



CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF CANADA  
**CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT  
PROPOSALS 2018**



**1. Submission ID: 160 – Section 5 – Sponsoring EDA: Vancouver Centre**

**Submission:**

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

**Rationale:**

Even for boards of just 20, too many (unproductive) people getting acclaimed. This amendment hugely widens the candidate pool, yielding more elections/less acclamations. To win, we must enable more of our best/brightest to mentor multiple boards, not just EDA they live in. Overwhelming majority of board remains in-riding (FYI for Constitution team: this amendment is intended to address section 7.4 of the EDA Constitution which currently reads: "One in every ten (10) Directors or portion thereof, to a maximum of three (3), may be members of the Party resident in another electoral district.")

**2. Submission ID: 190 - Section 9.5.1 – Sponsoring EDA: Carleton - **WITHDRAWN BY CARLETON EDA****

**Submission:**

The Constitution of the Conservative Party of Canada be amended by adding to Section 9 Conservative Fund of Canada the following: 9.5.1 National Council shall not authorize the request or demand the transfer of any portion of the reimbursement of election expenses provided under Sections 477.73 and Section 477.74 of the Canada Elections Act to the Conservative Fund of Canada or the Conservative Party of Canada.

**3. Submission ID: 611 – Section 13.8 – Sponsoring EDA: Langley-Aldergrove**

**Submission:**

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

**Rationale:**

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

**4. Submission ID: 208 – Section 13.8 – Sponsoring EDA: Medicine Hat-Cardston-Warner, Carlton Trail Eagle Creek, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Thunder Bay – Rainy River, Thunder Bay Superior North, Cambridge, Carleton**

**Submission:**

13.8 If a policy resolution garners supporting signatures from national convention delegates in at least 100 EDAs, it will immediately be put to a vote at the policy break out session of the convention. If adopted, it shall advance to the plenary session.

**Rationale:**

Section 13.1 of the CPC Constitution obligates the National Policy Committee to “facilitate” a policy process that at all times is “accountable to the members”. Unfortunately, in the lead up to repeated Conventions, the Committee has instead “filtered” the policy process. Against its constitutional mandate, this Committee devolved to acting as the “final say” on which resolutions can advance to Convention, vetoing policies that had widespread support amongst grassroots members at EDA and regional policy meetings. Inexplicably, policies with far less support found their way to Convention. A parallel mechanism is needed to bypass unwanted, undemocratic “filtering” by the Committee.

**5. Submission ID: 193 – Section 10.4 – Sponsoring EDA: Kitchener – Conestoga, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Thunder Bay – Rainy River, Thunder Bay Superior North, Carlton Trail Eagle Creek**

**Submission:**

Delete article 10.4

~~The Leader shall nominate the Executive Director of the Party subject to ratification by National Council.~~

Add a new article to section 8 and renumber subsequent articles accordingly

8.22 National Council shall appoint the Executive Director of the Party. The Executive Director of the Party may be removed by National Council at a meeting called for that purpose.

**Rationale:**

More oversight of the appointment of Executive Director is needed. Currently National Council rubber stamps the appointment of the Executive Director with no vetting beforehand.

**6. Submission ID: Super Priority / National Council – Section 13.1**

**Submission:**

~~Within thirty (30) days of the previous National Policy Committee having completed its mandate, Immediately following a National Convention, National Council shall commence the process to elect establish a National Policy Committee whose responsibilities shall include:~~

**Rationale:**

In order to better comply with our Constitution (“an ongoing policy process”) we cannot wait weeks or even months following convention to commence the process to establish this Committee. Following the Vancouver convention in May of 2016, a new policy committee was not elected and in place until December of 2016. If we wait a similar length of time following Halifax, and the 2020 convention were to be held in the first quarter, the time available for the policy committee to complete its work would be shortened significantly. The time between conventions is short and delaying this process does not serve our members well.

**7. Submission ID: Super Priority / National Council – Section 13.4**

**Submission:**

Between national conventions, interim policies of the Party may be determined by the parliamentary caucus and the Leader. Interim Policies will be debated and voted upon by Delegates at the Plenary Session of the next scheduled National Convention.

**Rationale:**

This will clarify the method whereby members will ultimately ratify Interim Policy statement made by our Leader or our Caucus between conventions. Presently concern is often expressed, questioning how the Leader or the Caucus can make certain policy statements, some of which may not be reflected in our Policy Declaration.

