2016 Policy Resolutions
Book
NOTE: This book of policy proposals is currently ordered in the order each resolution appears in the Member Approved Policy document. The agenda order these proposals will be heard in at the AGM is currently being determined by a ranking of the proposals currently underway by our Constituency Associations.

The results of the ranking process and subsequent agenda order for the AGM will be distributed after the ranking deadline of 5 PM on October 22, 2016. At that time, these proposals will be re-ordered in their agenda order using the original proposal numbers found in this document.
Policy Proposal #1

Current Article:

No Current Article

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Leduc-Beaumont propose that the following section be added at the beginning of the document and remained sections be renumbered accordingly:

I. *Party Compass*

The Wildrose Party of Alberta recognizes that to earn and keep the trust of the public, it will evaluate all its actions to ensure that it is promoting the development of compassionate, self-reliant citizens in Alberta.

This will serve as our compass when we ask if the action will increase compassion and self-reliance in Albertans.
Policy Proposal #2

Current Article:

I. DEMOCRATIC REFORM

B. Electoral Reform

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

6. ... institute fixed election dates for Provincial Elections every 4 years. The Legislative Assembly will be able to call a vote of non-confidence at any time.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Calgary-Shaw propose that the following article be deleted:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

6. ... institute fixed election dates for Provincial Elections every 4 years. The Legislative Assembly will be able to call a vote of non-confidence at any time.

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Policy Proposal #3

Current Article:

I. DEMOCRATIC REFORM

B. Electoral Reform

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

6. ...
11. ... prohibit spending announcements by the provincial Government during a by-election period.

Proposal:

Andrew Koning and 4 other Wildrose members and Wildrose members from Calgary-Varsity propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

12. ... ensure no campaign reimbursements or other taxpayer subsidies go to political parties, candidates, or constituency associations.
Policy Proposal #4

Current Article:

I. DEMOCRATIC REFORM

B. Electoral Reform

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

6. ... 
11. ... prohibit spending announcements by the provincial Government during a by-election period.

Proposal:

*Wildrose members from St. Albert propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:*

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

12. ... institute term limits for MLAs.
Policy Proposal #5

Current Article:

I. DEMOCRATIC REFORM

C. Government Reform

Proposal:

_Leo Regehr and 4 other Wildrose members propose that the following section title be amended as follows:_

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

C. Government *and Regulatory* Reform

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Policy Proposal #6

Current Article:

I. DEMOCRATIC REFORM

C. Government Reform

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

18. ... Implement full disclosure of all financial expenditures of public funds. Require organizations that receive public funding from the Provincial Government to disclose annually the positions, salaries and total taxable benefits of employees paid over a certain level in a calendar year. This would apply to the Provincial Government, municipalities, hospitals, school boards, universities, colleges and other public sector employers who receive significant funding from the provincial government.

Proposal:

Leo Regehr and 4 other Wildrose members propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

20. ... require that all Confidential Litigation Settlements (known as gag orders) by government and regulatory bodies be restricted as follows:

   a. Litigation settlements that involve payment of public monies, shall be filed in their entirety with the court.

   b. Litigation settlements that do not involve payment of public monies, shall be subject to a FOIP application.
Policy Proposal #7

Current Article:

I. DEMOCRATIC REFORM

C. Government Reform

12. ...
19. ... create conflict of interest legislation and regulations for government procurement. The legislation and regulations should i) clearly specify penalties including dismissal of government employees for serious breaches of impartiality and ii) include a mandatory “cooling off” period preventing government employees from going to work for contractors whose procurement awards they have been involved in.

Proposal:

Sharon Maclise and 9 other Wildrose members propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

20. ... Explore more effective means of protecting consumers and the public by replacing the existing internal regulators of professionals (e.g. realtors, accountants, lawyers, teachers, etc.) with independent commissions made up of an equal number of
   1) gov’t appointees;
   2) members of the public, and;
   3) members chosen from the professions or industry.
Policy Proposal #8

Current Article:

I. DEMOCRATIC REFORM

D. Municipal Government

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

20. ...
22. ...ensure that crown corporations are subject to local zoning and land-use bylaws.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from St. Albert propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

23. ... institute a well-defined code of conduct for municipal elected officials as part of the Municipal Government Act.
Policy Proposal #9

Current Article:

I. DEMOCRATIC REFORM

D. Municipal Government

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

20. ...
22. ... ensure that crown corporations are subject to local zoning and land-use bylaws.

