



Agreement in Principle on the Establishment of the Wildrose Independence Party of Alberta

1. Agreement in Principle

- a. The governing bodies of the Freedom Conservative Party of Alberta (FCP) and Wexit Fund (hereafter referred to as Wexit Alberta) agree to place this Agreement in Principle (“Agreement”) before the memberships of their respective parties and organizations for consideration and ratification.
- b. The constitution, bylaws, and finances of the FCP will serve as the foundation of the Wildrose Independence Party of Alberta (WIPA), and will be amended as set out in this Agreement to facilitate the unification of the FCP and Wexit Alberta memberships. The FCP Constitution will hereafter be referred to as the “Constitution”.
- c. Sections 2, 3, and 4 of this Agreement constitute an amendment to the Constitution if ratified.
- d. Sections 5 to 16 of this Agreement constitute interim measures which supersede the Constitution until the Founding AGM if ratified.
- e. Section 17 of this Agreement stipulates the ratification process and is binding on both parties from the signing of this document until the ratification vote by the respective party memberships.
- f. Both parties agree that by voting on and accepting this agreement and the amendments to the Constitution, that they signal their ratification of the intent of this process to bring these groups together into a common political cause under the Constitution.
- g. Areas of this Agreement concerning the FCP and Wexit Alberta post-ratification may refer to them collectively as “legacy parties”.



2. Establishment

Replace “Section I. Establishment” of the Constitution with the following:

- a. The people of Alberta, having been exploited by the federal government since its establishment as a province in 1905, and having attempted in good faith for generations to seek reconciliation without resolution, require a political vessel with which to sever or radically redefine its ties with the federal government.
- b. Therefore, the members of Freedom Conservative Party of Alberta (FCP) and Wexit Alberta commit to bind themselves together in the establishment of the Wildrose Independence Party of Alberta, hereafter referred to as the “WIPA” or “the Party”.

3. Name and Society

- a. The name of the party in the Constitution, its name under the *Alberta Societies Act*, and with *Elections Alberta* shall be amended to “Wildrose Independence Party of Alberta”.
- b. Where not otherwise noted in this Agreement, all references to the “Freedom Conservative Party” or “FCP” in the Constitution will be amended to “Wildrose Independence Party of Alberta” or “WIPA”.
- c. The legacy parties agree to transfer exclusive rights to, control over, and ownership of: all of the trademarks, wordmarks, copyrights, names, and registrations of the FCP and Wexit Alberta or their variations for use as a provincial political party, society, organization, or movement.
- d. Agreement on copyright issues pertaining to Wexit Alberta is attached as Appendix A to this Agreement.



4. Founding Principles

Replace “Section II. Founding Principles” of the Constitution with the following:

a. Freedom for Alberta

- i. Alberta will be strong, free, and sovereign.
- ii. Alberta will sever all ties of domination from the federal government.
- iii. Alberta will immediately repatriate all powers granted to it under the constitution as it seeks to sever or radically redefine its current relationship with the federal government.

b. Freedom for Albertans

- i. Alberta will establish its own constitution and its own Charter of Freedoms.
- ii. Alberta’s government will hold the freedom of its citizens as its highest responsibility.

c. Responsibility for Alberta’s government

- i. Alberta’s government will allow its people to directly express their will with the rights to recall elected representatives and initiate referenda.
- ii. Alberta government will collect no more taxes from its people than is required and will spend no more of its taxes than is needed.
- iii. Alberta’s government will abolish the positions of party whips in the legislature and allow representatives to vote freely.
- iv. Alberta’s WIPA leader and candidates will be nominated in an open, free and transparent process.

5. Unification of Membership

- a. All paid members in good standing of the legacy parties will become members of the WIPA with equal rights and privileges.



- b. Grandfathered memberships in the WIPA will expire within one calendar year from the ratification of this Agreement or upon the original expiry date, whichever is sooner.
- c. The Interim Joint Board of Governors will be responsible for verifying validity of memberships from both legacy parties.
- d. If required by law, Wexit Alberta members will be asked to opt-in to membership in the WIPA.

6. Interim Joint Board of Governors

- a. The Interim Joint Board of Governors (IJBG) will consist of:
 - i. 15 individuals from the FCP's Board of Governors and 15 individuals elected from Wexit Alberta's Board listed in Appendix B to this Agreement;
 - ii. Two individuals elected after section 6.C of this Agreement is implemented with the majority support of IJBG members from both legacy parties; and
 - iii. Up to 15 additional individuals in the event that another political party, movement or organization becomes party to the Agreement upon the consent of a majority of IJBG Members from both legacy parties respectively.
- b. The first meeting of the IJBG shall take place within 24 hours of the announcement of this Agreement's ratification at a time and location announced in advance by the outgoing President of the FCP.
- c. Appendix B listing IJBG Members can be amended at any time before the ratification of this Agreement with the majority support of both the FCP Board of Governors and Wexit Alberta.
- d. Parts of "Section VII. A" of the Constitution determining the number of Board of Governors Members will be temporarily suspended until the founding Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the WIPA.



