

Resolutions Guide

Resolutions submitted to Convention help guide the party in developing policy and laying out our vision for Manitoba. Resolutions can be either with respect to public policy positions taken by the party or with respect to the Party's own internal affairs and governance, including amendments to the Manitoba NDP Constitution.

Resolutions shall be submitted in clear language format. This means that instead of using “whereas” and “be it resolved” clauses, the standard template to write resolutions is:

The Manitoba NDP will (...) *This can be repeated if separate action clauses are need as many times as required.*

Because (...) *This can also be repeated as many times as needed, to provide context to your action clauses. Because clauses are not required but can help strengthen resolutions and provide context to the clauses listed above.*

A resolution can be submitted and endorsed by multiple constituencies, affiliates, and other bodies such as committees of Provincial Council or the MYND. Resolutions which have the endorsement of many bodies may receive a higher priority, as per the resolution prioritization guidelines. All resolutions received by the Provincial Secretary ahead of August 29 will be circulated for other bodies and constituencies to sign onto in early September.

After being received, the Party will sort all submitted resolutions into specific resolution block categories. These categories include those for resolutions with respect to public policy positions, including **healthcare, education and youth, social services and equality, rural and northern priorities, jobs and the economy, and environment and climate change**; and those for resolutions with respect to internal Party affairs and governance, including **party organization and constitutional amendments**.

Examples of resolutions passed at previous conventions are included below:

Example 1 (Education and Youth resolution, passed at Convention 2022):

Universal School Nutrition Program

THE MANITOBA NDP WILL call on the provincial government to establish universal nutrition and meal programs for children in school.

BECAUSE far too many children are coming to school without the nutrition they need to effectively learn; and

BECAUSE current nutrition programming is fragmented, much of it relying on the identification of children in need, in a way that can be discriminatory; and

BECAUSE children need their basic needs met, including having enough to eat, in order to reach their full potential for learning.

Example 2 (Constitutional Amendment resolution, passed at Convention 2022):

Remove Gendered Pronouns from the Constitution

THE MANITOBA NDP WILL amend Article 3 of the Constitution by adding in a new clause to follow Section 3 that states: Section 4: This Constitution uses the gender-neutral “they” as a singular pronoun.

THE MANITOBA NDP WILL ALSO amend Article 4, Section 1(1) of the Constitution by deleting ‘his/her’ and replacing it with ‘their’.

THE MANITOBA NDP WILL ALSO amend Appendix A Rules of Order: Provincial Convention, Article 20 by deleting ‘his/her’ and replacing it with ‘their’.

Example 3 (Jobs and Economy resolution, passed at Convention 2014):

Leave for Victims of Domestic Violence

THE MANITOBA NDP WILL encourage the provincial government to provide for paid employment leave for victims of domestic violence.

BECAUSE victims need to feel safe and not having to deal with additional financial stresses will help the healing process.