

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONSERVATIVE PARTY

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

POLICY PROPOSALS

WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BC CONSERVATIVE PARTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND AFTER CONSULTING ITS MEMBERSHIP, THE POLICY & RESEARCH COMMITTEE HEREWITH RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE POLICY DOCUMENT BE RATIFIED AT THE 2018 AGM AT KELOWNA.

ARTICLE 1 — GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Section 1.9. (NEW)

The B.C. Conservative Party recognizes freedom of speech is a hallmark of a free society. Compelled speech in any form is a violation of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Individual freedoms of thought, belief, opinion, and expression supersede all compelled speech.

ARTICLE 2 — DEMOCRATIC REFORM & ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT

Section 2.1.12. (MODIFICATION)

~~Enact~~ Support legislation relating to political contributions to registered British Columbia political parties and third party advertisers, limiting such donations to those received only from individuals and banning donations from corporations, unions, and all other similar entities. Furthermore, no political party, candidate, or third party advertiser shall receive funding or other types of financial or material support for their election campaign from a foreign entity.

Section 2.1.X. Recall & Initiative Act (NEW)

The B.C. Conservative Party supports reforming the Recall and Initiative Act to lower the threshold for British Colombians to propose legislation changes.

ARTICLE 5 — HEALTH CARE

5.4.14. Palliative Care (NEW)

The B.C. Conservative Party recognizes that robust palliative care is key to ensuring Canadians have meaningful choice when making end-of-life decisions. To that end, the B.C. Conservative Party believes that palliative care should be appropriately recognized and funded.

ARTICLE 6 — EDUCATION

6.1.3. Respecting Parental Rights (NEW)

Adding the protection of parental rights as a new responsibility of school trustees under the British Columbia School Act. This would complement their current mandate involving financial matters and academic performance. Moreover, we are committed to enhancing parental involvement in the local governance of the school that their children attend.

6.6. Parental Consultation (NEW)

6.6.1. The B.C. Conservative Party supports consulting with parents on existing and future curricula for students.

6.7. School Choice (NEW)

A BC Conservative Government will introduce: a funding formula which will provide equal “per student” financing for students attending the same grade as in public schools for traditional, charter schools, and independent schools from K-12 levels.

The system will operate throughout British Columbia on the basis of choice by parents in each school district. It will provide a specific grant for each student in a school that meets the minimum academic requirement established by the Provincial Ministry of Education.

ARTICLE 8 — PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE

8.1.4. B.C. Human Rights Tribunal (MODIFICATION)

Reviewing and modifying the mandate of the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal to ensure the rights and privileges of all B.C. citizens are respected and freedom of speech is respected in British Columbia.

Rationale: The freedom of speech of visiting entertainers, authors and commentators should be respected whether or not they reside in British Columbia.

8.1.4. B.C. Human Rights Tribunal (MODIFICATION)

Reviewing and modifying the mandate of the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal to ensure the rights and privileges of all B.C. citizens are respected. We will amend the legislation concerning the Human Rights Tribunal to require rules of evidence and procedures to be followed as they would be in a court of law. We will also amend the legislation to require awarding of costs to be done on the same basis as in a court of law.

ARTICLE 10 — NATURAL RESOURCES

10.5.5. Site C (NEW)

The B.C. Conservative Party supports B.C. Hydro's Site C project.

10.9. Pipelines (NEW)

The very essence of economic development, nation building, and regional development is the free flow of resources. The B.C. Conservative Party supports the development of the Trans Mountain Pipeline as a means of creating British Columbian jobs and reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

ARTICLE 12 — TRANSPORTATION

12.X. Passenger Rail Service (NEW)

The B.C. Conservative Party supports working with the federal government to establish Via Rail passenger rail service on the former B.C. Rail line that the Liberal government leased to Canadian National Railway for 999 years.

12.X. Ridesharing (NEW)

The B.C. Conservative Party supports legislation to enable the establishment of ride sharing, including bringing Uber and Lyft to British Columbia.

12.X. ICBC (NEW)

The B.C. Conservative Party supports turning the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia into a co-operative, and opening the automobile insurance market to competition.

ARTICLE 17 — RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENS

17.6.1. Refundable Tax Credit for Charitable Giving (NEW)

Change the British Columbia portion of the donation tax credit from non-refundable to refundable for the first \$500 of charitable giving.

Rationale: Low income taxpayers would get some recognition through this measure where they now do not get the recognition that high income taxpayers do. This would potentially increase the amount of charitable giving in British Columbia. And charities typically deliver social services in a more efficient manner than the cumbersome delivery that is all too often found in government agencies.

ARTICLE 18 — AFFORDABLE HOUSING (NEW SECTION)

The B.C. Conservative Party believes in:

18.1. Reviewing the existing 95% of land in British Columbia that is crown land – in consultation with First Nations, municipalities, urban planners, and other stakeholders.

18.2. Allocating up to 1% of existing Crown Land to develop into affordable housing for British Columbian residents, which will include co-operative housing.

18.3. Encouraging credit unions in British Columbia to finance the development of affordable housing that is released from crown land.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEW SOCIETIES ACT CAME IN TO FORCE ON NOVEMBER 28th 2016. IN ORDER FOR THE PARTY TO TRANSITION ITSELF UNDER THE ACT, THE POLICY & RESEARCH COMMITTEE HEREWITH RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS.

