



**By-Law for the Recognition
Of Conservative Party of Canada
Affiliated Organizations**

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1.0 GENERAL

- 1.0 This by-law provides for the recognition by National Council of affiliated organizations , other than campus organizations, as provided in Article 11 of the Constitution.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.0 "affiliated organization" means a group of members of the Party recognized as such, or applying for recognition, pursuant to this by-law.
- 2.1 "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Party.
- 2.2 "Party" means the Conservative Party of Canada.
- 2.3 "Party website" means the general website of the Party or, at the discretion of the Executive Director, may mean any other website maintained by or on behalf of the Party.
- 2.4 All other terms used in this by-law which are defined in the Constitution of the Party have the meaning set out in the Constitution

3.0 OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 Affiliated organizations exist to support and promote the principles, objectives and policies of the Party by:
 - 3.1.1 supporting the election of candidates of the Party at each federal election and by-election;
 - 3.1.2 assisting the Party and its electoral district associations in fulfilling their election readiness objectives; and,
 - 3.1.3 acting in conformity generally with the status of an affiliated organization of the Party.

4.0 AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

4.1 Given that the Constitution of the Party provides that electoral district associations are the primary organizations through which the rights of members are exercised, and in order for electoral district associations to be the focus of members' talents and efforts, membership in affiliated organizations will be limited to:

4.1.1 all members of the Party in electoral districts of a particular province; or

4.1.2 members of electoral district associations who are elected to the affiliated organization by the boards or memberships of at least three-quarters (3/4) of the electoral district associations of a province, along with such members-at-large as may be elected to the affiliated organization by a majority vote of the members elected by the electoral district associations.

4.2 The members of the executive of affiliated organizations shall be:

4.2.1 elected annually, and

4.2.2 limited to serving no more than two consecutive years in any executive office.

5.0 RECOGNITION OF AN AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION

5.1 Any group of members of the Party representing at least three-quarters (3/4) of the electoral district associations within a province who wish to form an affiliated organization, other than a campus organization, may apply for recognition by National Council provided that the requirements of this by-law are met.

5.2 An application to recognize an affiliated organization shall be sent to the Executive Director or his/her designate. The application shall include:

5.2.1 The proposed name of the affiliated organization;

5.2.2 A short-form name of the affiliated organization if one is to be used, and the website and general e-mail address for the affiliated organization if any;

- 5.2.3 The name, telephone number, e-mail address and title of all members of the affiliated organization executive;
 - 5.2.4 The names of the electoral district associations whose members are to make up the affiliated organization, or the names and addresses of all members of the affiliated organization; and
 - 5.2.5 The constitution of the affiliated organization.
- 5.3 When the Executive Director is satisfied that the information contained in the application is complete, he or she shall forward the application to Secretariat Committee of National Council for consideration. The Secretariat Committee shall determine if the group meets the objectives set out in section 3, and the membership criteria of section 4. Approved applications shall be submitted to National Council for consideration.
- 5.4 National Council may recognize a group as an affiliated organization on such terms as it sees fit.
- 5.5 When National Council has recognized an affiliated organization:
- 5.5.1 the Executive Director shall cause the information required by sections 5.2.2 and 5.2.5 to be published on the Party website;
 - 5.5.2 the affiliated organization shall inform the Executive Director of any change in the information required under section 5.2 within thirty (30) days of the change and the Executive Director shall cause the Party website to be updated accordingly;
 - 5.5.3 the affiliated organization is authorized to use the name and logo of the Party for such period as it remains recognized, subject to such terms and conditions as may be imposed by National Council.

6.0 MAINTNENANCE OF RECOGNITION AS AN AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION

- 6.1 No later than February 28 of each calendar year after it is first recognized or such later date as may be authorized by the Secretariat in writing, an affiliated organization shall file with the

Executive Director or his or her designate a statement confirming the information set out in section 5.2, or setting out the changes.

- 6.2 Recognition of a affiliated organization may be removed by National Council by a majority vote of National Council at a meeting called for that purpose where an affiliated organization fails to file the information referred to in section 6.1 by February 28 or such later date as had been authorized by the Secretariat, or on such other grounds as Council may determine.
- 6.3 An affiliated organization whose recognition is removed pursuant to section 6.2, or otherwise removed by National Council for any reason, may only be recognized again by following the process set out in section 5.

7.0 FINANCE

- 7.1 An affiliated organization shall not incur expenses nor accept contributions on behalf of the Party or the Conservative Fund Canada, nor make transfers or contributions to the Party, the Conservative Fund Canada, or any electoral district association, candidate, or nomination or leadership contestant.