Proposal:

*Wildrose members from Edmonton-Rutherford propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:*

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

23. ... a) require all municipalities intending to implement changes regarding use of land or parkland, whether urban or rural, to follow the purpose and intent of the Municipal Government Act (“MGA”)
   b) provide local residents with timely and appropriate consultation including the unfettered right to appeal decisions regarding the proposed changes.
   c) require public land to be sold at fair market value, in accordance with the MGA.
Policy Proposal #10

Current Article:

I. DEMOCRATIC REFORM

E. Property Rights

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

23. ...
24. ... eliminate land and watershed planning policies that are centrally planned, and create regional plans that support the principle of coordinated local decision making.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Edmonton-Glenora and Fort McMurray-Conklin propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

25... Amend all appropriate legislation to ensure every Albertan has the right not to be deprived of the title, use, or enjoyment of real property, or any improvement made to such property, or any right or statutory consent connected with such property, except in accordance with the law and for full, just and timely financial compensation with recourse to the courts.
Policy Proposal #11

Current Article:

I. DEMOCRATIC REFORM

F. Human Rights

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

25. ... amend the Human Rights Act to unequivocally protect the fundamental rights and freedoms in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms by removing section 3 of the current Act and reforming the complaint process to introduce rules of evidence, the presumption of innocence, and protection from frivolous and vexatious claims.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Lethbridge-West propose that the following article be amended as follows:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

25. ... amend the Human Rights Act to unequivocally protect the fundamental rights and freedoms in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms by removing section 3 and redrafting chapter 4 of the current Act and reforming the complaint process to introduce rules of evidence, the presumption of innocence, and protection from frivolous and vexatious claims. *

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Policy Proposal #12

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

B. Spending Control

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

20. ... reduce government waste by requiring all government departments to implement a zero-based budgeting program mandating that every Ministry justify the effectiveness and efficiencies of their expenditures and programs at least once every 3 years.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Calgary-Shaw propose that the following article be deleted:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

20. ... reduce government waste by requiring all government departments to implement a zero-based budgeting program mandating that every Ministry justify the effectiveness and efficiencies of their expenditures and programs at least once every 3 years.

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Policy Proposal #13

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

B. Spending Control

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

16. ...
22. ... take concrete steps to eliminate the fundamental imbalance between Government revenues and expenditures through spending reductions and efficiencies.

Proposal:

*Wildrose members from Strathmore-Brooks propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:*

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

23. ... balance the provincial budget over the course of a single term.
Policy Proposal #14

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

B. Spending Control

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

16. ...
22. ... take concrete steps to eliminate the fundamental imbalance between Government revenues and expenditures through spending reductions and efficiencies.

Proposal:

*Wildrose members from Calgary-Varsity propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:*

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

23. ... outline clear guidelines for taxation powers granted to municipal governments as follows:
   a) Limit Property and Education tax assessments to the lesser of the Alberta Consumer Price Index from the previous year or 2% from the previous year's assessment;
   b) Limit any Financial Stability or Contingency funds for a given municipality to no more than 1% of the municipality's most recent operating budget, and;
   c) Require returning any surplus from reduced municipal spending to taxpayers in the form of a direct reduction of the tax rate commensurate with the surplus instead of being added to the Stability Fund.
Policy Proposal #15

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

D. Financial Transparency

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

40. ... implement a government ‘Waste Buster’ program and website that allows the public and government employees to anonymously report instances of government waste and mismanagement.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Lethbridge-West propose that the following article be deleted:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

40. ... implement a government ‘Waste Buster’ program and website that allows the public and government employees to anonymously report instances of government waste and mismanagement.*

* Note: Bold and italicized text identifies additions and changes from the Current Article; Words also stricken out denote deletions (e.g. deletions) from the Current Article.
Policy Proposal #16

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

D. Financial Transparency

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

45. ...
46. ... end direct government subsidies to individual private for-profit corporations and prohibit government from owning or operating businesses where a competitive business market exists.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Calgary-Lougheed propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

47. ... increase economic diversification with more encouragement of small or medium private industry to create additional jobs through a reduction in unnecessary regulation, bureaucracy, red tape and other irritants to private investment rather than direct corporate subsidies and inefficient programs.
Policy Proposal #17

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

D. Financial Transparency

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

45. ...
46. ... end direct government subsidies to individual private for-profit corporations and prohibit government from owning or operating businesses where a competitive business market exists.

Proposal:

Chance Davies and 5 other Wildrose members propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

47. ... pursue the privatization of Alberta Treasury Branches
Policy Proposal #18

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

E. Responsive Government

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

47. ... 
48. ... review the costs for services provided and the fee structure for Service Alberta registries to ensure responsible management for Albertans.

