



**Conservative Party of Canada – British Columbia**

**Constitution Regional Meeting Resolutions 2018 CPC Convention**

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# Round One Resolutions

I. **Sponsoring EDA:** Abbotsford

**Committee Chair:** Trenton Poy ([political\\_animal@hotmail.com](mailto:political_animal@hotmail.com))

## **Section 4 – Membership (MODIFICATION)**

~~4.6 Identification requirements shall be subject to the exercise of discretion by the returning officer or equivalent to waive specific requirements where exceptional circumstances warrant.~~

### **Rationale:**

We believe that especially in nomination members, the returning officers need clear guidelines for the consistent and fair voting process.

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- II. **Sponsoring EDA:** Vancouver Centre  
**Committee Chair:** Zach Segal ([zachsegal12@gmail.com](mailto:zachsegal12@gmail.com))

**Section 5 – Electoral District Associations (INSERTION)**

5.4 Regarding the composition of an EDA's Board of Directors, one in every five (5) Directors or portion thereof, to a maximum of six (6), may be members of the Party resident in another electoral district.

**Rationale:**

Even for boards of just 20, too many (unproductive) people getting acclaimed; This amendment hugely widens the candidate pool, yielding more elections/less acclamations.

To win, we must enable more of our best/brightest to mentor multiple boards, not just EDA they live in.

Overwhelming majority of board remains in-riding.

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III. **Sponsoring EDA:** Langley – Aldergrove

**Committee Chair:** John Hof ([jhof4life@gmail.com](mailto:jhof4life@gmail.com))

**Section 7: National Conventions (MODIFICATION)**

~~7.5.5 leaders of provincial parties who are members of the Party.~~

**Rationale:**

The Conservative Party does not have provincial parties. Therefore, there is no reason to grant special rights to a provincial party leader of a different party to be a voting delegate at a national convention. Such person has the same opportunity as any other party member to join an Electoral District Association and become duly selected as a convention delegate with voting rights.

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IV. **Sponsoring EDA:** North Okanagan – Shuswap  
South Surrey – White Rock

**Committee Chair:** Ian Pusey ([ianpusey@shaw.ca](mailto:ianpusey@shaw.ca))  
Derek Smith ([smith.derekthomas@gmail.com](mailto:smith.derekthomas@gmail.com))

#### **Section 10 – Leader (MODIFICATION AND INSERTION)**

10.9 In the event of the implementation of the leadership selection process, the following shall apply.

10.9.2 The leadership election organizing committee shall determine the rules and procedures for the conduct of the leadership selection process, including a dispute resolution procedure which shall be final and binding. ~~The rules shall provide that a member may cast a postal ballot; the minimum membership period established for eligibility to vote in the leadership election shall be set so as to permit adequate time for ballots to be mailed to members and returned by mail. Voting by way of faxed ballot shall not be permitted.~~

**10.9.3 The rules shall provide that a member may cast a ballot through a secure online voting system, or in such cases where the member does not have internet access, a postal ballot. A postal ballot will only be mailed in the event of a specific request by the member. The minimum membership period established for eligibility to vote in the leadership election shall be set so as to permit adequate time for those members voting by post to have their ballots mailed to them, and returned by mail. Voting by way of faxed ballot shall not be permitted.**

10.9.4 National Council shall appoint the chair and members of the leadership election organizing committee.

#### **Rationale:**

The previous mail-ballot voting system has proven to be expensive, inefficient, and remarkably tedious. Online polls have proven to be secure and effective in other parties at both the federal and provincial level, and will work to save our party both time and money.

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- V. **Sponsoring EDA:** Mission – Matsqui – Fraser Canyon  
**Committee Chair:** Marc Vella ([marc.vella@scotiawealth.com](mailto:marc.vella@scotiawealth.com))

**Section 13 – Policy and Section 16 – Constitutional Amendment (MODIFICATION)**

This amendment proposes to change through merging Sections 13 and 16.

We propose to replace the National Policy Committee and the National Constitution Committee with one committee; the National Policy & Constitution Committee.

Membership in this committee will as comprised in the current 16.7.

For policy amendments alone, the "interim amendment" process as stated in current 13.4 and 13.5 will be retained under the new, single committee.

All other functions, mandates, and timelines of the current committees are virtually identical and will be maintained/merged.

**Rationale:**

Having two National committees "facilitating an amendment process" adds layers of complexity for no appreciable gain. Most EDAs attempt to address this problem by having their own subcommittee be "Policy & Constitution" rather than having two separate ones. But even so it is still confusing since EDAs have to follow two different processes, with two different timelines to keep in mind for submission deadlines, two different methods of how to submit them, and two different outcomes and follow through afterwards. Having one National Policy & Constitution Committee would keep all the current Committees' democratic strengths but in a much more streamlined, efficient, and simple process.

