

Extraordinary Resolution #4

Subject of Resolution: Funding for Transition Houses

Intent of Resolution: To obtain increased funding for transition houses that help those who need our help the most

Whereas: the provincial government is freezing funding for social service agencies including transition houses, and

Whereas: the government has tried to make this a good news story by saying they have maintained transition house funding when, in fact, the operating budgets for these agencies have been frozen since 1996, and

Whereas during this economic downturn, there will be more women facing abuse situations, and having greater difficulties to find employment and to become financially self-sufficient, and as a result, there will be more women than ever needing the services of transition houses, and

Whereas transition hours are dependent on government funding and fundraising within the community but these fundraising efforts have been severely limited during the current economic downturn,

Therefore be it resolved that: NSGEU work closely with other unions and other concerned individuals and organizations to press the provincial government to increase funding for transition houses, and to press opposition parties for their commitments and support for such increased funding, and

Be it further resolved that: NSGEU ask all its locals and members to help put pressure on their MLAs about this issue, especially during the provincial election campaign.