NEW 2018 SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

(MODIFICATION)

The name of the society is the Conservative Party of British Columbia.

The purposes of the society are:

- (a) to promote and foster the aims and principles of the Party as set out in this Constitution and the By-Laws;
- (b) to organize the nomination of and the support of Candidates for election to public office as Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia; and
- (c) to promote membership in and support for the Party by the recruiting, organizing and development of all aspects of the various structures of the Party and by the raising of funds sufficient to properly carry out its activities.
- (d) to uphold the following 4 conservative principles:

Good Government. A belief that good government is ethical, accountable, fiscally responsible and enforces the rule of law to provide for the peace and security of our society. A further belief in smaller, less intrusive, more efficient government to afford the greatest amount of freedom with the least amount of taxation;

Individual Liberty & Freedom. A belief that every individual has value, that life and liberty are a fundamental and inviolable right, and that everyone is born equal to enjoy life in a tolerant society that respects their individuality and freedom of speech, religion, and assembly;

Social Responsibility. A belief in a strong social safety net that cares for the vulnerable in our society while encouraging individual self-sufficiency;

Free-Enterprise Economy. A belief that a competitive free-enterprise economy with the right to private property are essential to encourage the entrepreneurial spirit that creates prosperity.

(e) To support the work of like-minded organizations, and elections of representatives at other levels of government.

2018 BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

PREAMBLE: *(RELOCATED FROM CONSTITUTION)*

The British Columbia Conservative Party is firmly committed to the concept of accountability to the taxpayers of the Province. Income is received by the Government “in trust” for the citizens of the Province and we, when we are the Government, accept that it is our responsibility to manage those funds in the most efficient and accountable manner possible.

The BC Conservative Party is based on the dual principles that the Party must be totally accountable to its Members, and, when forming the Government, that our Government will be accountable to all the people of the Province.

The Party also believes that all individuals and organizations within Government, including public servants at all levels, must be held accountable for the prudent management of monies and the efficient delivery of services. This applies across the spectrum of Government operations, including education, health care, electrical power, or any other service provided by Government.

To these ends, a BC Conservative Government will be dedicated to ensuring expected standards are well defined, delivery performance is regularly monitored and tested, a structure of transparency will always prevail, and those responsible for delivery are held accountable.

ARTICLE 8 — ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (AGMS)

8.03. Delegatory Credentials to Vote (MODIFICATION)

~~Voting delegates will consist of all Members in good standing who are in attendance. There will be no voting by proxy at any AGM or SGM.~~

The following members are entitled to vote as delegates to an AGM or SGM:

- (a) an equal number not exceeding 10 from each electoral district (riding) association elected in such number and in such manner as determined by the party board of directors, and as an additional delegate the president of the electoral district (riding) association as of a date set by the party board of directors;
- (b) the official candidate of record of the party for each electoral district in the preceding provincial election, or the then current nominated party candidate for each such electoral district;
- (c) the legislative caucus of the party;
- (d) elected members of the party board of directors;
- (e) members that hold honorary lifetime memberships;
- (f) in the absence of an established electoral district (riding) association, the first equal number not exceeding 10 members in good standing (as outlined in By-Law Article 2.02) from the electoral district to register in full no later than twenty-one (21) days before the AGM or SGM.

8.04 Voting Powers (MODIFICATION)

~~Any Member who is not in good standing but who pays the prescribed fee may attend but may not vote. Members who renew their membership within ninety (90) days after it has expired will immediately be considered Members in good standing and will be eligible to vote at the AGM or an SGM or for the election of a Leader.~~

Any Member who is not a voting delegate as described in article (8.03.), but who pays the prescribed fee may attend, but may not vote at the AGM or SGM.

(a) Any member who renews their membership within ninety (90) days after it has expired will be automatically considered a member in good standing and shall be eligible to vote for the election of a Leader.

Rationale: This amendment is to make 8.04 relevant and in tune with the proposed 8.03 amendment. It further ensures that all members are able to attend if they so choose.

ARTICLE 13 — RIDING ASSOCIATIONS (RAs)

13.04. (DELETION)

~~No Member can be an Officer or Director of, or on the Executive of, or a Member of more than one (1) Riding Association.~~

ARTICLE 15 — CONSTITUENCIES AND REGIONS

15.0. TITLE – (MODIFICATION)

Rename this article to “Regions”

Rationale: The article does not define constituencies at all and when it refers to local associations it uses the current terminology “riding associations”. The article focuses on regions and the amended name clearly indicates the focus.

15.03. (MODIFICATION)

Initially there shall be fourteen (14) Regions, as follows:

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| <u>Island</u> | <u>1. Vancouver Island–South</u>
<u>2. Vancouver Island–Central and North</u> |
| <u>Burrard</u> | <u>3. North Shore–Sunshine Coast</u>
<u>4. Vancouver</u>
<u>5. Burnaby–New Westminster & the Tri-Cities</u> |
| <u>Fraser</u> | <u>6. Richmond – Delta</u>
<u>7. Surrey</u>
<u>8. Fraser Valley</u> |

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- Interior 9. Okanagan–Shuswap
 10. Kamloops–Nicola
 11. Kootenays
- North 12. Prince George–Cariboo
 13. North West
 14. Peace River

Rationale: The re-numbering allows for a somewhat better structure based on the geography of the Lower Mainland.