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5	2.1.6	Calgary Nose Hill <sup>4</sup>	<p>Insert a new section between section 2.1.5 and 2.1.6:</p> <p><u>A belief in the value and dignity of all human life.</u></p>	<p>This statement is the foundation of the Canadian Story and points to the true motivation of Canadian conservatives.</p> <p>This is, in fact, a truly inclusive statement that encompasses not just Canadian life, but all human life. This represents the broadest cross-section of Canadians, without exclusion of any individual or groups. It is the deepest held belief of our Canadian society that all people, regardless of life situation or age, have intrinsic value and worth and therefore deserve dignity. This statement affirms the underpinning of all that is best in the Canadian identity, past, present and future as it has played out in our combined history. Matters of justice, foreign policy, humanitarian assistance, fiscal responsibility, education and health care are all grounded in this basic and foundational principle.</p> <p>The Conservative Party of Canada would be the only national party that states this as one of its core principles.</p>
49	9.10	Lambton-Kent-Middlesex	<p>Add new section 9.10:</p> <p>When telephone fundraising efforts are done on behalf of the Conservative Party of Canada (to raise money Nationally using CIMS data bank supporters/information) the following is proposed:</p> <p>a) A minimum of 20% (instead of 10%) of National's net collection (after telephone fundraising costs are allocated) should be sent to the local EDA riding association (where funds were raised) on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>b) The local EDAs should be given at least 2 weeks notice as to when such National fundraising phone calls are to be made (so that the local EDAs can properly coordinate &amp; schedule their own fund raising efforts accordingly).</p> <p>c) All local EDAs should have the option to join the National telephone fundraising efforts (instead of doing their own phone calls to their riding supporters) whereby the new National script shall always provide an option to the telephoned supporter to have up to 50% of their (net) donation to be allocated to their local EDA (instead of the standard min 20%).</p>	
15	6.1.3	Ottawa West-Nepean <sup>6</sup>	<p>Amend section 6.1.3 to as follows:</p> <p>maintenance of a policy development process which respects and encourages the participation of all members and which culminates in the adoption of policy resolutions at national conventions that will become the Party's Policy Declaration <del>from which the Party's election campaign platform will be developed; which will</del></p> <p><u>a. form the basis for policy alternatives for governing Canada when the party is in opposition</u></p> <p><u>b. become a source of policies from which the Party's election campaign platform is developed</u></p> <p><u>c. become guidance for the Party when the party is in power</u></p>	<p>The existing text limits the role of the Policy Declaration only to the election campaign, while it should be also applied to the Party policy formation when the Party is in power or in opposition. To give the Party leadership more flexibility the role of the Policy declaration changes from "the basis" to "a source" to "guidance"</p>

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68	11.2	Port Moody - Coquitlam, Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke	<p>Add section 11.2:</p> <p>The Party recognises the establishment of a Youth commission, formally recognised by the Conservative Party of Canada as the official Youth wing of the Party, in which its structure and governance be determined by a Constitution drafted by members of such an Organization in collaboration with the National Council, for the purposes of recruiting youth to the Party, promoting Conservative policies to youth, encouraging the active participation of Youth at all levels of the Party, uniting young Conservatives across Canada and ensuring the sustainability and success of the Conservative Party.</p>	<p>Pros:</p> <p>Promotes the sustainability of the party Nurtures young Conservatives throughout their political life with the party All major political parties, even the Greens, have a youth wing Some young people don't necessarily want to sit at a table with older people Allows the Conservatives to be on equal footing as other parties in recruiting youth, especially those that are unsure their views but would like an opportunity to get involved with other young people Allows quieter youth to express themselves around people their age, and not be intimidated by older people Breaks stereotype that Conservatives are all old people and anti-youth; we want to get the youth vote</p> <p>Cons:</p> <p>Creates a "sandbox" for young people May cause some older Conservatives to be unhappy with how the youth are changing the Party Debated in the past and people voted against it Why make youth separate? What's the point?</p>
9	4.1.5	Lac-Saint-Louis	<p>Add new section 4.1.5:</p> <p>The membership fee for members under the age of 25, as well as the registration fees for party conventions and events where the registration fee is determined by National Council or the Executive Director, will at all times be one half of the amount set by National Council or the Executive Director for members over the age of 25.</p>	<p>Despite lacking a formal Youth Wing, it is in the interests of our Party to do more to promote accessibility and participation of youth in our events and activities.</p>
19	7.4	Halifax	<p>Add new section 7.4:</p> <p>The location(s) for national conventions of the Party will be rotated amongst each of the regions of the country.</p>	<p>If the Conservative Party is to present itself as a truly national party, then it only makes sense for our constitution to reflect that vision. Ensuring each region of the country fairly enjoys the opportunity to host a national convention reflects our Party's commitment to one strong united Canada, and demonstrates our commitment to Conservative activists from one end of the country to the other. In the entirety of our Party's history, one region has consistently been overlooked when determining the location of a national convention. This amendment would see that corrected and allow us to move forward as a stronger national Conservative Party.</p>

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72	13.7	Cambridge, Carlton Trail Eagle Creek, Wellington Halton Hills <sup>10</sup> , Mississauga Lakeshore, Thunder Bay Rainy River, Thunder Bay Superior North, Kitchener-Conestoga, New Brunswick Southwest, Oshawa Regional Meeting <sup>3</sup>	<p>Replace Section 13.7 in its entirety with the following new Section 13.7:</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>The inclusion of the existing section 13.7 was a noble attempt to have a process by which the Policy Declaration can be regularly reviewed and streamlined to remove redundant items. In hindsight the language is deeply flawed, and in contradiction to other fundamental principles of the Constitution and our Party, all while ignoring the importance of the hard work on the policy process by all members of the Party.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 13 of the Constitution makes it clear that the policy process is a process that must be accountable to its members – all members – not just a few select members.</li> <li>The Policy Declaration is not a marketing tool or a campaign tool for Canadians to read, it is a document that belongs to Party members - its length is not a detriment.</li> <li>The existing section 13.7 of the Constitution puts the review of the Policy Declaration into the hands of a handful of establishment party members to decide on behalf of all delegates and members whether policy issues are “no longer at issue before Canadians.” This is not consistent with a grass roots policy process or a grass roots party – instead the existing section is a top down, undemocratic process of reviewing the Policy Declaration.</li> <li>The existing Section 13.7 should be limited only to removing policy language that is redundant and only in as much as the removal does not contradict with prior National Conventions.</li> <li>Forcing the Policy Declaration to conform to 100 sections, suggests that removal of specific policies will go beyond those sections that are redundant. There is no reason to have a limited number of sections to the Policy Declaration.</li> <li>The existing section does not indicate who in Parliamentary Caucus will be preparing the updated Policy Declaration and whether a vote on the revised policy declaration will be completed by the Parliamentary Caucus of the Party and / or National Policy Committee. As a result it lacks accountability.</li> <li>If the purpose of the existing section was to remove “redundant items”, there should be no reason why the removals of sections should not be put to a vote at convention by all delegates – if they are simply “redundant” or “spent” sections being removed, the omnibus proposal should pass with little opposition.</li> <li>Members have spent countless amounts of time and money pushing to get policy ideas to the floor of convention for possible inclusion into the Policy Declaration. It is deeply discouraging to have any member see the policy resolution they worked hard on result in removal for any other reason than redundancy because a select few establishment members of our Party deem it no longer relevant to Canadians.</li> <li>Parliamentary Caucus of the Party has many other duties they should be preoccupying themselves with – such as fulfilling their constituency and parliamentary duties as paid for by the taxpayer. Asking Parliamentary Caucus of the Party to spend time working on an internal party document is an abuse of the taxpayers money that should not be publicly endorsed by our Party – let alone in its Constitution.</li> </ol>
74	13.7	Nepean <sup>6</sup>	Delete section 13.7	<p>Section 13.7 was added at the convention in Calgary. It empowers the caucus to completely re-write the policy document every four conventions. While it provides for the EDAs to be consulted and the convention to vote on the draft, the past two convention processes have shown the EDA views can be ignored and a convention floor vote is an up and down process with no ability to amend. Given the control the Leader can exercise over a caucus, this change is a fundamental shift away from the bottom-up policy process that was enshrined in the Party's founding Constitution.</p>

