

LFL & A PC ONTARIO ASSOCIATION

Motion for Constitutional Amendment “Caucus Code of Ethics”

Rationale

Currently there are no rules or regarding the roles or guidelines regarding the roles or responsibilities of Caucus.

This motion would establish rules of conduct for Members of Caucus to promote integrity, openness and transparency, and to secure the public interest.

Current

n/a

Proposed

The LFLA PC Ontario Association moves that Article 31 be added and read:

Article 31 Caucus - Rules of Conduct

Caucus Members are expected to observe the following rules of conduct.

- a) No Caucus Member shall act as a paid advocate in any proceeding of the House.
- b) There shall be no acceptance of any fee, compensation or reward in connection with the promotion of, or opposition to, any Bill, Motion, or other matter submitted, or intended to be submitted to the House, or to any Committee of the House, by a Caucus Member to influence his or her conduct as a Member.
- c) Caucus Members shall be free to vote in the interests of their constituents and/or their conscience on Private Members Business or matters of conscience and/or faith, and shall be free to do so without sanction or fear of repercussion.
- d) Information which Caucus Members receive in confidence in the course of their legislative duties shall be used only in connection with those duties. Such information must never be used for the purpose of financial gain.
- e) Caucus Members are personally responsible and accountable for ensuring that their use of any expenses, allowances, facilities and services provided from the public purse is in accordance with the rules laid down on these matters. Caucus Members shall ensure that their use of public resources is always in support of their legislative duties. It should not confer any undue personal or financial benefit on themselves or anyone else, or confer undue advantage on a political organisation. This includes the use of funds assigned for general Caucus services by the Leader’s Office or any other Caucus Member
- f) Caucus Members shall never undertake any action which would cause significant damage to the reputation and integrity of the Legislative Assembly as a whole, of the PC

Caucus or the PC Party of Ontario generally.

- g) No Caucus Member shall be removed from Caucus without the expressed consent and agreement by Caucus. Consent, for these purposes, is defined as by a democratic vote requiring Caucus voting in favour of the Member's removal.
- h) Should the Leader be found in violation of any of these Rules of Conduct by Caucus, Caucus reserves the right to remove the Leader.
- i) The following Caucus positions shall be filled by a democratic vote of Caucus:
 - i. Deputy House Leader(s);
 - ii. Chief Whip;
 - iii. Deputy Whip(s);
 - iv. Committee Chair(s);
 - v. Deputy Speaker(s); and
 - vi. Any other paid position as identified by the Standing Orders