**8. Submission ID: 189 – Section 9.8 – Sponsoring EDA: Yukon, Thunder Bay, Thunder Bay – Rainy River, Thunder Bay Superior North, Carlton Trail Eagle Creek, Kitchener-Conestoga, Sudbury**

**Submission:**

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

**Rationale:**

National Council as the body responsible from the Party Constitution to run the party between national conventions should be appointing members to the fund in the same manner that National Council appoints members to the Leadership Election Organizing Committee and the Arbitration Committee.

**9. Submission ID: 172 – Section 7.5.5 – Sponsoring EDA: Carlton Trail Eagle Creek, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Thunder Bay-Rainy River, Thunder Bay Superior North**

**Submission:**

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

**Rationale:**

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

**10. Submission ID: 191 – Section 10 – Sponsoring EDA: Argenteuil- La Petite-Nation + Charleswood-St. James-Assiniboia-Headingley, Berthier--Maskinongé, Winnipeg South, Don Valley West, Thérèse-De-Blainville, Montcalm, Notre Dame De Grace Westmount, Marc-Aurèle-Fortin, Sackville Preston Chezzetcook, Brossard, Levis-Lotbiniere**

**Submission:**

“The leadership election organizing committee shall determine the rules and procedures for the conduct of the leadership selection process, including a dispute resolution procedure which shall be final and binding. The rules shall provide that an independent auditor must be appointed to audit the full leadership election process. The rules shall also provide that a member may cast a postal ballot or a ballot on-site at the location of the leadership election; the minimum membership period established

for eligibility to vote in the leadership election shall be set so as to permit adequate time for ballots to be mailed to members and returned by mail. Voting by way of faxed ballot shall not be permitted. No collection of ballots shall be accepted by ballot boxes of individual Electoral District Associations on the date of the leadership election".

New Sections under 10.10:

10.10.8 An independent auditor must be appointed to print, issue, send, receive, collect, scrutinize, determine and confirm validity, and count all ballots and envelopes.

10.10.9 The independent auditor referred to in Subsection 10.10.8 shall be approved by the National Council and must be a national certified public accounting firm.

10.10.10 The independent auditor shall report its conclusion to the membership prior to the announcement of the election result.

10.10.11 Following the leadership election, all ballots, including, but not limited to all valid, invalid, and spoiled ballots, must be maintained in their original condition for a period of at least thirty (30) days".

**Rationale:**

WHEREAS the Conservative Party of Canada desires to have a fair and transparent leadership election process which promotes the integrity of the process as well as the integrity of the Conservative Party of Canada.

**11. Submission ID: 217 – Section 16.7 – Sponsoring EDA: Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon**

**Submission:**

This amendment proposes to change through merging Sections 13 and 16. We propose to replace the National Policy Committee and the National Constitution Committee with one committee; the National Policy & Constitution Committee. Membership in this committee will as comprised in the current 16.7. For policy amendments alone, the "interim amendment" process as stated in current 13.4 and 13.5 will be retained under the new, single committee. All other functions, mandates, and timelines of the current committees are virtually identical and will be maintained/merged. Exact amendments below:

7.5.7 elected members of the National Policy Committee and National Constitution Committee.

13.1 Within thirty (30) days of the previous National Policy and Constitution Committees having completed their mandates, National Council shall establish a National Policy and Constitution Committee whose responsibilities shall include:

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13.1.1 facilitating the promotion and maintenance of an ongoing policy and constitution development process of the Party, ~~and ensuring that the policy and constitution process is at all times accountable to the members;~~

13.1.2 ensuring that the policy and constitution process is at all times accountable to the members;

~~13.1.2 facilitating and supporting policy discussion within the Party;~~

13.1.3 identifying policy and constitution areas needing study; 13.1.4 serving as a means of communication between members on policy and constitution issues; and.

13.1.5 after each national convention at which delegates approve amendments to the Policy Declaration and Constitution, ensuring that consolidated versions of the Policy Declaration and Constitution respectively are prepared in both official languages for approval by National Council, incorporating all of the amendments made at the national convention, and following legislative practice in preparing such a

consolidation by correcting any numerical, typographical, grammatical, syntax or translation errors that may otherwise exist in the text.