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73	13.7	Saskatoon Grasswood	<p>Replace Section 13.7 in its entirety with the following new Section 13.7:</p> <p>13.7 After each National Convention, the Parliamentary Caucus of the Party in cooperation with the National Policy Committee, will prepare an updated edition of the Policy Declaration for amendment at the next National Convention, subject to the following directions:</p> <p>13.7.1 the updated edition will be based on the existing Policy Declaration but will remove redundant items, spent items, and items that are no longer at issue before Canadians.</p> <p>13.7.2 the updated edition may not conflict specific decisions of the previous National Convention.</p> <p>13.7.3 the updated edition will contain no more than 100 sections.</p> <p>13.7.3.1 this limitation does not prevent the members from adding sections at subsequent National Conventions.</p> <p>13.7.4 National Council will circulate the updated edition to all Electoral District Association Presidents no later than eight months before the National Convention at which it comes into force. If written notice of objection from more than 99 Electoral District Association Presidents has been received by National Council within 30 days of the edition being distributed to the electoral district associations, it shall be deemed rejected and the existing Policy Declaration will be considered still in force</p>	<p>There are currently 138 sections in the current Policy declaration, many of which are duplicates of other sections or outdated. Policy changes faster than in previous years and the policy declarations should be an ongoing process after each convention. Too much time is wasted with EDAs submitting changes at conventions rather than concentrating on future issues.</p>
18	7.2.4	Lac-Saint-Louis	<p>Add section 7.2.4:</p> <p>Elect the President of the Party, by secret ballot.</p> <p>Amend section 8.6:</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>The President of the Party should be elected by the delegates to the Convention in order to ensure greater democracy and accountability to the membership.</p>

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37	8.8	Edmonton - Mill Woods <sup>4</sup>	<p>Amend section 8.8 to as follows:</p> <p>Rules and procedures enacted under Article 8.7.7 and by-laws enacted under Article 8.7.8 shall be circulated to all electoral district association presidents within 7 days of enactment by National Council and shall take effect on the date of enactment. If written notice, <u>either email or hard copy</u>, of objection from more than 99 electoral district association presidents has been received by National Council within 30 days of the rule and procedure or by-law being distributed to the electoral district associations, it shall be deemed repealed. Alternatively, National Council may propose rules and procedures and by-laws to a national convention, which, if approved by a simple majority of delegates voting, will not be subject to subsequent review and repeal by the presidents of electoral district associations.</p>	<p>Including a definition for “written notice” that includes email copy makes the 30 day rule more easily achieved. The clause as it currently stands does not define “written notice”; without a definition that includes email copy, 30 days is likely not enough time.</p>
47	9.8	Kitchener-Conestoga, Edmonton-Griesbach	<p>Replace section 9.8 to the following:</p> <p><del>The Leader shall nominate the directors of Conservative Fund Canada subject to ratification by National Council.</del>  <u>Following each national convention, National Council and the parliamentary caucus shall elect by simple majority from its members six directors to sit on the Conservative Fund Canada board – three from National Council and three from the parliamentary caucus.</u></p>	<p>There needs to be better monitoring of spending by the Fund. Having your elected National Councillors and parliamentary caucus members on the Conservative Fund Board will ensure better and more transparent oversight.</p>
12	4.3	Kitchener-Conestoga, Edmonton-Griesbach	<p>Amend section 4.3 to as follows:</p> <p><del>Subject to the oversight of National Council, the Executive Director shall oversee maintain a National Membership System Program 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.</del></p> <p>As a minimum, the National Membership <u>System Program</u> 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 <u>System Program</u>, 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 <u>System Program</u> and the provision of revenue to electoral district associations.</p>	<p>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.</p>

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6	3.10	St. John's South-Mount Pearl <sup>8</sup>	<p>Insert a new section between 3.9 &amp; 3.10:</p> <p><u>3.10 "President" means the Chief Executive Officer entrusted with the effective operation of the National Council.</u></p>	<p>The Party President is not defined. Party Leader and Party President have distinctively different roles which needs to be clearly defines, Understanding the difference in the roll of each aids in understanding the difference in the way in which the president is elected in article 8.6 and the way the Leader is elected in article 10.</p> <p>The "President" is responsible for the oversight of the Party committees; whereas the "Party Leader" as Chief Public Officer, presides over the Party Caucus and is entrusted with directing and administering Party Policy in governance.</p>
8	4.1.4	Bellechasse-Etchemins-Lévis, Quebec Regional Conference <sup>2</sup>	<p>Replace section 4.1.4 to the following:</p> <p>Has personally paid the the membership fee according to the amount set at \$10 for one year, \$20 for two years, \$25 for 3 years and \$30 for 5 years. National Council shall set rules and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that the membership fee was paid by the member personally; and</p>	<p>Make the membership fee accessible to all to encourage the participation of all, regardless of financial means.</p>
66	11	Mount Royal	<p>Add section 11.2:</p> <p>The Conservative Party will set up steering committees in each of Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver comprised of former candidates, riding association representatives and community leaders to generate strategies and policies to enhance our Party's presence and future success.</p>	<p>Whereas the Conservative Party of Canada has not elected a Member of Parliament from the Island of Montreal or its Metropolitan Region in 25 years. Whereas the Conservative Party of Canada has had disappointing results in the last elections in Toronto and Vancouver.</p> <p>Whereas Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver are the three largest urban centres.</p> <p>Whereas each of these urban centers and surrounding regions could be fertile ground for the Conservative Party as residents share the Conservative Party values.</p> <p>Whereas the each of the urban centres are particularly diverse culturally, linguistically and demographically.</p> <p>Be it resolved that the Conservative Party will set up steering committees in in each of Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver comprised of former candidates, riding association representatives and community leaders to generate strategies and policies to enhance our Party's presence and future success.</p>
23	7.7	Esquimault-Saanich-Sooke	<p>Add section 7.7:</p> <p>All maximum donations to the Conservative Party of Canada, either nationally or to a local EDA are treated equally and the donor receives the same benefits for donating to one as the other for the purposes of attending a national convention.</p>	<p>Currently only donors who contribute the maximum amount to the national party qualify for free entry (and possibly other benefits) to the national convention. We are all in this together. Whether a donor contributes the maximum to the party either nationally or locally, the benefits of doing so should be treated equally.</p>
7	3.7	St. John's East <sup>8</sup>	<p>Add section 3.7 as follows:</p> <p><u>3.7 "Leader" means the leader of the Party, who presides over the Party Caucus and is entrusted with directing and administering Party Policy in the government.</u></p>	<p>The definition of Party Leader and Party President needs to be clearly defined, so people understand the difference in the role of each and the reasons for the way in which the president is elected in article 8.6 and the way the Leader is elected in article 10.</p> <p>The "President" is responsible for the overall operation of the Party; whereas the "Party Leader" presides over the Party Caucus and is entrusted with directing and administering Party Policy in governance.</p> <p>Because the Party Leader resides over the elected Members of Parliament, and because every MP must be elected, and because the Party Leader campaigns with and for a Candidate seeking election, and because constituents consider both the "Party Leader" and Candidate in each district during an election, voting for the "Party Leader" should reflect size of the constituent base as well as membership.</p>