- e. All IJBG Members shall be considered new “members-at-large” at its first meeting, and elect new officers and directors as per “Section VII.C” of the Constitution.
- f. In the event that a member of the IJBG becomes unable or unwilling to continue, then the IJBG shall replace that individual. A replacement candidate must achieve the support of a majority of the IJBG Members from both legacy parties.
- g. *Add the following under “Section VII.A.3 Board of Governors” of the Constitution:*
 - 4. Individuals serving on the primary governing bodies of, or who have fiduciary duties to, any other provincial or federal political party are ineligible for election or appointment to the Board of Governors or the Leadership of the Party.

5. Interim Leadership

- a. The first act of the IJBG (before electing its officers) will be to select an Interim Leader.
- b. The Interim Leader shall be selected according to the process laid out in “Section VIII. C. 3. iii” of the Constitution.
- c. Removal of the Interim Leader shall be governed by the same process as that in the Constitution for the removal of an IJBG Member.

6. Policy & Governance Committee

- a. The Interim Joint Board of Governors (IJBG) will select up to four individuals to serve on the WIPA Policy & Governance Committee. Half of these individuals will be elected from legacy IJBG members from each legacy party, representing equality from each on the Policy Committee.
- b. Any member of the WIPA is eligible for nomination to the Policy & Governance Committee.



- c. The Policy & Governance Committee will review the Constitution of the WIPA, provide recommendations, and facilitate amendments by the members of the WIPA at its first AGM.
- d. In the event that a member of the Policy & Governance Committee becomes unable or unwilling to continue, then the IJBG shall replace that individual. A replacement candidate must achieve the support of a majority of the IJBG Members from both legacy parties.
- e. In the event that a member of the IJBG wishes to suspend or remove a member of the Policy Committee, the motion to do so must receive the majority support of IJBG members of the legacy party or organization from which the offending member was selected.

7. Communications Committee

- a. The Interim Joint Board of Governors (IJBG) will select up to four individuals to serve on the WIPA Communications Committee. Half of these individuals will be elected from legacy IJBG members from each legacy party, representing equality from each on the Communications Committee.
- b. Any member of the WIPA is eligible for nomination to the Communications Committee.
- c. The Communications Committee will review the name, logo, colours, website, social media and other branding of the WIPA.
- d. In the event that a member of the Policy & Governance Committee becomes unable or unwilling to continue, then the IJBG shall replace that individual. A replacement candidate must achieve the support of a majority of the IJBG Members from both legacy parties.
- e. In the event that a member of the IJBG wishes to suspend or remove a member of the Communications Committee, the motion to do so must receive the majority support of IJBG members of the legacy party or organization from which the offending member was selected.

8. Constituency Development Committee

- a. The Interim Joint Board of Governors (IJBG) will select up to four individuals to serve on the Constituency Development Committee. Half of these



individuals will be elected from legacy IJBG members from each legacy party, representing equality from each on the Constituency Development Committee.

- b. Any member of the WIPA is eligible for nomination to the Constituency Development Committee.
- c. The Constituency Development Committee will work with existing FCP Constituency Associations to hold new, joint-AGMs, and with members in constituencies without an association to form one in a timely manner.
- d. In the event that a member of the Policy & Governance Committee becomes unable or unwilling to continue, then the IJBG shall replace that individual. A replacement candidate must achieve the support of a majority of the IJBG Members from both legacy parties.
- e. In the even that a member of the IJBG wishes to suspend or remove a member of the Policy and Governance Committee, the motion to do so must receive the majority support of IJBG members of the legacy party or organization from which the offending member was selected.

9. AGM Committee

- a. The Interim Joint Board of Governors (IJBG) will select up to four individuals to serve on the WIPA AGM Committee. Half of these individuals will be elected from legacy IJBG members from each legacy party, representing equality from each on the AGM Committee.
- b. Any member of the WIPA is eligible for nomination to the AGM Committee.
- c. The AGM Committee will organize and be responsible for the founding Annual General Meeting of the WIPA.
- d. In the event that a member of the Policy & Governance Committee becomes unable or unwilling to continue, then the IJBG shall replace that individual. A replacement candidate must achieve the support of a majority of the IJBG Members from both legacy parties.
- e. In the even that a member of the IJBG wishes to suspend or remove a member of the AGM Committee, the motion to do so must receive the



majority support of IJBG members of the legacy party or organization from which the offending member was selected.