Proposal:

*Wildrose members from Edmonton-Glenora propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:*

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

49......survey Alberta industries to determine whether the convenience of adopting Daylight Savings/Saskatchewan time year round would be cost effective, and if so put the question to Albertans as a referendum at the next general election or other convenient opportunity.
Policy Proposal #19

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

G. Savings Strategy

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

52. ...
55. ... direct remaining surpluses to one or more of the following (not listed in order of importance):

   i) pay down or offset the debts and liabilities incurred by past governments;
   ii) sustainably lower personal and business taxes and fees;
   iii) invest in infrastructure critical to economic growth and development;
   iv) establish endowments and scholarships dedicated to excellence in research and education in Alberta’s post-secondary institutions;
   v) rebuild and maintain the sustainability fund for the purposes of disaster relief and assistance, and to protect against significant and short term decreases in provincial oil and gas revenues.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Lethbridge-West propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

56. ... introduce a provincial TFSA fund for Alberta residents over and above the federal TFSA program.
Policy Proposal #20

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

H. Labour

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

56. ...
60. ... create rules to ensure the transparency and accountability of all pension plan investments.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Strathmore-Brooks propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

61. ... repeal Bill 6: Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act (2015) and engage in judicious consultation with agriculture stakeholders prior to introducing legislation.
Policy Proposal #21

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

H. Labour

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

56. ...
60. ... create rules to ensure the transparency and accountability of all pension plan investments.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Strathmore-Brooks propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

61. ... reform public sector pension plans to address the problem of unfunded liabilities and to protect future generations.
Policy Proposal #22

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

I. Tax and Red Tape Reduction

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

61. ...
63. ... reduce the overall regulatory burden placed on businesses and charities by removing duplication and unnecessary red tape.

Proposal:

*Wildrose members from Strathmore-Brooks propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:*

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

64. ... repeal the Carbon Tax.
Policy Proposal #23

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

I. Tax and Red Tape Reduction

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

61. ...
63. ... reduce the overall regulatory burden placed on businesses and charities by removing duplication and unnecessary red tape.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Calgary-Foothills propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

64. ... support economic diversification and private sector job growth by providing a tax rebate to businesses that relocate to Alberta and remain in Alberta for at least 8 years.
Policy Proposal #24

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

I. Tax and Red Tape Reduction

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

61. ...
63. ... reduce the overall regulatory burden placed on businesses and charities by removing duplication and unnecessary red tape.

Proposal:

*Wildrose members from Strathmore-Brooks propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:*

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

64. ... introduce income splitting measures into the tax system for seniors and families.
Policy Proposal #25

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

I. Tax and Red Tape Reduction

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

61. ...
63. ... reduce the overall regulatory burden placed on businesses and charities by removing duplication and unnecessary red tape.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Strathmore-Brooks and Lethbridge-West propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

64. ... restore the Alberta Advantage by reintroducing a single rate flat tax.
Policy Proposal #26

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

I. Tax and Red Tape Reduction

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

63. ...reduce the overall regulatory burden placed on businesses and charities by removing duplication and unnecessary red tape.

Proposal:

Jenn Galandy and 4 other Wildrose members propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

64. ...support a sharing economy that has the values of a free-market system allowing services such as Uber, AirBnB, and others provided that these services comply with the provincial regulations imposed on existing Alberta businesses.
Policy Proposal #27

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

L. Transportation

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

72. ...
73. ... develop a comprehensive transportation strategy that recognizes the interdependence of Alberta’s economy with its neighbours.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Edmonton-Centre propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

74. ... enact a public education campaign on the rules of the road for bicycles and automobiles.
Policy Proposal #28

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

L. Transportation

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

72. ...
73. ... develop a comprehensive transportation strategy that recognizes the interdependence of Alberta’s economy with its neighbours.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

74. ... develop a sustainable strategy to ensure the proper maintenance and improvement of Alberta’s current and future highway work.
Policy Proposal #29

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

L. Transportation

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

72. ... 73. ... develop a comprehensive transportation strategy that recognizes the interdependence of Alberta’s economy with its neighbours.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Edmonton-Centre propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

74. ... designate an area of Alberta, in cooperation with the Canadian Centre for Unmanned Vehicle Systems, where driverless vehicles may freely operate on the highways in order to conduct research, development, and prove driverless vehicle technology.
Policy Proposal #30

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

L. Transportation

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

72. ...
73. ... develop a comprehensive transportation strategy that recognizes the interdependence of Alberta’s economy with its neighbours.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Edmonton-Centre propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

74. ... convert Highway 2, between Edmonton and Calgary, to a 6-lane freeway.
Policy Proposal #31

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

L. Transportation

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

72. ...
73. ... develop a comprehensive transportation strategy that recognizes the interdependence of Alberta’s economy with its neighbours.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Edmonton-Centre propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

74. ... financially support the essential build out of light-rail transit for the economic growth of Calgary and Edmonton.
Policy Proposal #32

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

L. Transportation

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

72. ...
73. ... develop a comprehensive transportation strategy that recognizes the interdependence of Alberta's economy with its neighbours.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Edmonton-Centre propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

74. ... harmonize federal and provincial hours of service regulations for trucking.
Policy Proposal #33

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

L. Transportation

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

72. ...
73. ... develop a comprehensive transportation strategy that recognizes the interdependence of Alberta's economy with its neighbours.