13.2 The National Policy and Constitution Committee shall consist of: . . .

13.3 The term of the National Policy and Constitution Committee shall begin upon the election and appointment of its members and shall terminate upon the submission to National Council of the consolidated texts of the Policy Declaration and Constitution referred to in Article 13.1.5.

13.4 Between national conventions, interim policies of the Party may be determined by the parliamentary caucus and the Leader.

13.5 Interim amendments to the Policy Declaration of the Party may be made by the parliamentary caucus and the Leader with interim ratification by the National Policy and Constitution Committee. Upon the National Policy and Constitution Committee ratifying an interim amendment to the Policy Declaration, National Council shall cause to be published an Interim Policy Declaration that sets out the amendments.

**Rationale:**

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

**12. Submission ID: 184 – Section 9.11 – Sponsoring EDA: Lac-Saint-Louis**

**Submission:**

Addition of a new section 9.11 to section "9" "Conservative Fund of Canada"

9.11 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, any decision by the Conservative Fund of Canada pertaining to reimbursement of election expenses by one or more electoral district associations must be approved by vote of the National Council during a meeting duly called for that specific matter, following the general election date or the by-election date it concerns. The minutes of that meeting will be provided with no delay to the Presidents of the electoral district associations affected.

**Rationale:**

The decision by the Conservative Fund of Canada to require the reimbursement of 50% of election expenses of each EDA in 2019 is unprecedented in the history of our Party and could significantly undermine the capacity of many associations to maintain their operations and prepare for the following campaign. No matter the justification behind this measure it is incumbent on the Fund, to demonstrate more transparency, responsibility, and democracy toward the members of the Party. Any decision of this nature should from now on be approved by a formal vote by the National Council instead of being imposed unilaterally by the Fund.

**13. Submission ID: Super Priority / National Council – Section 13.5**

**Submission:**

Interim amendments to the Policy Declaration of the Party may be made by the parliamentary caucus and the Leader, or National Council and the Leader, with interim ratification by the National Policy Committee. Upon the National Policy Committee ratifying an interim amendment to the Policy Declaration, National Council shall cause to be published an Interim Policy Declaration that sets out the amendments. Interim amendments to the Policy Declaration shall be subject to final ratification at the next national convention. These amendments along with any policy resolutions passed at the national convention shall become the Policy Declaration of the Party.

**Rationale:**

We need a mechanism whereby National Council may intervene and make necessary changes. The recent issue of ‘omnibus or complex’ submissions emphasises this need.

**14. Submission ID: 206 – Section 13.7 – Sponsoring EDA: St. Albert-Edmonton**

**Submission:**

3.7 After every ~~4th~~ National Convention, the National Policy Committee, will prepare one or a series of amendment proposals to the Policy Declaration, each being an amendment to be voted on individually, for approval by the delegates at the next National Convention, either at the floor of the convention or through handout ballots (in accordance with section 13.6), that shall remove all redundant and spent items from the Policy Declaration but which shall not contradict specific decisions of the previous National Conventions.

**Rationale:**

Many of the EDAs that have reviewed all of the 145 policies contained in the CPC Declaration manual have ended-up wasting an inordinate amount of time dealing with a large number of the same housekeeping, consolidation and drafting problems that have existed in the CPC policy declaration for a number of years. These problems should be dealt with after each national convention.

**15. Submission ID: Super Priority / National Council – Section 13.7**

**Submission:**

After every ~~4th~~ National Convention the National ~~Council Policy Committee~~, will prepare one or a series of amendment proposals to the Policy Declaration, each being an amendment to be voted on individually, for approval by the delegates at the next National Convention, either at the floor of the convention or through handout ballots (in accordance with section 13.6), that shall remove or update all redundant and spent items from the Policy Declaration but which shall not contradict specific decisions of the previous National Conventions or the National Policy Committee.

**Rationale:**

This Section was added at the Calgary Convention. While the intent was clear, the language was not. The proposed change here ensures that this important undertaking will commence immediately. We cannot wait until 2022.

**16. Submission ID: 177 – Section 8 – Sponsoring EDA: Kitchener-Conestoga**

**Submission:**

8.20 Members of National Council shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while fulfilling their responsibilities on National Council. Add "All expense claims shall be reviewed and approved by CFO of the Conservative Fund or by his or her designate."

**Rationale:**

Existing expense claims are approved by the President of National Council including his own expenses, this is direct conflict of interest and oversight of expenses should be done by an external body.

