

The BC Liberals – at the party’s policy convention in 2008 – passed the following:

FAIR COMPENSATION FOR THE FAMILIES OF VICTIMS OF FATAL ACCIDENTS

1. THE PROBLEM

British Columbia does not have legislation that provides compensation for damages for the bereavement of family members as a result of the death of a parent, spouse or child unlike other western provinces. Such an Act provides an award for the spouse of a person killed by the negligence of another person, and lesser amounts for parents and children.

2. THE RELEVANT POLICY

The BC Liberals support the goal of building the best system of support in Canada for persons with disabilities, special needs, children at risk and seniors. The BC Liberals also support self-sufficiency and justice for those deprived by the carelessness or negligence of others.

3. THE PROPOSAL

The BC Liberals support amending the *Family Compensation Act* to provide that if an action is brought under the Act, the court, as well as other damages that may be awarded, may award an amount for damages for grief and loss of the guidance, care and companionship of the deceased person to the family of the deceased person.