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32	8.6	Kitchener-Conestoga, Edmonton Griesbach	<p>Insert language after section 8.6:</p> <p><u>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.</u></p>	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.
50	10	St. John's South-Mount Pearl <sup>8</sup>	<p>Amend section 10.10.2 to the following:</p> <p>Each electoral district will be allocated 100 points, <u>recognizing that each Electoral District has one MP has equal vote in the House of Commons and the Party Leader assists the Candidate in obtaining constituents support to win an election.</u></p>	The "Party Leader" presides over the Party Caucus and is entrusted with directing and administering Party Policy in governance. The Party Leader must seek to win a majority votes from constituents in a majority of the Electoral Districts. Because the Party Leader resides over the elected Members of Parliament, and because every MP must be elected, and because each elected MP holds an equal vote in Parliament and because the Party Leader campaigns with and for a Candidate seeking election, and because the "Party Leader" is a significant factor in helping voters make a decision in each district during an election, voting for the "Party Leader" should reflect the equal importance of electing an MP from any district.
61	10.9.1	Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston	<p>Amend section 10.9.1 to the following:</p> <p>The parliamentary caucus (<u>including only elected Members of Parliament</u>) shall appoint an Interim Leader of the Party who shall exercise the powers and responsibilities of the Leader until a new Leader has been selected. A person appointed as Interim Leader may not be nor become a candidate in the leadership selection process. An Interim Leader may but need not be appointed where the Leader has indicated an intention to resign.</p>	Following Stephen Harper's announcement that he would be resigning as Party Leader, it was unclear whether Senators would be allowed to vote on choosing the interim leader, as the Constitution is unclear as to whether Senators are included within the definition of "Parliamentary Caucus." This will clarify the matter.
60	10.9.1	Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston	<p>Amend section 10.9.1 to the following:</p> <p>The parliamentary caucus (<u>including Senators</u>) shall appoint an Interim Leader of the Party who shall exercise the powers and responsibilities of the Leader until a new Leader has been selected. A person appointed as Interim Leader may not be nor become a candidate in the leadership selection process. An Interim Leader may but need not be appointed where the Leader has indicated an intention to resign.</p>	Following Stephen Harper's announcement that he would be resigning as Party Leader, it was unclear whether Senators would be allowed to vote on choosing the interim leader, as the Constitution is unclear as to whether Senators are included within the definition of "Parliamentary Caucus." This will clarify the matter.
76	14	Edmonton Griesbach	<p>Add section 14.4:</p> <p><u>The minimum voting age for voting in EDA Candidate Elections shall be equal to that for federal elections.</u></p>	During the latest elections for the Griesbach EDA, it was observed that many parents brought children in to vote; the parents even tried to mark the ballot for the children. It is doubtful the children even knew who or what they were voting for.
78	14	Cowichan-Malahat-Langford	<p>Add new subsection to section 14:</p> <p>That EDA nomination meeting should be held no later than 9 months before a fixed election date.</p>	Some ridings were hurt by the slow selection process dictated by the party. It is important that EDAs have the opportunity to raise the profiles of their candidates for election, fund raising and volunteer motivation.

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86	16	Lac-Saint-Louis	<p>Add section 16.4 as the following:</p> <p>The National Constitution Committee shall not accept for consideration any constitutional amendments that deal with subject matter that has been considered by but not adopted pursuant to the rules of section 16.1 of the Constitution in any of the previous two (2) National Conventions.</p>	<p>Issues that have been the source of repeated conflict at conventions should periodically be excluded in order to allow for a debate focused on other, more pressing issues to the future of the Party.</p>
36	8.7.10	South Surrey - White Rock	<p>Add new section 8.7.10:</p> <p>the establishment and maintenance of an ongoing and effective national and regional election readiness capability utilizing regional councils of EDA Presidents and a national coordinating organization. The Election Readiness Committee shall consist of:</p> <p>(a) two Co-Chairs:</p> <p>(i) one Co-Chair elected by National Council and (ii) one Co-Chair appointed by the Leader</p> <p>(b) the National Council President; (c) one representative from each Province/Territory to be elected by the EDA Presidents of said Province/Territory. (d) other members of the CPC, who may be appointed by the Co-Chairs in consultation with the Leader and the National Council.</p> <p>(2) The Election Readiness Committee is responsible to:</p> <p>(a) prepare election readiness plans and strategies in consultation with the Leader and National Council; (b) prepare and train EDAs in election readiness and election campaign management; (c) prepare and train party members in election readiness and campaign activities well in advance of election campaigns; (d) make rules for the procedures to be followed to select CPC candidates for election to the House of Commons and provide extensive campaign and media training to each candidate; (e) recommend use of new and emerging campaign technologies and media avenues.</p> <p>(3) The Election Readiness Committee, in consultation with the Leader, establishes a Campaign Committee for each general election, as a subcommittee, and may also establish any number of other subcommittees for any campaign purpose.</p> <p>Note: Other Articles requiring change to accommodate the foregoing;</p> <p>2 Resolved that Article 8.7.2 be deleted.</p> <p>3 Resolved that Article 14.1 be amended as follows;</p> <p>The Election Readiness Committee 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. The Election Readiness Committee 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 decision to the Election Readiness Committee National Council whose decision shall be final and binding or who may refer the matter to the Arbitration Committee. and binding or who may refer the matter to the Arbitration Committee.</p>	<p>National Council does not currently have an overall election readiness responsibility. As CPC rebuilds for its second decade and next term as government it is essential that candidates running for office be fully armed with all of the tools necessary to be successful in each region of Canada.</p> <p>A fully capable national team is required in addition to full utilization of the considerable election campaign experience and talent available in each region.</p> <p>By establishing an election readiness committee with representation from each Province/Territory A strong, accountable and effective organization can be achieved.</p>

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44	8.20	Kitchener-Conestoga	Amend section 8.20 to as follows:  Members of National Council shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while fulfilling their responsibilities on National Council. <u>All expense claims shall be reviewed and approved by CFO of the Conservative Fund or by his or her designate.</u>	Existing expense claims are approved by the President of National Council including their own expenses. This is direct conflict of interest and oversight of expenses should be done by an external body.
87	16	South Surrey-White Rock <sup>7</sup>	Add section 16.9 as the following:  Members of the National Constitution Committee shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while fulfilling their responsibilities on the National Constitution Committee	While members of National Council are reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while fulfilling their responsibilities on National Council, members of the National Constitution Committee are not. This constitutional amendment reflects the need to acknowledge the expenses incurred by NCC members in the commission of their responsibilities. In many cases, NCC members must travel great distances at personal cost to effectively dialogue with EDA constitution committees at the grassroots level. In addition, where it becomes necessary for NCC members to meet to conduct their business effectively, it is unreasonable to deny NCC members the same privilege extended to members of National Council.
14	5.4	Lac-Saint-Louis	Add section 5.4 as follows:  Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Electoral District Association may determine by bylaw adopted at its Annual General Meeting the requirements with respect to the number of members residing outside of the electoral district who may be permitted to serve on the Board of Directors of the Electoral District Association as well as the number of consecutive years any member may serve in any position on the Executive Committee of the Electoral District Association. Such by-laws will take effect only on the date of the subsequent Annual General Meeting.	The Current Constitution of CPC Electoral District Associations provides for strict limits on out of riding membership on the board of directors of an EDA and term limits for executive members. These requirements reflect the realities and challenges of ridings with large memberships and significant numbers of candidates for the above positions. These requirements are problematic in ridings where membership is lower, alternative candidates for executive positions are difficult to find, and where it may be to the advantage of members in one riding to be involved as volunteers primarily in a neighbouring riding where the Party's chances of electing a Member of Parliament are better. Notably, National Council has repeatedly delayed the application of the by-law with respect to term limits of executive members, we believe in recognition of the problem this can pose for some ridings. We therefore believe it would be appropriate to allow each individual EDA to opt out of these requirements on the basis and set by-laws based on its needs and capacities. However, the decision to opt out could only be made at the EDA's AGM with the result taking effect only at the following AGM. This would limit the prospects for abuse.
1	2.1	West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country	Add new section 2.1:  The purpose of the Conservative Party is to serve all Canadians passionately and effectively, without fear or favour, in accordance with key values including Freedom, Responsibility, Equality, Compassion and Integrity.”	
22	7.6	Kitchener-Conestoga, Portage-Lisgar <sup>5</sup>	Amend section 7.6 to as follows:  Between national conventions, the governance, management and control of the activities of the Party are vested in National Council, <del>the Leader, and Conservative Fund Canada, as the case may be,</del> subject to general direction from, accountability to and review by the members at national conventions.	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. The Leader rarely attends meetings of National Council and no leader has ever attended a regular full face-to-face meeting of National Council.