**17. Submission ID: 185 – Section 9.11 – Sponsoring EDA: Edmonton Strathcona**

**Submission:**

9.11 Electoral district associations shall receive a ten percent (10%) remittance of all donations collected by Conservative Fund Canada.

**Rationale:**

As a nod to grassroots members and to keep the EDAs engaged and interested in fundraising for the party, a 10% kickback of the donations collected to the EDAs is important. This would help EDAs to fund their own campaigns and events.

**18. Submission ID: 195 – Section 10.7 – Sponsoring EDA: Argenteuil- La Petite-Nation + Charleswood-St. James-Assiniboia Headingley, Berthier--Maskinongé, Winnipeg South, Don Valley West, Thérèse-De-Blainville, Montcalm, Notre Dame De Grace Westmount, Marc-Aurèle-Fortin, Sackville Preston Chezzetcook, Brossard-Saint-Lambert, Mont-Royal, Hochelaga, Laval-Les-Iles, Spadina-Fort York, Oakville, Levis-Lotbiniere**

**Submission:**

"At the first national convention following a federal general election when the Party does not form the government and the Leader has not indicated, prior to the commencement of the national convention, an irrevocable intention to resign, the delegates will vote by secret ballot if they wish to engage the leadership selection process. Said vote, including but not limited to the ballot issuance, printing, distributing, receiving, collecting, determining and confirming validity of, and counting all ballots, shall be overseen and audited by an independent third party national accounting firm and approved by the National Council in advance of the convention. All ballots cast shall be retained for a period of at least thirty (30) days following the vote for leadership review.

**Rationale:**

WHEREAS the Conservative Party of Canada desires to ensure a fair and transparent balloting process for the delegates in such a vote to determine if the delegates wish to engage the leadership selection process; and the Conservative Party of Canada desires to promote the integrity of the balloting process as well as the integrity of the Conservative Party of Canada;



**19. Submission ID: 170 – Section 7.6 – Sponsoring EDA: Edmonton Manning**

**Submission:**

Between national conventions, the governance, management and control of the activities of the Party are vested in National Council, the Leader, ~~and Conservative Fund Canada, as the case may be~~, subject to general direction from, accountability to and review by the members at national conventions.

**Rationale:**

The Conservative Fund shall be accountable to National Council.

**20. Submission ID: 169 – Section 7.6 – Sponsoring EDA: Kitchener-Conestoga**

**Submission:**

7.6 Between national conventions, the governance, management and control of the activities of the Party are vested in National Council, ~~the Leader, and Conservative Fund Canada~~, as the case may be, subject to general direction from, accountability to and review by the members at national conventions.

**Rationale:**

The Leader is a member of National Council and has a vote on National Council. The Conservative Fund is not accountable to anyone not even the members at national conventions. As it stands now the Leader controls the Fund and bypasses National Council.

**21. Submission ID: 192 – Section 10.10 – Sponsoring EDA: Nepean**

**Submission:**

10.10 The election of the Leader shall be by way of a direct vote of members in every electoral district, as follows:

10.10.1 Each member of the Party will have one vote.

10.10.2 Each electoral district with a membership of 100 or more will be allocated 100 points. Electoral districts with less than 100 members will be allocated one point per member.

10.10.3 Leadership candidates will be assigned a points total based on their percentage of the vote in each electoral district.

10.10.4 To win the leadership, a candidate must obtain a majority of points from across the country.

10.10.5 Voting will be by preferential vote (single transferable ballot).

10.10.6 Each leadership candidate is entitled to have scrutineers present at all stages of the vote count.

10.10.7 At each count round, both the weighted results and the results by electoral district shall be made public.

10.10.8 To qualify for points, the electoral district association must have been in continuous existence for at least 12 months immediately prior to the vote.

