to all residents in need

Resolution carried unanimously