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54	10.4	Kitchener-Conestoga, Edmonton Griesbach	<p>Amend section 10.4 to as follows:</p> <p><del>The Leader shall nominate the Executive Director of the Party subject to ratification by National Council.</del></p> <p><u>National Council shall appoint the Executive Director of the Party. Removal of the Executive Director of the Party is subject to approval by National Council.</u></p>	<p>More oversight of the appointment of Executive Director is needed. Currently National Council rubber stamps the appointment of the Executive Director with no vetting before hand. When Dimitri Soudas was elected Executive Director there was a meeting of National Council called at 24 Sussex, there was no notification of this meeting and no agenda given out before hand. We all know how wonderful an Executive Director Dimitri Soudas turned out to be and the leaders pick for Executive Director was an absolute disaster!</p>
75	13.8	South Surrey - White Rock <sup>7</sup> , Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Thunder Bay - Superior North	<p>Add section 13.8:</p> <p>Members of the National Policy Committee shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while fulfilling their responsibilities on the National Policy Committee.</p>	<p>While members of National Council are reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while fulfilling their responsibilities on National Council, members of the National Policy Committee are not. This constitutional amendment reflects the need to acknowledge the expenses incurred by NPC members in the commission of their responsibilities. In many cases, NPC members must travel great distances at personal cost to effectively dialogue with EDA constitution committees at the grassroots level. In addition, where it becomes necessary for NPC members to meet to conduct their business effectively, it is unreasonable to deny NPC members the same privilege extended to members of National Council.</p>
56	10.7	Dufferin Caledon <sup>10</sup>	<p>Delete the current 10.7 and replace with a new Article 10.7:</p> <p>10.7 At the first national convention subsequent to the following events, the delegates will vote by secret ballot if they wish to engage the leadership selection process when:</p> <p>10.7.1 following a federal general election when the Party does not form the government and the Leader has not indicated, prior to the commencement of said national convention, an irrevocable intention to resign; or</p> <p>10.7.2 more than 50% of the votes are cast in favour of a leadership review at a caucus meeting called by the caucus chair for the purpose of determining whether a leadership review should be conducted pursuant to Subsection 49.5(2) of The Parliament of Canada Act.</p>	<p>The purpose for the amendment is to maintain the existing leadership review process and add the new event created in the Reform Act (Bill C-586) that can trigger a review under Subsection 49.5(2) of The Parliament of Canada Act.</p> <p>The Leader must be able to maintain the support of and be accountable to the Party's caucus in parliament. However the review process at a Party convention allows the Leader to rise above dissent in the caucus by garnering the support of the grass roots of the Party – the delegates of the convention.</p> <p>Conservatives invented the leadership review process. The amended Parliament of Canada Act strengthens that process by allowing the Party's caucus to require a formal review when the Leader no longer has the support of the majority of the caucus.</p>

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57	10.7	South Surrey-White Rock	<p>Amend section 10.7 to as follows:</p> <p>At <del>each</del> the first national convention following a federal general election when the Party does not form the government and the Leader has not indicated an irrevocable intention to resign, the delegates will vote by secret ballot if they wish to engage in the leadership selection process.</p>	<p>The Constitution of the Conservative Party of Canada provides for an extensive and complete process for the development of grass-roots-orientated policy resulting in the creation of a document entitled "The Conservative Party of Canada Policy Declaration". It is the clear intent of the Constitution that this document provide ongoing guidance and clear direction to the Party Leadership in the formulation of government policy and that every Member of Parliament be so directed.</p> <p>Specifically: every Member of Parliament, when applying to be a Candidate for Parliament for the Conservative Party of Canada, declares that:</p> <p>"I do hereby affirm that I accept, and agree to advance, the policies, principles, goals and objectives of the Conservative Party of Canada as set out in the Constitution of the Party, the Conservative Party of Canada Policy Declaration, and elsewhere."</p> <p>In spite of these powerful undertakings there is a systematic ignorance of the stated and committed obligation of Party Leadership to the said obligations. As an example:</p> <p>At our most recent National Convention there was a strong policy motion introduced in the Plenary Session in support of our Veterans – their general welfare and in particular the care of wounded and disabled soldiers. This motion was passed unanimously by the convention Delegates and resulted in a strengthened Article 135 in the said Policy Declaration.</p> <p>In spite of the provisions of the Policy Declaration with respect to the treatment of Veterans; the Conservative Government proceeded with a defence to a class-action lawsuit brought forward by certain Veterans injured in the Afghanistan conflict, taking the position that there was no social covenant between the government and serving soldiers and that this government had no obligation to the care of the Plaintiffs.</p> <p>There is limited, if any, opportunity elsewhere for the Membership to hold the Leader accountable for the "acceptance and advancement" of the elements of the Policy Declaration. By requiring the Leader to submit to a leadership "review" at each National Convention the Leader is encouraged, on an ongoing basis, to respect the wishes and direction of the Membership as contained in the constitutionally-mandated Policy Declaration.</p>
52	10	Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke	<p>Add section 10.11:</p> <p>The Conservative Party of Canada will organize a leadership review on a bi-annual basis at its Annual General Meeting, enabling members to assess and vote (electronically, and/or phone) on the direction of the party based on that leader's leadership; and implement a maximum term for a party leader to the position. At the bi-annual leadership review, the leader must retain a minimum of 80% of the support of the membership; otherwise a leadership contest will be initiated within the next 24 months."</p>	<p>Based on past experience, it would be valuable for the grassroots to evaluate the leader of the Party on a more regular basis. The grassroots have an ear to the ground and can provide an objective view of the greater majority - the public.</p> <p>Limiting the length in which a leader can be the leader of the party enables the party to sever ties with an incumbent leader who may have passed his or her prime; or during the 8th year of a leader's term, or 18 months prior to an election (will vary depending on a majority or minority government) a membership vote is taken at the Party's Convention where the incumbent leader must receive a minimum of 80% support from the membership.</p>