**Rationale:**

The weighting of votes to favour those in electoral districts with few members was a pre-condition for the merger. The justification offered was that it was essential that EDA's from all geographical areas of Canada contribute equally to the vote, just as all electoral districts are equally represented in the Federal Parliament. However, this comparison does not stand up to close examination. Each electoral district is home to about 80,000 electors, give or take 25%. Therefore, in the Federal Parliament, electors in each geographical area have similar individual voting weights. In contrast, the number of Conservative Party members per EDA may be anywhere between ten and ten thousand, a ratio of over

1000:1. Giving EDA's equal voting weights results in a gross disparity in the voting power of individual members. In situations common in Quebec and the Maritimes, the full points quota could be exercised by a mere handful of members. This gross disparity in the weight of individual votes is undesirable because: "It is unfair." It renders the party vulnerable to a candidate leader who can concentrate his/her resources to win ridings with very few members people in arrangements redolent of the rotten boroughs of 18th century England. "It discourages party members in EDA's where they are numerous as they see their voting influence severely diluted." It removes an important incentive to recruit from EDA's with few members. The amendment continues to privilege electoral districts with few members but will substantially raise the bar against the rotten borough syndrome.

**22. Submission ID: 140 – Section 2.1.1 – Sponsoring EDA: Dartmouth-Cole Harbour, Sherwood Park-Fort Saskatchewan, Scarborough Centre**

**Submission:**

2.1.1 A belief in a balance between fiscal responsibility, compassionate social policy that empowers the less fortunate by promoting self-reliance and equality of opportunity, and the rights and responsibilities of individuals, families and free associations.

**Rationale:**

N/A

**23. Submission ID: 179 – Section 8.1 – Sponsoring EDA: Edmonton Manning**

**Submission:**

8.1 National Council shall be composed of:

...

8.1.9 a member of the parliamentary caucus in a non-voting capacity.

**Rationale:**

It is import that a member of caucus be included as a member of National Council and be able to attend the meetings of National Council in a non-voting capacity and then report back to caucus.

**24. Submission ID: 209 – Section 14.1 – Sponsoring EDA: Edmonton Mill Woods**

**Submission:**

National Council shall create rules and procedures for the selection of candidates. The rules shall provide that only a member of the Party may seek nomination as a candidate. National Council shall establish the National Candidate Selection Committee that shall have the right to disallow the candidacy of any person before or after nomination by the electoral district association, subject to the appeal of such a decision to National Council whose decision shall be final and binding or who may refer the matter to the Arbitration Committee for decision by a panel. Conditional upon the candidate's permission for disclosure, the National Candidate Selection Committee must provide reasons for the disallowance of a candidate within 48 hours of such a decision to the nomination committee in the affected EDA.

**Rationale:**

Section 14.1 does not provide for any accountability considering the magnitude of the decision to disallow a candidate's nomination. This change will help balance transparency and liability while restoring a healthy, dynamic nomination process.

**25. Submission ID: 175 – Section 8 – Sponsoring EDA: Kitchener-Conestoga**

**Submission:**

New section under 8: National Council shall elect by simple majority from its members the membership of committees of National Council. Such elections shall be decided by secret ballot. The committee chairs and vice chairs shall be selected by the members of their respective committees by secret ballot. Committee chairs may only serve one term between conventions on the same committee they served on previously.

**Rationale:**

Committees of National Council must be elected by secret ballot and not be appointed by the President of the Party in order to reward National Councillors for their support in getting the president elected to National Council. It should be National Council and not the President deciding the makeup of committee membership. National Councillors need to be objective and not be swayed by patronage appointment. This amendment will ensure that committee membership is done democratically and in a non-partisan environment. Setting term limits on committee chairs will ensure that the leadership of each committee does not become dominated by one individual and will allow others to the opportunity to reprise this role.

**26. Submission ID: 188 – Section 9.3 – Sponsoring EDA: Manitoba Regional Meeting**

**Submission:**

Conservative Fund Canada shall submit the annual budget of the Party to National Council for ~~consultation approval~~ prior to adoption and implementation by Conservative Fund Canada and shall ~~consult with~~ National Council, prior to authorizing, will have the sole authority to authorize expenditures and may approve the budget in whole or ~~implementation~~ in part. Any additional expenditures or substantial amendments to the budget will require the approval of National Council. Conservative Fund Canada shall not provide funding for activities or programs within the areas of responsibility of National Council unless such activities or programs have been approved by National Council.

**Rationale:**

N/A

**27. Submission ID: 167 – Section 6.1.7 – Sponsoring EDA: Thunder Bay – Rainy River**

**Submission:**

6.1.7 The Electoral District Association membership can elect a senior delegate (at (LICO), Low Income Cut-Off) to the national convention, at the Early Bird youth rate for registration.