Proposal:

David Jackson and 4 other Wildrose members propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

74. ... clearly communicate the left-most lane on multi-lane divided highways as a passing lane and implement fines for drivers who loiter and impede the flow of traffic in the left lane.
Policy Proposal #34

Current Article:

II. ECONOMY

L. Transportation

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

72. ...
73. ... develop a comprehensive transportation strategy that recognizes the interdependence of Alberta’s economy with its neighbours.

Proposal:

David Jackson and 4 other Wildrose members propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

74. ... increase the speed limit on Alberta divided highways to 120 KM/H, on a trial basis, where engineering experts agree it is safe to do so.
Policy Proposal #35

**Current Article:**

III. EDUCATION

A. Courses

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

1. ...
3. ... eliminate mandatory school fees in the public, separate, and public charter school systems.

**Proposal:**

*David Jackson and 4 other Wildrose members propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:*

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

4 a) ... grant course credits to students for successfully completing summer training courses and employment experience through the Royal Canadian Sea/Army/Air Cadets

b) ... grant course credits for successful attendance in the Royal Canadian Sea/Army/Air Cadets between grades 7 and 12.
Policy Proposal #36

Current Article:

III. EDUCATION

A. Courses

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

1. ...
3. ... eliminate mandatory school fees in the public, separate, and public charter school systems.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Drayton Valley - Devon propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

4. ... fund a bold independent review of publicly funded primary and secondary education. The goal is to ensure students gain basic skills for lifelong learning, critical thinking and innovation. The delivery system should evolve to provide more options for students. The review will consult parents, students, professional associations, apprenticeship boards, employers, entrepreneurs, and a literary review of applicable research.
Policy Proposal #37

Current Article:

III. EDUCATION

B. Education Standards

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

4. ...
5. ... eliminate the policy of social promotion in Alberta’s schools. Students will be expected to meet standards in order to be promoted to the next grade.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Calgary-Hawkwood propose that the following article be amended as follows:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

5. ... eliminate the policy of social promotion in Alberta’s schools. Students will be expected to meet standards in order to be promoted to the next grade. Promote the success of all students through educational programming that meets their individual needs. Student success should be measured not only by provincial standards, but growth on individual goals. *

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Current Article:

III. EDUCATION

B. Post-Secondary Education

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

7. ...
11. ... Amend the Post-Secondary Learning Act to allow every student to choose whether or not he/she wishes to become a dues-paying member of a student association, in each year of enrollment at a post-secondary education institute.

Proposal:

Andrew Koning and 4 other Wildrose members propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

12. ... amend the Post-Secondary Learning Act to guarantee there is student representation on all post-secondary institution advisory, recommendatory, and/or decision making bodies whose advice, recommendations, and/or decisions will reasonably impact its students and/or commit institutional assets.
Policy Proposal #39

Current Article:

III. EDUCATION

C. Post-Secondary Education

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

7. ...
11. ... Amend the Post-Secondary Learning Act to allow every student to choose whether or not he/she wishes to become a dues-paying member of a student association, in each year of enrollment at a post-secondary education institute.

Proposal:

*Keean Bexte and 4 other Wildrose members propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:*

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

12. ... amend the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to add post-secondary student associations with mandatory membership to Section 1(j).*
Policy Proposal #40

Current Article:

III. EDUCATION

C. Post-Secondary Education

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

7. ...
11. ... Amend the Post-Secondary Learning Act to allow every student to choose whether or not he/she wishes to become a dues-paying member of a student association, in each year of enrollment at a post-secondary education institute.

Proposal:

*Wildrose members from Edmonton-Southwest propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:*

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

12. ... invest in stable mental health support for post-secondary students and establish a reliable and sustainable mental health framework in post-secondary institutions based on a per-student calculation.
Policy Proposal #41

Current Article:

III. EDUCATION

D. School Choice

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

12. ... Recognize that parents are the primary decision-makers for their children and their children’s education, and protect parent’s right to choose the education their child receives whether it be through public, separate, public charter, private school or homeschooling

Proposal:

*Ron Voss and 5 other Wildrose members propose that the following article be amended as follows:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

12. ... Recognize that parents are the primary decision-makers for their children and their children’s education and support the right of parents to direct the upbringing, education, and care of their children, which includes and protect the parent’s the right to choose the education their child receives whether it be through public, separate, public charter, private school or homeschooling, and the right to make reasonable choices within public schools for one’s child (such as opting their child out of classes the parents find objectionable).*

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Policy Proposal #42

Current Article:

III. EDUCATION

D. Post-Secondary Education

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

7. ...
15. ... lift the freeze on new public non-profit charter schools, allowing teachers, parents, special needs workers, and other educational experts to offer new and innovative curriculum and programs for students. Such schools must be open to all students and may not charge tuition.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Calgary-Hawkwood propose that the following article be amended as follows:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

15. ... lift the freeze on new allow public non-profit charter schools, allowing teachers, parents, special needs workers, and other educational experts to offer new and innovative curriculum and programs for students. Such schools must be open to all students and may not charge tuition.