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27	8.1.9	Battlefords Lloydminster <sup>9</sup>	Add new section 8.1.9:  In the event that National Councillor takes a leave, National Council along with the party leader and the affected caucus needs to appoint someone to fill that vacancy as soon as possible. The replacement then needs to have the full authority of a National Councillor.	We had a number of councillors who took a leave and were not replaced and it hurt the affected province. In one case, the position was filled and it worked very well.
31	8.4	Etobicoke North	Amend section 8.4  Conservative Fund Canada shall appoint the returning officer for elections to National Council. The returning officer shall set out rules and procedures for the conduct of any election, subject to review by National Council. The rules shall provide that no one may be elected to more than three consecutive terms of office and that the election shall be by way of a preferential ballot. <u>A national councillor shall wait a minimum of one year after serving three terms before being eligible to seek re-election.</u>	No current definition exists for a term length. This new language will allow ensure a person has to wait a minimum of one year before returning to National Council after three terms.
26	8.1.6	Kitchener-Conestoga, Edmonton Griesbach	Add subsection 8.1.7:  <u>8.1.7 a member of the parliamentary caucus in a non-voting capacity;</u>	It is important 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 regarding the actions and decisions of National Council. National Council needs to be more accountable not only to the membership but to caucus as well. The above amendment is inserted in a list of members that compose the make-up of National Council.
34	8.6	Battlefords-Lloydminster <sup>9</sup>	Add new section 8.6.1:  <u>The position of the Party President needs to be a full time paid position. The President needs to be paid comparable with a Member of Parliament's basic pay.</u>	The Conservative Party has suffered and National Council has given away far too much power to staff because there was not a full time President for a number of years. One of the reasons we lost the election was due to the fact that we did not have a full time president during nominations and the elections. In this period of rebuilding it is absolutely necessary to have a full time paid president.
43	8.18	Kitchener-Conestoga	Insert after section 8.18:  No rules created internally by National Council shall override the constitution. Internal rules of conduct and rules for conducting National Council business shall be approved by the parliamentary caucus and be reviewed on a regular basis.	National Council has passed its own internal rules of conduct which have been used to remove a National Councillor for up to a year and rules for conducting National Council business do not adhere to Roberts Rules of Order. E-mail votes on motions have become common place and such E-mail meetings have been known to go on for days. No agenda or notice was given for such meetings and debate is limited due to the nature of E-mail. National Council needs caucus to review its internal procedures and rules to avoid abuse.

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85	14.4	Oshawa Regional Meeting <sup>3</sup>	<p>Add section 14.4:</p> <p>All potential candidates must consent to a professional background check (by a nationally appointed firm) and must pay an appropriate amount towards the costs thereof. The firm will be represented on the screening panel. The candidate will have 30 days to submit. The EDA will have 30 days to review.</p> <p>EDA members must be given 30 days notice of a nomination meeting, by both mail and email, where possible.</p> <p>Candidates may use their professional designations in the promotion of their candidacy.</p>	<p>For clarification, this rule will not apply to anyone who is currently a Member of Parliament.</p> <p>An exception may be made in the event of a byelection or an unscheduled election or the withdrawal of a candidate.</p> <p>For example: a chiropractor can be identified as ““Doctor””; an MBA can be identified as Master of Business Administration</p>
10	4.2	Abbotsford	<p>Amend section 4.2 to the following:</p> <p><del>Twenty One (21)</del> <u>Thirty Five (35)</u> days after payment of a membership fee in the amount and manner specified by by-law, every member is entitled to:</p>	<p>We propose to increase the membership requirement from 21 to 35 days in length in order to vote at certain Party elections, conventions, nomination meetings, and AGMs. This would allow the party greater time to process and input memberships into the system, so that our nomination, delegates selection, leadership election, and AGMs are run fairer and smoother. Better and more accurate membership lists.</p> <p>This allow Head Office to process the memberships better.</p> <p>Additionally, a longer membership requirement will allow all candidates in a nomination meeting better opportunity to campaign all members with their ideas and less ““stacked”” nomination meetings.</p>
20	7.4.1	Kitchener-Conestoga	<p>Add as subsection 7.4.1:</p> <p>No approved candidate running for National Council may be a member of the convention committee or participate in any official capacity at a national convention.</p>	<p>There must be an equal playing field for all candidates running for National Council at a national convention. In the past candidates for National Council have used the stage or other official capacities at convention to promote their candidacy, this disadvantaged other candidates who were not given the same opportunities.</p>

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63	10.10	Thunder Bay-Rainy River, Thunder Bay-Superior North, Nepean	<p>Amend section 10.10 to the following:</p> <p>10.10 The election of the Leader shall be by way of a direct vote of members in every electoral district, as follows:</p> <p>10.10.1 Each member of the Party will have one vote <u>and all votes shall be equally weighted.</u></p> <p><del>10.10.2 Each electoral district will be allocated 100 points.</del></p> <p><del>10.10.3 Leadership candidates will be assigned a point total based on their percentage of the vote in each electoral district.</del></p> <p>10.10.4 To win the leadership, a candidate must obtain a majority of the <u>points votes</u> from across the country.</p> <p>10.10.5 Voting will be by preferential vote (single transferable ballot).</p> <p>10.10.6 Each leadership candidate is entitled to have scrutineers present at all stages of the vote count.</p> <p>10.10.7 At each count round, both the <u>weighted national</u> results and the results by electoral district shall be made public.</p>	<p>The weighting of votes to favour those in electoral districts with few members was brought in at the insistence of Peter Mackay as 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.</p> <p>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 is anywhere between 10 and several thousand, a ratio of over 100:1. Consequently, giving EDA's equal voting weights results in a gross skewing of the voting power of individual members.</p> <p>This severe imbalance in the weight of individual votes is undesirable because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is unfair.</li> <li>- It renders the party vulnerable to a candidate leader who can concentrate his/her resources to gain support from relatively few people in arrangements redolent of the rotten boroughs of 18th century England.</li> <li>- It discourages party members in EDA's where they are numerous as they see their voting influence severely diluted.</li> <li>- It removes an important incentive to recruit from EDA's with few members.</li> </ul>
64	10.10.3	Saskatoon Grasswood <sup>9</sup> , Manitoba Regional Meeting	<p>Replace section 10.10 with:</p> <p>The election of the Leader shall be by way of a direct vote of members in every electoral district, as follows.</p> <p>10.10.1 Each member of the Party will have one vote.</p> <p>10.10.2 To win the leadership a candidate must obtain a majority of votes from across the country.</p> <p>10.10.3 Voting will be by preferential vote (single transferrable ballot)</p> <p>10.10. Each leadership candidate is entitled to have scrutineers present at all stages of the vote count.</p> <p>10.10.5 At each count round, both the results nationally shall be made public.</p>	<p>Principles art 2.1.6 and constitution article 6.1.5: If the above twp principles of the constitution represent our Party's democratic positions, then the members votes must be equal. In the present system, points allotted to EDA may not represent the numbers of votes fairly accordig to the number of members in each EDA. Candidates for the leadership should be vying for the most support from members rather than garnering points based on EDA numbers. Under the present electoral system in Canada, one vote per person equals one vote when electing the leader of the country. This should apply when condusing elections for a potential leader of Canada.</p>
39	8.12	Edmonton Griesbach	<p>Amend section 8.12 to as follows:</p> <p>National Council and the parliamentary caucus of the Party shall establish a liaison committee with equal representation from each body whose purpose will be to ensure a close and harmonious working relationship between the membership and the parliamentary caucus. <u>National Councillors shall report in person to their regional caucus on a quarterly basis and disclose in detail the decisions and actions of National Council.</u></p>	<p>It is critical that National Councillors be more accountable to their regional caucus. National Councillors have been known to act in ways contrary to the wishes of caucus. This amendment will help bring National Council more in line with the direction of caucus.</p>

