

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 to Ban Corporate Lobbyists in the NDP Leadership

https://www.couragecoalition.ca/lobbyists_out/

Whereas concerns about the growing influence of corporate consultants, lobbyists, and government-relations professionals within senior political leadership circles have received widespread [coverage](#) and [analysis](#);

Whereas multiple documented cases show individuals with ties to corporate lobbying and strategic communications firms holding or advising key leadership roles within the NDP;

Whereas these situations — even when no rules are broken — undermine public confidence in the independence, advocacy and values of the party and its leadership;

Whereas clear internal rules about past roles or future prospects would strengthen the Party's commitments to worker rights, strong public infrastructure, fair economic opportunities and advocating for systemic fairness integrity and protect against real or perceived conflicts of interest;

Be it resolved that the NDP will adopt the following “no corporate lobbyists in leadership” policy:

1. Individuals who have, in a five year period, worked as corporate lobbyists in public relations, government relations, or strategic communications firms that consult for for-profit corporations shall be **ineligible** to serve in key NDP leadership positions, including President, Chief of Staff, or any director-level position.
2. As a condition of hiring, candidates for these positions will agree to a five-year cooling off period for corporate positions outlined above.
3. Non-profit or labour groups are not included.
4. The Party Executive shall maintain and enforce compliance procedures.

Resolution carried