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Policy Proposal #43

Current Article:

III. EDUCATION

D. School Choice

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

14. ...
15. ... lift the freeze on new public non-profit charter schools, allowing teachers, parents, special needs workers, and other educational experts to offer new and innovative curriculum and programs for students. Such schools must be open to all students and may not charge tuition.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Calgary-Lougheed propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

16. ... include parents in all issues, such as but not limited to academic progress, health issues, disciplinary acts or sexual identity or orientation, that pertain to the education of their minor children or infirm dependent children age 18 or older, while their children are in the education system.
Policy Proposal #44

Current Article:

IV. ENVIRONMENT

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Drumheller-Stettler propose that the following article be amended as follows:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

IV. ENVIRONMENT *AL STEWARDSHIP*

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Policy Proposal #45

Current Article:

IV. ENVIRONMENT

B. Conservation

5...
8. ... ensure Alberta’s goals and objectives are on par with national and international greenhouse gas and air pollution protocols and standards.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Drumheller-Stettler propose that the following article be amended as follows:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

8. ... ensure Alberta’s goals and objectives are on par with national and international greenhouse gas and air pollution protocols and standards.

11. ... reduce greenhouse gases by advancing, implementing, and cooperating on technology, research, conservation, and alternative renewable energy sources. Ensure Alberta’s standards for air particulate emissions and pollutants are in line with competing world markets.*

* Note: **Bold and italicized text** identifies additions and changes from the Current Article; Words also stricken out denote deletions (e.g. **deletions**) from the Current Article.
Policy Proposal #46

Current Article:

IV. ENVIRONMENT

D. Sustainability

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

10. ... 
11. ... reduce greenhouse gases by advancing, implementing, and cooperating on technology, research, conservation, and alternative renewable energy sources.

Proposal:

Ron Voss and 5 other Wildrose members propose that the following article be amended as follows:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

11. ... reduce greenhouse gases by advancing, implementing, and cooperating on technology, research, conservation, and alternative renewable energy sources. declare that true science should be the basis for all decisions regarding environmental regulations instead of ideological positions determined to undermine the free market system and move it towards its goal of an alternative economy, replacing a capitalist economy with a socialist economy.

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Policy Proposal #47

Current Article:

IV. ENVIRONMENT

C. Energy and the Environment

11. ... reduce greenhouse gases by advancing, implementing, and cooperating on technology, research, conservation, and alternative renewable energy sources.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Edmonton-Ellerslie propose that the following article be deleted from its current subsection and inserted into a new subsection as follows:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

10. ... ensure the responsible development of Alberta’s natural resources, including more efficient resource recovery methods, responsible management of water, and cogeneration in the interest of Albertans.

Add new subsection:

H. Emissions

16. ... as an alternative to the carbon tax, reduce greenhouse gases by advancing, implementing, and cooperating on technology, research, conservation, and alternative renewable energy sources proven to be both cost effective and efficient.*

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Policy Proposal #48

Current Article:

V. HEALTH CARE

Whole section

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Edmonton-Southwest propose that the whole of Section V be deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

Delete the current Section V as follows:

V. HEALTH CARE

A. Care of Patients
Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:
1. .... enforce the five basic principles of the Canada Health Act which are: Public Administration, Comprehensiveness, Universality, Portability and Accessibility.
2. .... improve coverage for authorized out of province medical treatment that is unavailable in Alberta.
3. .... ensure that persons with a disability have ongoing access to medical benefits.
4. .... develop a Medical Machinery and Equipment Plan that ensures existing medical diagnostic and care equipment is adequately staffed, fully utilized and properly maintained and that provides for future investments in new equipment and technology.
5. .... establish and fund a fully independent Health Ombudsman in Alberta.
6. .... fully fund and implement a mental health initiative.
7. .... focus funding on patient care and reduce wasteful spending in the system.
8. .... provide expanded home care and palliative care services to assist chronically and terminally ill patients with supportive home environments as an option to institutional care.