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81	14.2 & 8.7.2	Perth Wellington	<p>Amend section 14.2 to the following:</p> <p>The rules shall provide for a candidate nomination committee in each electoral district that shall, subject to the rules, be responsible for the administration <u>and determine the timing and duration</u> of the candidate selection process in the electoral district.</p> <p>Amend section 8.7.2 to the following:</p> <p>the development and implementation of rules and procedures to ensure fair and effective candidate recruitment and selection; <u>and respect the timing and duration of the nomination process as determined by the EDA.</u></p>	<p>In the past National Council has controlled the timing and duration of nominations to the detriment of the process, holding short and ill timed nomination contests when local elections are being held, when members of the board and EDA are not available, and ignoring the will of local EDAs.</p> <p>Only the local EDA can be aware of the local events, and needs, to ensure an exhaustive and competitive search, which builds membership and party interest and will nominate the best candidate without undo influence.</p>
2	2	Kildonan-St. Paul	Add the word FOUNDING in front of the word PRINCIPLES	The title on page 2 of the Policy Declaration is Founding Principles” and the 2nd section of the Constitution should be the same to bring clarity to what is essentially an identical repeat of each other.
17	7.2.1	Portage-Lisgar <sup>5</sup>	<p>Amend section 7.2.1 to as follows:</p> <p>Subject to Article 7.3, a national convention has the power and responsibility to: 7.2.1 amend the Constitution, <u>and any by-laws, policies, regulations or rules created under authority of the constitution;</u></p>	
4	2.1.4	North Okanagan-Shuswap	<p>Amend 2.1.4 as follows:</p> <p>The Conservative Party of Canada will operate in a manner accountable and responsive to <u>all its</u> members.</p>	Rural ridings feel that a disproportionate amount of attention has been allocated by the national party and all ridings require equal treatment
21	7.5.4	Etobicoke North	<p>The following members are entitled to vote as delegates to a national convention:</p> <p>Add new language to section 7.5.4:</p> <p><u>elected members of national council and former national councillors who have maintained their membership in good standing</u></p>	To build a legacy of activists and bring experience to a convention, we should allow former national councillors to attend as delegates. National Councillors bring experience and institutional knowledge to the our party.
24	8.1	Dufferin Caledon <sup>10</sup> , Spadina - Fort York	<p>Amend section 8.1 to as follows:</p> <p>8.1 National Council shall be composed of: 8.1.1 <del>four</del> <u>five</u> members elected from a province with more than 100 seats in the House of Commons; 8.1.2 <u>four members elected from a province with 76-100 seats in the House of Commons;</u> 8.1.3 three members elected from a province with 51-75 seats in the House of Commons; 8.1.4 two members elected from a province with 26-50 seats in the House of Commons; 8.1.5 one member elected from each territory or province with less than 25 seats in the House of Commons; 8.1.6 the Leader; 8.1.7 the Chair of Conservative Fund Canada or his or her designate, in a non-voting capacity; and 8.1.8 the Executive Director or his or her designate, in a non-voting capacity.</p>	<p>Quebec is the only province that requires a fifty (50) seat hurdle in order to have an additional member of National Council whereas all other determinations for additional National Council members appear to be measured in twenty-five seat blocks.</p> <p>94.3% of Ontarians live in 25% of the province. Northern Ontario gets little to no representation from NC. Ontario is 38.4% of the Canadian population and 35.7% of the seats in the House of Commons.</p>

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13	4.6	Abbotsford	Remove Section 4.6:  <del>Identification requirements shall be subject to the exercise of discretion by the returning officer or equivalent to waive specific requirements where exceptional circumstances warrant.</del>	Due to the recent problems that some Nomination Meetings have encountered, we believe that the Returning Officer should not have the discretionary powers to waive the party's identification requirements.
28	8.2	Dufferin Caledon	Amend section 8.2 to as follows:  For any province that elects more than one member of National Council, National Council may provide by by-law that the province shall be divided into a number of regions equal to the number of members to be elected, with one member to be elected <u>from within</u> each region by delegates of the electoral district associations of that region, subject to the following:	This alteration requires that the member of National Council be elected from within the particular region so that the region has representation from within its own constituency. The current rules permits a member to be elected for a region, but not necessarily live within the region.
46	9	Pickering-Uxbridge	Add new section 9.10:  The National Campaign Committee shall report to and be accountable to National Council.	
77	14	Port Moody - Coquitlam	Add new subsection to section 14:  If no candidate is nominated within 90 days of a fixed election day - the local Electoral District Association board of directors - upon a two-thirds majority vote - may grant the power to the National Candidate Selection Committee to appoint a candidate without a local candidate selection process.	There were ridings where nominations were very, very late this year due to fighting between candidates.
30	8.2.2	Dufferin Caledon <sup>10</sup> , Toronto Centre	Amend section 8.2.2 to the following:  National Council shall consult with the presidents of the electoral district associations for each province that elects more than one member of National Council as to the advisability of such a by-law. The provisions of Article 8.8 shall not apply to <u>Article 8.2</u> . Such a by-law may only be adopted for a particular province with the approval of a majority of the presidents of the electoral district associations of the particular province under consideration for said by-law.	The proposed changes do not change the meaning. The original text was a run on sentence containing two independent ideas. The format makes the comments easier to read and comprehend.
45	8.21	Battlefords-Lloydminster <sup>9</sup>	Add Section 8.21:  Elected positions on National Council shall be staggered so as to elect one third (1/3) of the positions at each convention to ensure continuity of leadership	Provide continuity of leadership.
48	9.8	Oshawa Regional Meeting <sup>3</sup>	Amend and Replace section 9.8 to the following:  Following each national convention, National Council shall elect by simple majority from its members three directors to sit on the Conservative Fund Canada board. An additional three directors will be elected on behalf of the membership at large, by the delegates at National Convention. For the current cycle, the three will be appointed by National Council.	The Fund misspent \$7 to 9 million on the failed C-Vote software that was to replace CIMS. There needs to be better monitoring of spending by the Fund and having your elected National Councillors, tasked with oversight of the membership system, as directors of the Fund will ensure this.

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80	14.1	Oshawa Regional Meeting <sup>3</sup>	Amend section 14.1 as follows:  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. <del>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.</del>	
11	4.2	Sherwood Park Fort Saskatchewan, Chilliwack-Hope	Add as subsection under section 4.2:  <u>National Council shall set the fee for Conservative Party membership at or below \$15/year or at an amount above \$15/year if that higher membership fee is approved by a majority of the total of current EDA presidents, in a vote held via email, phone, or mail-in ballot.</u>	Without consultation, National Council has increased the fee for Conservative Party membership to \$25/year. This will significantly reduce our ability to engage middle and low income Canadians, including youth, seniors, and people in more economically depressed regions of the country. Despite significant concerns raised by members of caucus, National Council has not changed direction. They have said that a higher membership fee will help raise revenue and will push people to buy two year memberships, but it is silly to assume that a higher price will have no negative affect on propensity to purchase. According to many of those who have been actively involved in selling memberships, this higher price will mean a decline in revenue because memberships will be so much harder to sell. This resolution is the only way to ensure National Council is forced to consult more broadly on changes to the membership price.
59	10.7	Dufferin - Caledon <sup>10</sup>	Amend section 10.8.3 with:  more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast at a national convention as provided for in Article 10.7 are in favour of engaging the leadership selection process.	The reference being made in Article 10.8.3 currently refers to Article 10.6 and is incorrect. The amendment is one of proper referencing. Article 10.6 refers to the Leader providing a report to National Council at least quarterly. Article 10.7 is with regard to Leadership Review.

