



WIRELESS RADIATION SAFETY COUNCIL

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

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From the Wireless Communication Safety Council

These questions are intended to identify those candidates who would or would not be supportive of efforts to change Federal policy regarding many issues involving the telecommunication industry.

We will be asking the leaders of the parties to respond, and to include these issues in their platforms.

As responses are received, website report cards for each party will reflect positions taken.

The Council Team

1. Parental Rights to Protect Children

Preamble: It is a legal fact that parents, by virtue of their relationship, have the legal right and moral obligation to protect their children from potentially hazardous or dangerous exposures.

Question #1

Given that there is gold standard science (peer reviewed, published, replicated) showing ill health effects from microwave radiation, do you believe it is the parents' right to provide their informed consent and waiver of liability before their children are exposed every day to microwave radiation in the school system?

Question #2

Do you believe that any institution, business, or government authority should be able to force children to be exposed to microwave radiation without informed consent from parents?

2. Employee's Right to Protect Self

Preamble: If a worker has reasonable cause to believe that equipment, physical condition of the workplace or the work itself is likely to create an undue hazard, they have the right to refuse to carry out that work in accordance with Occupational Health & Safety Regulation (OHSR). Reasonable cause is defined as the employee

on an individual basis exercising normal and honest judgment believing that the circumstances present an unacceptable degree of hazard.

Question #1

Given that there is gold standard science (peer reviewed, published and replicated) showing ill health effects from microwave radiation, do you believe employees have the right of full disclosure and informed consent with regards to workplace exposure to microwave radiation?

Question #2

Would you support full disclosure regarding health risks of microwave radiation and informed consent procedure for employees who are exposed while at work?

3. Public Health Surveillance System

Preamble: HESA (the Parliamentary sub-committee responsible for Health Canada) has recommended there be independent assessment regarding potential health impacts of exposure to RF EMR, including an examination of electromagnetic sensitivity.

Question

Given that a growing number of Canadians claim serious health impacts from exposure to wireless technologies, would you support a public health surveillance and reporting system for adverse health effects in order to properly assess this emerging public health problem?

4. Electrical sensitivity or Electrohypersensitivity (EHS)

Preamble: Electrical sensitivity, also known as microwave sickness or electrohypersensitivity, is an often-debilitating condition where the sufferer experiences intense 'allergic' reactions to electromagnetic emissions (wireless, electromagnetic fields, cell phones, electricity, etc). Symptoms can include heart palpitations, nerve pain, loss of

speech, headaches, numbness.

The Canadian Human Rights Commission of Canada has recognized these sensitivities as a disability. Peer-reviewed studies suggest that 3% of Canadians have extreme electrical sensitivity, and 35% have less extreme electrical sensitivity. And these numbers are growing.

Question

What concrete actions would you take, as Prime Minister/MP, to ensure that electrical sensitivity is recognized as a certified disability?

5. Municipalities' Constitutional Powers

Preamble: *The Federal Telecommunications Act* replaced *The Railway Act of 1906*, which gave full control over vital means of communications, e.g. telephone and telegraph, to the Federal Government. Today all authority for cell, radio and TV antennas, which are in every town and neighbourhood, remains with the Federal Government.

Industry Canada and CRTC, working with telecommunication companies, disregard concerns of municipalities and citizens regarding health, property values and aesthetics when siting towers and transmitters. Canadians resent this ever-expanding encroachment on their rights to the full enjoyment of their home, free of concerns of health problems from involuntary exposure to microwave radiation.

Question

As PM/MP, what action would you take or support to limit the current federal encroachment of provincial and municipal powers given in the Constitution under the separation of powers?

6. Safety Code 6

Preamble: In April and October, 2010, at meetings with HESA, The Parliamentary Sub-Committee Responsible for Health Canada, world-renowned scientists presented strong evidence that biological effects

occur at radiation exposure levels far below that allowed by Health Canada's Safety Code 6.

As a consequence, HESA recommended that an independent body review current available research and report on potential health effects from short and long-term exposure to radiation at levels below Safety Code 6. To date, nothing has been done.

Question

What concrete actions will you take upon becoming Prime Minister/MP to ensure that HESA's recommendations will be carried out with all urgency by independent, reputable scientists, and devoid of any industry funding or influence, or possibility thereof?

7. Corporate Manslaughter Act

Preamble: The Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act of 2007 is a landmark in law, put into force in the UK in 2008. For the first time, companies and organizations can be found guilty of corporate manslaughter as a result of serious management failures resulting in a gross breach of a duty of care.

Companies will be held liable for not taking account of any appropriate health and safety guidance, and for breaches of health and safety legislation.

During the last number of years, corporations have caused grave injury to individuals by ignoring scientific evidence by independent scientists. Many examples exist with drugs, blood supply, asbestos, and electromagnetic radiation.

Question

As Prime Minister, would you instruct your Party to introduce into Parliament a Canadian Corporate Manslaughter Act, which would hold corporations responsible for allowing harm to be done by their products or services, when credible evidence of potential harm was disregarded?