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## Round Two Resolutions

VI. **Sponsoring EDA:** Langley – Aldergrove

**Committee Chair:** John Hof ([jhof4life@gmail.com](mailto:jhof4life@gmail.com))

### **Section 9 – Conservative Fund Canada (MODIFICATION)**

~~9.8 The Leader shall nominate the directors of Conservative Fund Canada subject to ratification by National Council.~~

National Council shall nominate the directors of Conservative Fund Canada.

#### **Rationale:**

Nominating the directors of Conservative Fund Canada is more appropriate to National Council as its role is to manage and oversee the operations of the Party. Conservative Fund Canada reports to National Council as it is the sole fundraising arm of the Party and chief agent of the Party to Elections Canada. The Leader's role is rightly focused on promoting the Party, its principles and policies in government instead of the mechanics of Party operation.

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VII. **Sponsoring EDA:** Abbotsford  
South Surrey – White Rock

**Committee Chair:** Trenton Poy ([political\\_animal@hotmail.com](mailto:political_animal@hotmail.com))  
Derek Smith ([smith.derekthomas@gmail.com](mailto:smith.derekthomas@gmail.com))

**Section 10 – Leader (MODIFICATION)**

10.7 ~~At the first national convention following a federal general election when the Party does not form the government and the Leader has not indicated, prior to the commencement of the national convention, an irrevocable intention to resign,~~ **At every national convention,** the delegates will vote by secret ballot if they wish to engage the leadership selection process.

**Rationale:**

Whereas, we believe the Conservative Party is made of grass root members from across Canada,

Whereas, we believe that the principle of “accountability” is a fundamental principle in governance of our country and party.

Whereas, irrespective of who is the leader, we believe that we should establish a checks and balances in our Constitution which encourages accountability of the party leader to the grass roots.

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VIII. **Sponsoring EDA:** North Okanagan – Shuswap

**Committee Chair:** Ian Pusey ([ianpusey@shaw.ca](mailto:ianpusey@shaw.ca))

**Section 10 – Leader (INSERTION)**

**10.11 The Conservative Party respects the right to privacy of every party member. At the onset of a leadership contest, all party members will be given the option to be de-listed from the party membership list provided to the candidates. This opt-out communication will take place via email (or phone call in event of no valid email address) before any membership lists are provided to candidates.**

**Rationale:**

The fact that our party’s entire membership list was provided to the campaigns of all candidates in our last leadership race is unsettling, to say the least. Most especially because members were not notified beforehand.

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## Round Three Resolutions

IX. **Sponsoring EDA:** South Surrey – White Rock  
Carleton (Ontario)

**Committee Chair:** Derek Smith ([smith.derekthomas@gmail.com](mailto:smith.derekthomas@gmail.com))

### **Section 9 – Conservative Fund Canada (INSERTION)**

**9.5.1 National Council shall not authorize the request or authorize the transfer of any portion of the reimbursement of election expenses provided under Sections 477.73 and Section 477.74 of the Canada Elections Act to the Conservative Fund of Canada or the Conservative Party of Canada.**

#### **Rationale:**

The reimbursement of election expenses, and the role of Official Agents in respect to the receipt and handling of these funds is clearly defined in the sections of the Canada Elections Act cited in the amendment. The Party seeks to control a portion of election expenses reimbursed to EDA'S which may be beyond it's legal authority to do so. This amendment seeks to address this unwarranted over-reach.

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X. **Sponsoring EDA:** Langley – Aldergrove

**Committee Chair:** John Hof ([jhof4life@gmail.com](mailto:jhof4life@gmail.com))

**Section 13 – Policy (INSERTION)**

**13.8. In lieu of any other established process for advancing amendments to the Policy Declaration to a national convention, a proposed amendment to the Policy Declaration will be put to a vote at a national convention where policy proposals are being considered, if such proposed amendment has the supporting signature of delegates from at least one hundred (100) electoral district associations. However, it must follow the same process as the other proposed amendments, i.e., be debated and adopted at the corresponding session before going to plenary.**

**Rationale:**

This amendment provides the same type of process for policy proposals to advance at a national convention that exists in the Party's Constitution for constitutional amendments. It will allow for proposals with widespread support to be put to a vote at Convention. It will also act as a check and balance between the party members and the National Policy process.

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XI. **Sponsoring EDA:** South Surrey – White Rock

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**Section 14. Candidates for Parliament (INSERTION)**

**14.4 The Leader in consultation with National Council and the affected subject electoral district association may select the Party’s candidate in a maximum of twenty percent (20%) of the electoral districts that do not have a current sitting Member of Parliament who is a member of the parliamentary caucus of the Party or in which the current sitting member is a Member of the parliamentary caucus of the Party and has indicated an intention to not seek re-election in that electoral district.**

**Rationale:**

This amendment empowers the Leader and the National Council to work with the local EDA’S to select the candidate in up to 20% of ridings where the Party does not have an incumbent Member of Parliament. The amended candidate selection process can also be used in support of the Party’s efforts to attract “star” candidates who may be reluctant to engage in the otherwise mandated candidate nomination process.

It is estimated that the exercise of this mandate would have an impact on 40 – 45 EDA’S, preserving valuable assets for these EDA’S to promote and elect their candidates.

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