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67	11.2	South Surrey White Rock	<p>Add section Article 11.2:</p> <p>11.2 The Executive Director shall oversee the creation, recognition, ongoing recognition and maintenance and distribution of a membership listing of a Council of Presidents.</p> <p>11.2.1 The Council of Presidents shall be composed of the Presidents of each Electoral District Association of the Party</p> <p>11.2.2 The following may not hold office as a member of the Council of Presidents:</p> <p>11.2.2.1 Members of Parliament or Senators;</p> <p>11.2.2.2 employees or contractors of the Party;</p> <p>11.2.2.3 employees or contractors of Senators or Members of Parliament including political staff of Ministers of the Crown;</p> <p>11.2.2.4 individuals holding a membership in another federal political party;</p> <p>11.2.2.5 Directors of the Conservative Fund Canada;</p> <p>11.2.2.6 Members of Provincial or Territorial Legislative Assemblies.</p> <p>11.2.3 The Council of Presidents has the following powers and responsibilities:</p> <p>11.2.3.1 to review the rules, procedures and bylaws enacted by National Council under Article 8 and to exercise its authority to repeal such rules, procedures and bylaws pursuant to Article 8.8;</p> <p>11.2.3.2 Once each year to elect from its Membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. a President</li> <li>. a Vice-President, and</li> <li>. such additional Vice-Presidents and other positions as it may determine necessary for the carrying out of its powers and responsibilities.</li> </ul> <p>11.2.3.3 Once each year to convene to receive and consider a report and to carry out an accountability session with each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. the Leader</li> <li>. the National Council</li> <li>. the Chair of The Conservative Fund Canada</li> <li>. the National Election Readiness Committee</li> <li>. the Chair of the Parliamentary Caucus of the Party</li> </ul> <p>11.2.3.4 At any time to call a special meeting of the Members of the Party to transact any business relating to the governance, management and control of the Party.</p>	<p>The Constitution of the Conservative Party of Canada currently contains a number of provisions which allow the EDA Presidents to participate in the management of the Party in an attempt to ensure good governance and accountability; including:</p> <p>Under Article 8.8: 99 EDA Presidents are empowered to cause a rule, procedure or bylaw of National Council to be repealed.</p> <p>Under Article 8.16: EDA Presidents are required to elect members of National Council to fill vacancies in elected positions between national conventions.</p> <p>Under Article 13.2: Provincial and Territorial EDA Presidents select the Provincial / Territorial Representatives to the National Policy Committee.</p> <p>Under Article 16.7: Provincial and Territorial EDA Presidents select the Provincial / Territorial Representatives to the National Constitution Committee.</p> <p>The Constitution has mandated that the directly-elected EDA Presidents have a role in ensuring the accountability of Party leadership; however, there is currently, limited, if any, opportunity for EDA Presidents to engage in the accountability dialogue essential to fulfilling this mandate.</p> <p>The creation of a Council of Presidents, which would meet at least annually with Party Leadership, would constitute a major step in facilitating the accountability dialogue and the oversight by EDA Presidents of the governance and administration of the Party on behalf of the membership.</p>
25	8.1.5	Brampton East	<p>National COuncil shall be composed of:</p> <p>Amend section 8.1.5</p> <p>one member elected from the three territories combined.</p>	<p>The three territories should be treated as one province as with the current rules for the National Policy Committee &amp; National Constitution Committee. The three territories have three voting positions and are grossly over represented when compared to the other provinces in both population, membership and participation.</p>
3	2.1.2	Spadina -- Fort York '1	<p>Amend 2.1.2 as follows: The goal of building a national coalition of people who share these beliefs and values that reflect the <u>regional regions, cultural the cultures</u> and the socio-economic <u>diversity composition</u> of Canada.</p>	<p>Rewording this section to highlight that the Conservative coalition should represent the beliefs of fiscal accountability, responsible social policy and individual rights and responsibilities, while exemplifying Canadian values and representing the broader Canadian population.</p>

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70	13.2.1	South Surrey - White Rock <sup>7</sup>	Amend section 13.2.1 to the following:  13.2.1 A chair appointed by National Council the elected members of the National Policy Committee;	
71	13.6	Cambridge, Wellington Halton Hills <sup>10</sup>	Add the following as subsection 13.6.1:  In order to be eligible to vote to ratify or deny a constitutional or policy proposal at the plenary session of a national convention, delegates shall be required to attend, in whole or in part, and be recorded in attendance at two or more constitution or policy breakout sessions of the national convention prior to the plenary session of the same national convention. Attendance at the breakout sessions shall be recorded and used to issue only eligible attendees voting cards and/or mechanisms for voting in the plenary session of the national convention.	1. It is important that delegates voting on changes to the Policy or Constitution of the Party be informed and aware of the process, reasons, and justification for such changes. While it is not possible to attend all of the sessions, as many run in parallel, it is vital that delegates participate to the greatest extent possible. 2. The breakout sessions determine which proposals go to the plenary session. Delegate participation in this process needs to be encouraged. 3. Attendance at the breakout sessions has run significantly below the attendance at the plenary (estimated at approximately 50-60% breakout to plenary) indicating that many delegates are not participating in any way prior to plenary. This is neither fair to the EDAs proposing amendments nor to the EDAs sponsoring the delegates. 4. This mechanism will allow sponsoring EDAs to know which of their delegates were participating fully in the Policy and Constitutional change process as the attendance voting at plenary can be reported via issue of a convention specific voting document. 5. Considering that many EDAs provide some compensation for attending delegates it is only reasonable that delegates actively represent their EDAs in both breakout.
16	7.1	Portage-Lisgar <sup>5</sup>	Amend section 7.1 to as follows:  Subject to Article 12, the governance, management and control of the activities of the Party are vested in the members <u>delegates</u> at national conventions.	
40	8.12	Portage-Lisgar <sup>5</sup>	Amend section 8.12 to the following:  National Council and the parliamentary caucus of the Party shall establish a liaison committee with equal representation from each body whose purpose will be to ensure a close and harmonious working relationship between the membership <u>Party</u> and the parliamentary caucus.	Membership is the wrong word here and should be Party.
41	8.16	Portage-Lisgar <sup>5</sup>	Amend section 8.16 to the following:  The presidents of the electoral district associations of the Party, a territory, a province, or a region of a province as applicable, shall elect by secret ballot, members to National Council to fill any vacancies in elected positions between national conventions. <del>Where a vacancy occurs for a province, territory or region of a province, where its members of National Council were elected at the last national convention on a regional basis, any new member shall be ordinarily resident in the same province, territory or region of the province as the former member.</del>	

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58	10.7	Abbotsford	Amend section 10.7 to the following:  <del>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</del> <u>At every national convention,</u> the delegates will vote by secret ballot if they wish to engage to the leadership selection process.	We propose that we amend Section 10.7 of our Party's Constitution to have an automatic leadership review question at every convention.
88	8.6	Kitchener Conestoga, Edmonton Griesbrech	<del>One month after a</del> <u>Immediately following</u> 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.	More time is needed for members of National Council to put forward their names for the executive positions and for National Councilor to choose the best individual for the positions of President, VP and Secretary. The election of the President, after the last convention in Calgary in 2013, was held an hour after the elections were completed contrary to the agenda previously given. Contrary to the Constitution the election of the Secretary and VP was left until a month later. The reason for such a quick election of the President was to avoid the possibility of someone else challenging the incumbent for the leadership of the Party. The amendment above would make the election of the executive of the Party more fair, open and democratic.
83	14.3	Sherwood Park Fort Saskatchewan	Add new Section 14.3.  <u>The rules established by National Council shall include a nomination race spending cap, at some level below the cap required under the Elections Canada Act. This cap shall apply for the entire period during which candidates are seeking the nomination, not just the formal nomination race period. At its discretion, National Council may choose one uniform national spending cap, or different caps for different ridings.</u>	The rules for nomination spending are that donations to nominations come out of the same allowable maximum (currently \$1500) as donations to the local riding association. However, tax receipts are not available for donations to nomination campaigns. Because donations come from the same pool of donors, our party has an interest in minimizing the amount of money spent on nomination races. In competitive nomination races, especially close to an election, money raised and spent during the nomination may significantly reduce the ability of the EDA to raise money after the fact. This is particularly true when you consider the absence of receipts for nomination donations – a person who gave \$100 during the nomination might have been able to give \$400 to the EDA instead. Having National Council set a nomination spending cap is flexible – it allows them to respond to unique situations and set a number that still makes it possible for nomination contestants to engage the community. But, it also allows them to establish conditions where more money is 'on the table' for Conservatives to fight Liberals and New Democrats in the election, instead of for the fight against each other.
69	13	St. John's East <sup>8</sup>	Add new section 13.1.4:  <u>ensure the Federal Jurisdictions which exist outside the boundaries of any EDA (example the oceans) have adequate policy review;</u>	There are large areas of Federal jurisdiction recognized by the UN and ratified by Canada under UNCLOS where there is no population. There is no guarantee that policy related to these areas will be adequately addressed in the National Policy Declaration. The NPC should be asked to insure that policy review related to these areas are reviewed.  The government negotiates internationally on issues related to the offshore oceans, but the governing party does not have sufficient direction in this area. It should provide some insight to the direction of negotiations related to these federal jurisdictions.  This year, Canada has to present a major report to the UN related to Canadian sovereignty to the outer limits of the Continental Shelf etc.