**Rationale:**

- 6.1. 1 full representation of interests and views of members
- 6.1. 5 democratic representation of the membership at national conventions

**28. Submission ID: 165 – Section 6.1.6 – Sponsoring EDA: Thunder Bay-Rainy River**

**Submission:**

6.1.6 There must be at least three delegates registered at the adult fee and representing an electoral district association for each delegate registered at the reduced fee and representing an electoral district association at national convention.

6.1.1 full representation of interests and views of members

6.1.5 democratic representation of the membership at national conventions

**Rationale:**

N/A

**29. Submission ID: 168 – Section 7.2 – Sponsoring EDA: Lac-Saint-Louis**

**Submission:**

Amend section 8.6 the following way

8.6 Immediately following each national convention at which an election of National Council occurred, National Council shall elect by simple majority from its members ~~a President~~, a Vice-President, a Secretary and such Vice-Presidents and other positions as it may determine. The Secretary is accountable for the encouragement and development of membership in the Party, and for the oversight of the National Membership Program on behalf of and subject to the direction of National Council and for reporting to National Council and national conventions.

New 8.6.1 :

8.6.1 The president of National Council is a voting member of National Council. The President is responsible for calling and presiding over National Council meetings, ensuring the smooth functioning of National Council and undertaking any responsibilities given to him by National Council. The President may attend as an observer any meetings of the Conservative Fund of Canada administrators' meetings.

7.2 Subject to Article 7.3, a national convention has the power and responsibility to:

7.2.1 amend the Constitution;

7.2.2 amend and adopt Party policy; ~~and~~

7.2.3 elect National Council by secret ballot; and

7.2.4 elect the President of the National Council by secret ballot and by preferential vote according to the rules established by the National Council.

Amend section 8.6 the following way: Immediately following each national convention at which an election of National Council occurred, National Council shall elect by simple majority from its members a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and such Vice-presidents and other positions as it may determine. The Secretary is accountable for the encouragement and development of membership in the Party, and for the oversight of the National Membership Program on behalf of and subject to the direction of National Council and for reporting to National Council and national conventions.

New 8.6.1: The president of National Council is a voting member of National Council. The President is responsible for calling and presiding over National Council meetings, ensuring the smooth functioning of National Council and undertaking any responsibilities given to him by National Council. The President may attend as an observer any meetings of the Conservative Fund of Canada administrators' meetings.

**Rationale:**

The role of the President is sufficiently important to justify his direct election by the members and better define his responsibilities.

**30. Submission ID: 213 – Section 14.4 – Sponsoring EDA: Mississauga Erin Mills**

**Submission:**

In order to be declared a candidate in a federal election for the Conservative Party of Canada, that person must have been a member of the party for a minimum 12 months and must have a clear record of party activism.

**Rationale:**

Discourage opportunists who are not committed to Conservative principles from suddenly appearing in the nomination process.

**31. Submission ID: 194 – Section 10.5 – Sponsoring EDA: Ottawa West Nepean**

**Submission:**

The Leader shall provide a report to, and carry out an accountability session with, the delegates at every national convention. When the Party forms the government, the Leader will include a report on the Government's progress in implementing the Party's Policy Declaration with particular emphasis on policies adopted at the last convention.

**Rationale:**

This amendment further defines the accountability of the Leader to the delegates, and provides feedback on policies adopted at the last convention. This feedback will further 'encourage the participation of all members' in the policy development process, as required in the section 6.1.3.

**32. Submission ID: 207 – Section 13.8 – Sponsoring EDA: Calgary Rocky Ridge**

**Submission:**

The CPC National Policy Committee will prepare a simple yes / no paper or electronic ballot to present to the membership at each Convention so members can vote on the committee's recommendations for removal of redundant or otherwise invalid policies.

**Rationale:**

The policy book continues to grow in size and instead of wasting time at conventions debating policy deletions on the floor, this would be a way for members to have a vote on the removal of redundant policies.

**33. Submission ID: 142 – Section 2.1.12 – Sponsoring EDA: Calgary Nose Hill**

**Submission:**

2.1.12 A belief that the best guarantors of the prosperity and well-being of the People of Canada are:

2.1.12.1 the freedom of individual Canadians to pursue their enlightened and legitimate self-interest within a competitive economy;

2.1.12.2 the freedom of individual Canadians to enjoy the fruits of their

labour to the greatest possible extent;  
2.1.12.3 the right to own property;  
2.1.12.4 respecting the rule of law.

