



Constitution of the Conservative Party of British Columbia

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Article 1 - Name

1.01 The name of the Party is: ‘Conservative Party of British Columbia’

Article 2 - Values

2.01 The Party is founded upon the following values to promote:

- a. Good government. A belief that good government is ethical, accountable and enforces the rule of law to provide for peace and security of our society;
- b. Individual liberty and freedom. A belief that every individual has value, that life and liberty are a fundamental value and inviolable right, and that everyone is born equal to enjoy life in a tolerant society that respects their individuality and freedom of speech, religion and assembly;
- c. Canadian values. A belief that the Province of British Columbia is rightfully Canadian, and that all aspects of our society must embrace Canada’s unique culture;
- d. Social responsibility. A belief in strengthening our communities uniting everyone, regardless of background, for a stronger British Columbia;
- e. Free-enterprise economy. A belief that a competitive free-enterprise economy with the right to private property are essential to encourage the entrepreneurial spirit that creates prosperity; and
- f. To support the work of like-minded organizations, and elections of representatives at other levels of government.

Article 3 - Membership

3.01 Membership is open to all residents of British Columbia who are a minimum of thirteen (13) years of age who support the Party Constitution and are not a member of any other provincial political party.

3.02 A person becomes a “Member in good standing” after the Board has approved their application and has been properly documented on the official membership list.

3.03 Each Member may attend and actively participate in any General Meeting.

3.04 Each Member may stand for election to the Board of Directors.

3.05 Each Member may stand for nomination as a Candidate for the Party in an election to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

3.06 Each Member may stand as a Leadership Contestant in an election to be the Leader of the Conservative Party of British Columbia.

3.07 Each Member must provide their Roblox Username and Discord Information to be collected on a confidential list maintained by the Board of Directors.

3.08 Any Member who joins another provincial political party or who openly supports a candidate opposing an official candidate for the Conservative Party of British Columbia shall immediately forfeit their membership.

Article 4 - Board of Directors

4.01 The Internal Affairs of the Party shall be governed by a Board of Directors, who shall be responsible for the management, oversight and policy of the Members of the Party.

4.02 The Board of Directors shall be comprised of five (5) members:

- a. President of the Conservative Party of British Columbia;
- b. Vice President of the Conservative Party of British Columbia;
- c. Three (3) Directors-at-Large

4.03 The Board of Directors have no authority over the Leader or members of the Party Caucus.

4.04 The Board of Directors shall maintain an accurate membership list.

4.05 The Board of Directors shall have the authority to hire/fire staff, and update any Party branding or communications.

4.06 The Board of Directors shall be given moderation powers in the Party Discord, with each Director provided the authority to enforce the Code of Conduct.

4.07 The Board of Directors shall have the authority to revoke the membership of any Member with a majority vote.

4.08 The Board of Directors shall convene once every thirty (30) days. Any Director who does not meet the activity requirement, without valid reason, shall forfeit their position.

4.09 All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be chaired by the President, and in their absence, the Vice President.

4.10 Each Director shall have the responsibility of reviewing membership applications and admitting new members to the Party.

4.11 The term of the Board of Directors shall last four (4) months, coinciding with a General Meeting of the Party.

4.12 The Leader and a Caucus representative may observe any meeting of the Board of Directors without any voting authority.

4.13 The Board of Directors shall vet and conduct background checks on all potential Nomination Contestants, and shall maintain rules over nomination contests.

Article 5 - General Meetings

5.01 The Board of Directors will call a General Meeting within thirty (30) days following a provincial election.

5.02 The purpose of a General Meeting will be as follows:

- a. To elect the Board of Directors;

- b. To amend the Constitution;
- c. To ratify, amend or remove any Party Policy;
- d. To hold a Leadership Review; and
- e. To build support for the Leader and elected BC Conservative Members of the Legislative Assembly.

5.03 Any amendments to the Constitution may be presented by any member, and shall be implemented with a two-thirds majority vote of the attendees present at the meeting.

5.04 All General Meetings will be chaired by the President, and in their absence, the Vice President.

5.05 Any decisions to be made upon the voting floor shall be resolved with a simple majority vote, with the exception of Constitutional amendments.

5.06 Elections to the Board of Directors shall occur during a General Meeting.

Article 6 - The Leader

6.01 The Leader shall:

- a. Uphold the Party Constitution at all times and maintain harmony and unity within the Party;
- b. Be the chief political spokesperson for the party and interpret to the public the policies of the Party;
- c. Only speak, comment and act upon issues related to the Province of British Columbia, unless an external issue is reasonably integrated into fields of provincial interest;

- d. Maintain a position of neutrality during nomination contests and elections to the Board of Directors; and
- e. Be at the helm of the Caucus and represent the Conservative Party of British Columbia's Members of the Legislative Assembly.

6.02 The Leader may only be removed by resignation or defeat at a Leadership Review.

6.03 A Leadership Review shall be held at each General Meeting, unless the Party forms the government, where members will vote on their approval of the leader.

6.04 The Leader shall be defeated at a Leadership Review if they receive less than 70% approval from members of the Party.

Article 7 - Election of the Leader

7.01 Upon the immediate vacancy of the Leader, the Board of Directors shall host a Leadership Contest.

7.02 The Board of Directors may appoint an Interim Leader to act until a new Leader is elected. The Interim Leader may not be a Leadership Contestant.

7.03 Any Member may be a Leadership Contestant provided they are eligible to run as a Candidate in accordance with the BC Electoral Regulations. Any Director who files to run as a Leadership Contestant must resign their position on the board.

7.04 The Board of Directors shall prescribe the rules for a Leadership Contest.

7.05 Potential Leadership Contestants must be nominated by at least ten (10) Party Members.

7.06 Once nominations have closed, if there is a contest between two (2) or more Leadership Contestants, the Board of Directors shall appoint a third-party director to serve as the Returning Officer for the Leadership Contest.

7.07 In the event there is only one (1) Leadership Contestant, they shall be elected by acclamation.

7.08 During a Leadership Contest, the Board of Directors shall maintain neutrality. Upon election of a new Leader, the Board of Directors shall publicly support the new Leader. Directors who do not support the new Leader shall resign immediately.

Article 8 - Code of Conduct

8.01 All members must follow the Code of Conduct in order to maintain their membership.

8.02 Members who do not abide by the Code of Conduct may be justifiably removed by the Board of Directors.

8.03 All members shall treat each other with respect and dignity.

8.04 Since disagreement is unavoidable in political environments, all members are expected to respect the free speech of others. Members must remain professional and respectful when engaging in debate with other members.

8.05 Members are prohibited from engaging in hate, and may not treat other members differently on the basis of gender, religion, race, orientation or any other identifiable factor.

8.06 All members are expected to obey the laws of the Province of British Columbia, and may not violate Electoral Regulations.

8.07 Members may not harass other members in any form.