B. Delivery
Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:
9. .... decentralize Alberta Health Services and restore more decision-making to the local level.
10. .... institute performance measures that are annually audited and publicly reported.
11. .... build a distributed health services information network that will improve care and reduce long-term costs while protecting the privacy of Albertans.
12. .... give all citizens better access to their medical records and treatment histories.
13. .... institute a Health Management System that rewards cost-effective, cost-saving administration by providing incentives to doctors, nurses and health care professionals.
14. ... encourage and support innovations in the delivery of health care.
15. ... alleviate pressure on emergency room services by focusing funding on cost-effective triage techniques and alternative services.
16. ... support not-for-profit and private long-term care facilities that will help address the needs of our aging population.
17. ... establish a rural and remote health initiative to ensure Albertans get the care they need.
18. ... provide an annual cost schedule for all medical procedures in the province.
19. ... strongly encourage private, not-for-profit hospitals to operate within the publicly funded health system.
20. ... address fraud in our health care system by requiring all health cards to show photographs and be renewed every five years (as are driver's licences). In addition, those individuals who have driver's licences shall have health cards merged with driver's licences to form one card when being renewed.
21. ... encourage competition and choice in the delivery of health care, keeping the focus on achieving greater efficiency and better health outcomes for patients.

C. Funding
Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:
22. ... establish a fully independent Health Advocate to help Albertans and health care professionals anonymously deal with problems and barriers encountered in the health care system without fear of reprisal.
23. ... increase funding for home care, supported housing, assisted living, long-term care facilities and palliative care hospices to provide patient-friendly choices and needs-based alternatives to hospital care.
24. ... reduce transportation and lodging costs for rural patients who receive treatment that is not locally available by developing a rural medical travel assistance program.
25. ... ensure that patients living at home in palliative or long-term care are entitled to the same pharmaceutical benefits they would have received as in a hospital.
26. ... deliver an annual individual statement of benefits to each resident of Alberta.
27. ... investigate the creation of a Seniors and Disabled Care Allowance program that would give seniors and the disabled Albertans who require assistance for their day-to-day living the funding and thus the freedom to choose how they wish access that assistance.

D. Training
Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:
28. ... expand training and post-secondary programs to graduate more health care professionals.
29. ... develop and implement a retention and recruitment plan in full consultation with health care service providers.

E. Wellness
Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:
30. institute a preventative health care and wellness program.
31. increase funding for physical fitness and amateur sports.
32. enhance efforts and funding to prevent drug and alcohol abuse and addiction.

F. Pre-Hospital Care
Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:
33. accept that decisions about the provision of pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services are best made by local authorities in consultation with local hospitals and the citizens they serve.
34. acknowledge that many rural and mid-sized urban communities benefit from providing their own EMS within a Fire/EMS combined service model.
35. immediately cease further Alberta Health Services assumption of local EMS responsibilities, and work to return all EMS to local control, where possible.
36. maintain the predictable baseline funding to municipalities for EMS that existed prior to AHS take-overs.

- and- replace with a new Section V as follows:

V. HEALTH CARE POLICY

A. Universality & Comprehensiveness
Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:
1. ensure that universal, comprehensive health care will be available to all Albertans regardless of their ability to pay.
2. preserve universality and comprehensiveness by adopting proven best practices from jurisdictions that have higher performing and/or lower cost health systems than Alberta.

B. Governance
Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:
3. manage the Alberta health system through local administrative units that plan, purchase, and provide health services in each region of the province.
4. flow funding to the local administrative units according to the population of their region, adjusted for age, gender, and other relevant factors.

C. Hospitals
Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:
5. allow the local administrative units, not-for-profit organizations, or private corporations to own and manage hospitals.
6. fund hospitals through the local administrative units with a formula that includes
the size of the population they serve and the type and volume of services provided.

D. Daily Care

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:
7. ...structure primary care delivery around primary care medical homes consisting of family medicine clinics and networks operating as multi-disciplinary practices delivering comprehensive, coordinated, accessible primary care.
8. ...encourage every Albertan to be enrolled in a medical home to receive 24/7/365 access to their health care team and internet access to their health care provider and health record.

E. Physician Compensation

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:
9. ...pay all physicians with blended funding that flows through the local administrative units.
10. ...work with the local administrative units to establish payment methods to compensate specialist physicians through a combination of salary, per-case payments, and fee-for-service, and pay family physician practices according to the number of patients enrolled in their practice or network plus incentives for specific activities and performance.*

NOTE: This resolution affects every other resolution. If passed, resolutions #49, #50, #51, #52, #54 will be moot as they pertain to articles this resolution deletes from the Member Passed Policy. Resolutions #53, #55, and #56 will be added to this new section if they are passed.