**Rationale:**

The basis for this addition is to emphasize the need to follow the Rule of Law. This is under the section that deals with the best guarantors of prosperity and well-being of the people of Canada.

**34. Submission ID: 485 – Section 9.3.1 – Sponsoring EDA: Carleton**

**Submission:**

The total number of direct communications with a member by email, post, or telephone requesting donations to the Conservative Fund of Canada by it or any agent shall be limited to no more than 24 in a calendar year.

**Rationale:**

It is the belief of the Carleton EDA that the Conservative Party of Canada asks for financial support from its membership on a basis that is too frequent.

**35. Submission ID: 154 – Section 4.3 – Sponsoring EDA: Kitchener-Conestoga**

**Submission:**

~~Subject to the oversight of National Council, the Executive Director shall maintain a National Membership Program~~ National Council shall oversee a National Membership System consistent with the objectives for such a program as set out by by-law. An Information Technology oversight committee shall be setup by National Council and shall consist of members from National Council and the parliamentary caucus, the Executive Director, the IT Director and the CFO of the Conservative Fund. Such an Information Technology oversight committee shall ensure that a National Membership System is maintained and enhanced to meet the current and future needs of the Conservative Party.

As a minimum, the National Membership ~~System Program~~ will contain a listing of each member's name and address and the name of the electoral district association to which the member belongs. A membership will be considered as valid when listed in the National Membership ~~System Program~~, which listing may be subject to periodic verification by an independent auditor appointed by National Council. The membership fees shall be shared as determined by National Council between the costs of operation of the National Membership ~~System Program~~ and the provision of revenue to electoral district associations.

**Rationale:**

Existing oversight of the National Membership System is inadequate and closer scrutiny needs to be in place to ensure that money spent on a National Membership System is not misspent. \$7 to \$9 million was wasted on C-Vote with no oversight by National Council. Setting up an IT oversight would have prevented the needless waste of Party's money. A motion to setup an IT oversight committee was proposed in 2009 and was rejected by National Council.

**36. Submission ID: 162 – Section 6.1.3 – Sponsoring EDA: Ottawa West-Nepean**

**Submission:**

6.1.3 maintenance of a policy development process which respects and encourages the participation of all members, provides policy options to the Party parliamentary caucus and which culminates in the adoption of policy resolutions at national conventions that will become the Party's Policy Declaration from which the Party's election campaign platform will be developed;

**Rationale:**

The Constitution says that the Policy Process is to be 'responsive to its [Party] members' (2.1.4) and 'ongoing' (13.1.1). The existing Process is not ongoing: grassroot nation-wide discussion of new policy ideas does not take place for more than a year in-between the Conventions. The proposed change helps make the process ongoing and responsive to members -- newly developed policy options could be offered to the Party parliamentary caucus for consideration in-between the Conventions. Note that this proposal enhances, rather than contradicts the paragraph 13.4 which says: 'Between national conventions, interim policies of the Party may be determined by the parliamentary caucus and the Leader.'

**37. Submission ID: 180 – Section 8.6 – Sponsoring EDA: Kitchener-Conestoga**

**Submission:**

~~Immediately following each~~ One month after a national convention at which an election of National Council occurred, National Council shall elect by simple majority from its members a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and such Vice-Presidents and other positions as it may determine. The Secretary is accountable for the encouragement and development of membership in the Party, and for the oversight of the National Membership Program on behalf of and subject to the direction of National Council and for reporting to National Council and national conventions.

**Rationale:**

More time is needed for members of National Council to put forward their names for the executive positions and for National Councillors to choose the best individual for the positions of President, VP and Secretary.

**38. Submission ID: 183 – Section 9 – Sponsoring EDA: Foothills - **WITHDRAWN BY FOOTHILLS EDA****

**Submission:**

9. PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL

9.1 Presidents' Council shall be composed of:

9.1.1 the same number of representatives from each province as the number of members of National Council from that province, elected by secret ballot of the presidents of the electoral district associations in each province; and

9.1.2 one representative for the three territories elected by secret ballot of the presidents of the electoral district associations from the territories;

9.2 Presidents' Council shall be a resource for EDA Presidents:

9.2.1 to discuss issues of day-to-day operations of the EDA;

9.2.2 to provide support during general elections and by-elections, including expertise and manpower;

