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Submitting A Resolution to OC

**Resolutions create policies.
Policies allow for advocacy action!**



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- Activism is about making people listen, but **advocacy is working on identifying solutions and inviting all parties to listen to each other's problems.**
- **Advocacy allows one to educate for change.**
- Both activism and advocacy are important and necessary, but **advocacy and advocates are more likely to incite sustainable, long-term change.**

<https://usidhr.org/activism-vs-advocacy/>



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Club Passion for the Issue



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Ontario Council Resolution Guidelines:

<https://cfuwontcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Resolutions-Information-and-Guidelines-2022-2023.pdf>

CFUW National Resolution Guidelines

https://cfuwadmin.org/take_action/schedule-for-resolutions/ - click on
CFUW Resolution Information and Guidelines



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CFUW Ontario Council Resolution Development Process

Step 1 Read Resolution Guidelines

Step 2 Proposing Club Submits Notice of Intent to OC

Step 3 Proposing Club Develops Resolution

Step 4 Proposing Club Submits Resolution to OC

Step 5 OC Resolution Committee Review



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CFUW Ontario Council Resolution Development Process

Step 6 Amending Process - All OC Clubs Review

Step 7 Amendment Study by Proposer

Step 8 Final Version sent to OC Resolution Committee

Step 9 OC Resolution Committee sends Resolution to All Clubs

Step 10 Voting at AGM



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- Does a resolution already exist (check OC and National policies)?
- If no, propose issue to your Executive
- If considered acceptable, your Executive must take proposal to Club for approval – a motion is required
- Form a Committee



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Notice of Intent to Submit a Resolution

- Complete and submit form on website (Appendix A)
 - resolution@cfuwontcouncil.org
- Intent will be reviewed by OC Committee (and will provide feedback)
- Notice of all Intents are sent to all OC Clubs
- Meeting with resolution proposers



Development of Resolution (if Intent is approved)

- Identify target audience
 - Research (remember to keep the reference sites)
 - Resolve clause
 - Background
 - Implementation
 - Bibliography
- 4 pages
- 2 pages



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Next Steps

- Submission of resolution (APA format, Appendix B)
- OC Committee Review
- Amending Process by submitting Club
- OC Clubs review and amendments (Appendix D)
- Amendment Study by submitting Club
- Final submission to OC for AGM voting
- Adoption at AGM
- Implementation (with OC Advocacy Committee)



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Example:

- Concern over current Ontario Government claw back of greenspace (the Greenbelt)
 - The Greenbelt is a permanently protected area of green space, farmland, forests, wetlands, and watersheds, located in Southern Ontario, Canada. It surrounds a significant portion of the Golden Horseshoe.
- First step – does OC/National have any policies which would cover this?
 - What is close?

Note: Ontario Council Policy manual includes both National and OC resolutions



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Example – cont'd

- Bring issue to club advocacy committee (or environment committee or both)
- Further refine issue – remember it must be non-partisan
- Take to your board/executive for discussion
- Executive takes issue to the Club members for approval to proceed
 - A motion is required which must be minuted
- Intent to Submit form (Appendix A) is completed and sent to OC (before or on deadline)



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Example – cont'd

- OC Resolutions Committee reviews the statement to see if any other Clubs are working on this or a similar issue
 - If yes, OC may suggest the clubs collaborate on development of resolution
 - If no and it is approved by OC, work by the submitting club on the resolution begins
- Form a committee to help with the development of the resolution (can be only one or two people or a whole committee)



Example – cont'd

- Research issue – the more research the better, the more recent the research information the better, the more focused the research the better
 - What is the problem
 - What is the impact – present and future
 - Where is the problem
 - Why is it a problem
 - Who will it impact
 - When should the solution be initiated
 - How should OC advocate for this
- Revise Resolve statement
- Fit the resolution into the format (Appendix B)



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Example cont'd

- Some research will not be used to support the resolution
 - The background/research is only support and is not used in final vote
 - What is most important/impactful
- If there is time, present the resolution to your Advocacy Committee for review, make amendments internally
 - Perhaps have your club review it
- Send it in to OC