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Policy Proposal #49

Current Article:

V. HEALTH CARE

A. Care of Patients

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

2. ... improve coverage for authorized out of province medical treatment that is unavailable in Alberta.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from St. Albert propose that the following article be amended as follows:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

2. ... improve coverage for authorized out of province medical treatment that is unavailable in Alberta and emergency, medically necessary treatment.*

NOTE: If resolution #48 passes, this resolution will be moot as the article will have been deleted from the Member Approved Policies. It will not be heard if #48 passes, or if #48 passes after this resolution passes, this resolution will be deleted from the Member Approved Policies.

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Policy Proposal #50

Current Article:

V. HEALTH CARE

B. Delivery

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

9. ...
19. ... strongly encourage private, not-for-profit hospitals to operate within the publicly funded health system.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from St. Albert propose that the following article be amended as follows:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

19. ... strongly encourage private, not-for-profit hospitals and related medical services to operate within the publicly funded health system.*

NOTE: If resolution #48 passes, this resolution will be moot as the article will have been deleted from the Member Approved Policies. It will not be heard if #48 passes, or if #48 passes after this resolution passes, this resolution will be deleted from the Member Approved Policies.

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Policy Proposal #51

Current Article:

V. HEALTH CARE

B. Delivery

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

9. ...
16. ... support not-for-profit and private long-term care facilities that will help address the needs of our aging population.
19. ... strongly encourage private, not-for-profit hospitals to operate within the publicly funded health system.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Calgary-Currie propose that the following articles be amended as follows:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

16. ... support not-for-profit and private long-term care facilities that will help address the needs of our aging population.

19. ... strongly encourage private, not-for-profit hospitals to operate within the publicly funded health system. Implement a multiple-access, patient-centric system with providers from public, private not-for-profit and private for-profit clinics and hospitals in a single-payer, tax-funded system.*

NOTE: If resolution #48 passes, this resolution will be moot as the article will have been deleted from the Member Approved Policies. It will not be heard if #48 passes, or if #48 passes after this resolution passes, this resolution will be deleted from the Member Approved Policies.

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Policy Proposal #52

Current Article:

V. HEALTH CARE

B. Delivery

20. ... address fraud in our health care system by requiring all health cards to show photographs and be renewed every five years (as are driver’s licences). In addition, those individuals who have driver’s licences shall have health cards merged with driver’s licences to form one card when being renewed.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Calgary-Hawkwood propose that the following article be amended as follows:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

20. ... address fraud in our health care system by requiring all health cards to show photographs, merged with driver’s licenses where possible, and renewed every five years. and be renewed every five years (as are driver’s licences). In addition, those individuals who have driver’s licences shall have health cards merged with driver’s licences to form one card when being renewed.²

NOTE: If resolution #48 passes, this resolution will be moot as the article will have been deleted from the Member Approved Policies. It will not be heard if #48 passes, or if #48 passes after this resolution passes, this resolution will be deleted from the Member Approved Policies.

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Policy Proposal #53

Current Article:

V. HEALTH CARE

E. Wellness

30. ...
32. ... enhance efforts and funding to prevent drug and alcohol abuse and addiction.

Proposal:

*Wildrose members from Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills propose that the following section and article be added as follows:*

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

33. ...investigate the possible opportunities for the tax deductibility of massage therapists.

*Note: Resolution #48 seeks to replace the entire Health Care section.* If this resolution passes along with #48, this resolution will be added to the new Health Care section that was passed under the new subsection ‘A. Universality and Comprehensiveness’.
Policy Proposal #54

Current Article:

F. HEALTH CARE

B. Pre-Hospital Care

35. ... immediately cease further Alberta Health Services assumption of local EMS responsibilities, and work to return all EMS to local control, where possible.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Calgary-Hawkwood propose that the following article be amended as follows:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

35. ... immediately cease further Alberta Health Services assumption of local EMS responsibilities, and work to return all EMS to local control, where possible. ensure EMS is within local control, where possible.*

NOTE: If resolution #48 passes, this resolution will be moot as the article will have been deleted from the Member Approved Policies. It will not be heard if #48 passes, or if #48 passes after this resolution passes, this resolution will be deleted from the Member Approved Policies.

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Policy Proposal #55

Current Article:

V. HEALTH CARE

C. Funding

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

22. ...
27. ... Investigate the creation of a Seniors and Disabled Care Allowance program that would give seniors and the disabled Albertans who require assistance for their day to day living the funding and thus the freedom to choose how they wish access that assistance.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Fort McMurray-Conklin propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

28. ... provide first two hours of parking for free at AHS facilities, and examine other measures to ensure those with serious and/or chronic conditions and their families do not face undue parking costs.

Note: Resolution #48 seeks to replace the entire Health Care section. If this resolution passes along with #48, this resolution will be added to the new Health Care section that was passed under the new subsection ‘C. Hospitals’.
Policy Proposal #56

Current Article:

V. HEALTH CARE

No current Article

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Calgary-Currie propose that the following section and article be added as follows:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

G. Dental

37. ... ensure all Albertans have access to quality dental care at a competitive price by providing consumers with relevant information for making an informed decision before initiating a dental procedure.