9.2.3 to make experience and expertise available to new or less experienced Presidents and Boards;

9.3 Presidents' Council elections shall occur in each year the National Party holds its Convention;

9.3.1 the first elections shall be supervised by National Council, utilizing the Party's electronic voting platform, and thereafter, shall be supervised by the Presidents' Council, utilizing the Party's electronic voting platform; and

9.3.2 in the event a President elected to the Presidents' Council resigns or his term as President expires, that position shall remain vacant until the next Presidents' Council election;

**Rationale:**

Alberta EDAs and Presidents have benefitted greatly from participation in SACC and the N14. Presidents have had regular opportunity to exchange successful fundraising and membership drive ideas, seek answers to operations questions, and hear how other EDAs function on a daily basis. As a result, for the most part, Alberta EDAs are successful. However, maintaining successful EDAs cannot fall solely on the shoulders of our National Councillors. They, too, have a learning curve and multiple EDAs they represent. It is time to form a group nation-wide so that EDA Presidents across Canada have the same ability to utilize the experience and success of other EDAs in order to ensure the success of theirs. Presidents' Council will not only provide a resource for the day-to-day operation of an EDA, but it will be especially helpful in election years when there are added pressures on the EDA.

**39. Submission ID: 203 – Section 10.9.2 – Sponsoring EDA: St. Albert-Edmonton**

**Submission:**

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

**Rationale:**

CPC members should be given the opportunity to use an electronic or a paper ballot to cast their vote for individuals running for the leadership of the Conservative Party of Canada. The ability to cast a ballot by electronic means has proven to be an extremely convenient, secure way for members to vote in a leadership race.

**40. Submission ID: 186 – Section 9.2 – Sponsoring EDA: Lac-Saint-Louis, Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman**

**Submission:**

9.2 Conservative Fund Canada shall submit quarterly financial ~~reports~~ statements and an annual audited financial statement to National Council and members of the elected Parliamentary Caucus.

9.2.1 A representative of the Conservative Fund Canada shall meet quarterly with members of the Party's elected Caucus to review and answer any questions members of the Caucus may have.

9.3 Conservative Fund Canada shall submit the annual budget of the Party to National Council for ~~consultation~~ approval prior to adoption and implementation by Conservative Fund Canada, ~~and shall consult with~~ National Council prior to authorizing will have the sole authority to authorize expenditures and may approve the budget in whole or implementing in part. Any additional expenditures or substantial amendments to the budget will require the approval of National Council. Conservative Fund Canada shall not provide funding for activities or programs within the areas of responsibility of National Council unless such activities or programs have been approved by National Council.



**Rationale:**

Control of the finances of the Party amounts to control of the Party. Therefore it is essential that the elected members of the National Council have the final say on the budget, rather than the appointed board members of Conservative Fund Canada. This proposed amendment is more specific as to the Conservative Fund's responsibility towards the Party's Caucus and explicitly establishes National Council's ultimate authority over budget decisions.

**41. Submission ID: 187 – Section 9.3 – Sponsoring EDA: Foothills**

Submission:

9.3 Conservative Fund Canada shall submit the annual budget of the Party to National Council for ~~consultation~~ approval prior to adoption and implementation by Conservative Fund Canada, and shall consult with National Council prior to authorizing or implementing substantial amendments to the budget. Conservative Fund Canada shall not provide funding for activities or programs within the areas of responsibility of National Council unless such activities or programs have been approved by National Council.

**42. Submission ID: 199 – Section 10.10.8 – Sponsoring EDA: Lévis-Lotbinière**

**Submission:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 10.10 of the Constitution of the Conservative Party of Canada be modified as follows:

10.10.8 An independent Auditor shall be appointed to print, issue, receive, examine, determine and confirm the validity of the election, and count the ballots and envelopes.

10.10.9 The independent Auditor shall be approved by National Council, and shall be a nationally registered accounting firm.

10.10.10 The Auditor shall certify any election.

10.10.11 Following the election in management, all the ballots including, but not limited to all the valid votes, invalid and rejected ones must be kept in their original state for at least 30 days, in case of challenge during that period, they must be kept for at least 30 days following the end of the dispute.

**Rationale:**

CONSIDERING THAT the Conservative Party of Canada wants a transparent and responsible electoral process that ensures the integrity of the process and maintaining the integrity of the Conservative Party of Canada.