



<p>Policies for Toronto Region Policy Parliament 2011</p>
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- A) Banning Asbestos Exports to Developing Countries – Patrick Quinton-Brown

- B) Solid Waste Management Systems – Rona Chavez

Banning Asbestos Exports to Developing Countries (Federal) – Patrick Quinton-Brown

WHEREAS Canada is one of the leading countries in the world to export asbestos;

WHEREAS asbestos is a toxic and deadly material which is no longer used in many developed countries and about 75 per cent of Canadian asbestos is shipped to Asia where, along with India, the biggest customers are Indonesia, South Korea, Sri Lanka, and Thailand (source: Globe and Mail);

WHEREAS Canada exports asbestos to mostly developing countries where there are poor safety practices which results in serious health consequences for workers and the World Health Organization estimates asbestos kills at least 90,000 people a year -- about half of all occupational cancer deaths (source: Globe and Mail);

WHEREAS there are alternatives available for asbestos; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government of Canada ban the export of asbestos to developing countries; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Canada establish transition program for employees in the Canadian asbestos mining industry to find new sources of employment.

Solid Waste Management Systems (Provincial) – Rona Chavez

WHEREAS Regularly scheduled curb collections are too limited and do not reflect Canada's growing population.

WHEREAS Canada's natural growth rate is 0.3% and overall growth rate is 0.9%; the overall growth rate is partly due to Canada's open immigration policies and increases in waste are the reflective of this increasing population.

WHEREAS The responsibility of waste compost and management systems lies within municipalities for residential areas, and private companies for commercial and industrial properties.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Provincial Government develop alternative programs to revitalize, inform and improve waste management systems equally throughout the provinces.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the number of composting programs be equal in all provinces of Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Government of Canada provide further support to the Provinces of Canada in order to develop additional integration programs for newcomers and waste management programs that serve to inform the public of management efforts and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Canada increase concern about solid waste management and compost to further stress the importance of its role in carbon management, while increasing financial and environmental incentives for citizens and businesses.