Note: Resolution #48 seeks to replace the entire Health Care section. If this resolution passes along with #48, this resolution will be added to the new Health Care section that was passed under its own subsection called ‘F. Dental’.
Policy Proposal #57

Current Article:

VI. JUSTICE

B. Policing

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

7. ...
10. ... review of traffic policing across the province to clearly determine what works and what does not and to amend legislation to remove all financial incentives to traffic law enforcement in Alberta.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Calgary-Currie, Edmonton-Glenora and Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo propose that the following article be amended as follows:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

10. ... review of traffic policing across the province to clearly determine what works and what does not and to amend legislation to remove all financial incentives to traffic law enforcement in Alberta. conduct a review of the delivery of traffic services by police agencies across the province and develop a model that places its emphasis on reducing the number of fatal and serious injury motor vehicle collisions occurring on Alberta roadways rather than revenue generation.

11. ... amend and strengthen the Province of Alberta’s Automated Traffic Enforcement Technology Guidelines, assuring Albertans that the use of photo radar and other technology is aimed solely at improving safety, and does not supplant, but supports, proven traditional police traffic enforcement methods."

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Policy Proposal #58

Current Article:

VI. JUSTICE

C. System Confidence

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

11. ... ensure that the rights of crime victims take precedence over those found guilty of committing crimes

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Edmonton-Glenora propose that the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

12. ... improve monitoring of and strengthen restrictions on those who have been released from jail but are still perceived to pose a threat to the community.
Policy Proposal #59

Current Article:

VII. SOCIAL

B. Arts and Culture

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

2. ... encourage, support, and fund community projects, school arts programs and cultural activities as an essential enrichment of life and an integral part of Alberta's communities and cultural diversity.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from St. Albert propose that the following article be amended as follows:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

B. Arts, and Culture and Sports

2. ... encourage, support, and fund community projects, school arts programs, amateur sports and cultural activities as an essential enrichment of life and an integral part of Alberta's communities, wellness and cultural diversity.*

* Note: Bold and italicized text identifies additions and changes from the Current Article; Words also stricken out denote deletions (e.g. deletions) from the Current Article.
Policy Proposal #60

Current Article:

VII. SOCIAL

E. First Nations and Aboriginal Issues

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

10. ... devote special attention and resources to addressing the challenges and needs of aboriginal women and youth.
11. ... ensure that Alberta’s First Nations children have access to the resources and supports available to all Alberta children. Jurisdictional disputes between Alberta and the Federal government should not prevent First Nations children from getting necessary medical and educational services.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills propose that the following articles be amended as follows:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

E. First Nations and Aboriginal-Indigenous Issues

10. ... devote special attention and resources to addressing the challenges and needs of aboriginal women and youth. Indigenous people.
11. ... ensure that Alberta’s First Nations indigenous children have access to the resources and supports available to all Alberta children. Jurisdictional disputes between Alberta and the Federal government should not prevent First Nations Indigenous children from getting necessary equivalent medical and educational services. *

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Policy Proposal #61

Current Article:

VII. SOCIAL

E. First Nations and Aboriginal Issues

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

10. ... devote special attention and resources to addressing the challenges and needs of aboriginal women and youth.
11. ... ensure that Alberta’s First Nations children have access to the resources and supports available to all Alberta children. Jurisdictional disputes between Alberta and the Federal government should not prevent First Nations children from getting necessary medical and educational services.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from Red Deer-South and Innisfail-Sylvan Lake propose that the following articles be amended as follows:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

E. First Nations and Aboriginal Issues

10. ... devote special attention and resources to addressing the challenges and needs of aboriginal women and youth.
11. ... ensure that Alberta’s First Nations children have access to the resources and supports available to all Alberta children. Jurisdictional disputes between Alberta and the Federal government should not prevent First Nations children from getting necessary medical and educational services.
12. ... recognize and respect the treaty rights of the First Nations Peoples in the Province of Alberta.
13. ... ensure that Government policies and actions at all levels of government consider the recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action.*

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NOTE: If resolution #60 passes, all references to ‘First Nations’ in this resolution will be changed to ‘Indigenous’. The purpose of that resolution is to change all verbiage in the Member Passed Policies in the same subsection as this proposal to read ‘Indigenous’.
Policy Proposal #62

Current Article:

VII. SOCIAL

G. Social Assistance

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

13. ... implement an effective and incentive based social assistance program that will promote participation in the economy.

Proposal:

Wildrose members from St. Albert propose the following article be added to this section and the remaining articles subsequently renumbered:

Wildrose members believe the Government of Alberta should:

14. ... implement a social assistance program that will provide affordable housing for those in need.