10. Leadership Election Committee

- a. The Interim Joint Board of Governors (IJBG) will select up to four individuals to serve on the WIPA Leadership Election Committee (LEC). Half of these individuals will be elected from legacy IJBG members from each legacy party, representing equality from each on the AGM Committee.
- b. Any member of the WIPA is eligible for nomination to the LEC.
- c. While no leadership election shall take place until after the Founding Convention, the LEC shall be authorized to create a leadership election application package, investigate venues, and explore voting methods to be used.
- d. The LEC and IJBG will not officially approve or announce a leadership election date or rules prior to the founding convention.

11. Provincial Nomination Committee

- a. The Interim Joint Board of Governors (IJBG) will select up to four individuals to serve on the WIPA Local Candidate Nominations Committee (LCNC). Half of these individuals will be elected from legacy IJBG members from each legacy party, representing equality from each on the AGM Committee.
- b. Any member of the WIPA is eligible for nomination to the LCNC.
- c. While no local candidate nominations are to take place unless the IJBG determines that there is a reasonable probability of a by-election, the LCNC shall be authorized to create a local candidate nomination application package, investigate venues, and explore voting methods to be used.
- d. The LCNC and IJBG will not officially approve or announce a nomination date or rules prior to the founding convention unless there is a reasonable probability of a by-election.

12. Financial Matters and other Assets



- a. Where allowed by provincial law, the finances of the FCP and Wexit Alberta shall be reconciled into a single WIPA account.
- b. Within two business days of the signing of this Agreement, the FCP and Wexit Alberta shall exchange financial statements transparently demonstrating all financial assets and liabilities carried by either organization.
- c. Any liabilities carried by candidates from either legacy party or organization shall remain the sole responsibility of that individual or campaign.
- d. Where allowed by provincial law, the assets of the FCP and Wexit Alberta as of the signing of this Agreement – less any costs for conducting the ratification vote – shall be transferred to the new WIPA account.
- e. Within two business days of the ratification of this Agreement, the legacy parties will grant exclusive control and ownership over all social media accounts to the IJBG.
 - i. Upon the transfer of the Wexit Alberta membership list and social media accounts to the WIPA, the trademark agreement contained in Appendix A will come into force.

13. Founding AGM

- a. The first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the WIPA shall:
 - i. Review and amend the Constitution of the WIPA, including its Founding Principles, and name through the grassroots process laid out in “*Section XII. Constitutional Amendment*” of the Constitution.
 - ii. Adopt a policy declaration through the grassroots process laid out in “*Section X. Policy*” of the Constitution.
 - iii. Elect a Board of Governors.
- b. The date and location of the Founding AGM shall be determined by the IJBG with the advice of the AGM Committee.
 - i. The Founding AGM must take place no later than three months after the ratification of this Agreement.



- ii. In the event that public health orders prevent the holding of a Founding AGM within the prescribed period, the IJBG may delay the date by up to an additional three months, or consider remote alternatives.
- c. The FCP agrees not to proceed with scheduling its own AGM until this Agreement has been voted on by its membership.

14. Constituency Associations

- a. Existing FCP Constituency Associations shall no later than one month of the ratification of this Agreement hold local AGMs to allow the unified membership of the WIPA to elect new Constituency Association Boards, subject to the rules laid out in “Section IV” of the Constitution.
- b. The Constituency Development Committee and IJBG regional directors shall work with members in constituencies without an association to form one in a timely manner.

15. Ratification

- a. The governing authorities of the FCP and Wexit Alberta agree to put this Agreement to their members for ratification in an open, fair and free vote by their respective grassroots members.
- b. The FCP shall:
 - i. Hold a remote Special General Meeting (Members Assembly) with the sole resolution being the debate and consideration of this Agreement.
 - ii. The FCP Board of Governors will facilitate secure online voting to allow for members across Alberta to participate.
- c. Wexit Alberta shall:
 - i. Hold a remote binding referendum with secure online voting to allow for members across Alberta to participate.
- d. The FCP and Wexit Alberta will hold their respective ratification debates and votes on Friday, June 29, 2020.



- e. Both parties agree to close voting by 6:30 pm, and announce their respective results by 7:30 pm.

16. Amendment

- a. This agreement may be amended before the scheduled ratification date with the mutual consent of the FCP Board of Governors and Wexit Alberta.
- b. Any amendment to the agreement must be made public and the members of the FCP and Wexit Alberta be informed as to any changes.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta on the _____ day of _____, 2020.

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