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79	14	West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky country	<p>Add new section 9.10:</p> <p>The Conservative Party should develop a plan over the period six months from the Convention to take steps measurably to improve our Party as a businesslike organization, improving our coherence and consistency; leveraging best practices; providing more guidance to MPs and candidates; promoting innovation within the organization.</p>	<p>Imagine if the Conservative Party was so well structured that it became the first political party in the Western world to obtain external certification such as ISO designation, or at least took steps consistent with such forms of objectively measured organizational strength. We are missing a huge opportunity to leverage our members' strengths. We are supported by the best business and operational leaders in Canada, and should leverage our members' immense organizational skills on a structured basis, including information technology, meta-data analysis, communications and human resources; finance, and administration. This will empower and engage our Members, Volunteers, Donors, and Supporters. We need to use our resources to retain the best of breed advisors, to move from being strong in organization and policy formulation, where we are today, to becoming dominant in execution. Upon an initial review with the ISO 9000 certification agency, we find it may be possible to obtain such certification or a roughly analogous third-party certification, that would take our Party to a new level of publicly recognizable organizational strength.</p>
42	8.17	Portage-Lisgar <sup>5</sup>	<p>Amend section 8.17 to the following:</p> <p>National Council shall meet at least quarterly (face to face) in every twelve (12) month period, or at the call of the President or the Leader. It shall also meet upon the written request of at least five (5) National Council members.</p>	
82	14.2	Oshawa Regional Meeting <sup>3</sup>	<p>Add the below language to section 14.2:</p> <p><u>National Council shall determine the chair for each nomination meeting and the local EDA shall govern all aspects of the process, including receipt of the professional background check. Any decision made by the EDA shall be appealable to the National Council</u></p>	
33	8.6	Kitchener-Conestoga, Edmonton Griesbach	<p>Insert after section 8.6:</p> <p><u>The President, Vice-President and Secretary shall not serve more than one term in office between national conventions. If re-elected at the next national convention to National Council, they are ineligible to serve in any executive capacity.</u></p>	<p>The longer the President, Vice-President and Secretary remain in office the more potential there is for "cronyism" and the building of "cliques" within National Council leading to dysfunction and alienation of other elected National Councillors. Limiting the term to around 2 years will help prevent these kinds of problems from occurring. This will also allow others on National Council to serve in these capacities from other regions across Canada.</p>
55	10.4	Oshawa Regional Meeting <sup>3</sup>	<p>Delete section 10.4:</p> <p><u>The Leader shall nominate the Executive Director of the Party subject to ratification by National Council.</u></p>	
38	8.11	Portage-Lisgar <sup>5</sup>	<p>Remove section 8.11</p> <p><u>National Council and Conservative Fund-Canada shall establish a liaison committee with equal representation from each body.</u></p>	

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84	14.4	South Surrey White Rock	<p>Add new section 14.4:</p> <p><u>The Leader in consultation with National Council and the affected subject electoral district association may select the Party's candidate in a maximum of twenty percent (20%) of the electoral districts that do not have a current sitting Member of Parliament who is a member of the parliamentary caucus of the Party or in which the current sitting member is a Member of the parliamentary caucus of the Party and has indicated an intention to not seek re-election in that electoral district.</u></p>	<p>Section 14 provides for a candidate selection process based on the democratic expression of members' preference from a list of candidates selected by the local Candidate Nomination Committee and approved by the National Council.</p> <p>This process, although well intentioned, favours the candidate with the ability to recruit the largest number of supporters to purchase memberships in the Party.</p> <p>As the Party seeks to represent a balanced cross-section of Canadian society through the proper selection and election of "the best candidates" there is an opportunity for the democratically-elected representatives of the membership, the Leader and the National Council, to be given the tools and the mandate to ensure that in those instances where the process of direct democratic expression of members' preference in the selection of the Party's candidates is dysfunctional, the Leader and the National Council, whose mandate it is to facilitate the election of the Party's candidates to Parliament, can act to ensure the optimum outcomes of the candidate selection process.</p> <p>The following Resolution empowers the Leader and the National Council to work with the local electoral district association to select the candidate in up to 20% of ridings where the Party does not have an incumbent Member of Parliament.</p> <p>The amended candidate selection process can also be used in support of the Party's efforts to attract "star" candidates who may be reluctant to engage in the otherwise mandated candidate nomination process.</p>
51	10	West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky country, Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke	<p>Add section 10.11:</p> <p>The Leader of the Conservative Party will serve as party leader for no more than 8 continuous years after being appointed Prime Minister.</p>	
62	10.9.3	Kitchener-Conestoga, Edmonton Griesbach	<p>Amend section 10.9.3 to the following:</p> <p><u>National Council</u>The parliamentary caucus shall appoint the chair and members of the leadership election organizing committee.</p>	<p>The existing leadership election organizing committee was not appointed in a fair and transparent manner and the parliamentary caucus was not consulted. The parliamentary caucus appoints the interim leader as per the constitution and by extension should appoint chair and members of the leadership election organizing committee.</p>

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65	10.10.8	St Leonard-St Michel, Hamilton Centre	<p>Create new section 10.11</p> <p>The Leadership Election Organizing Committee (LEOC) shall design and conduct a leadership election in the following method.</p> <p>a) All ridings will be divided into five regions based on geography.</p> <p>b) Voting shall occur over 5 Election Days.</p> <p>c) LEOC will choose the number of ridings per region, to vote per Election Day. LEOC shall endeavour to have them approximately equal per region.</p> <p>d) Election days shall be separated by 7-10 calendar days.</p> <p>e) Results as outlined in the constitution will be declared at the conclusion of each Election Day.</p>	<p>For an Improved Leadership Selection Process A New Primary Model</p> <p>Our leader is announced and nominated officially at a convention on May 27, 2017 but balloting, and indeed counting and some, perhaps all first ballot results are counted and announced prior to that day.</p> <p>By having electoral district results each day in each of five regions there would be a variety of benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campaigns would be able to focus on ridings more intently rather than juggling 338 at once, which results in choices that exclude rather than include attention.</li> <li>• Smaller ridings would engender more focus for bang for the buck.</li> <li>• The schedule of which vote happened when would become strategic both for campaigns and for the Party.</li> <li>• More potential leadership candidates could enter the race.</li> <li>• Candidates and the Party would benefit from increased media attention both nationally and locally.</li> <li>• The process is far easier to administer for the Party than 338 contests at the same time on the same day.</li> <li>• Membership would be greatly increased due to additional time to recruit supporters and media attention that would motivate casual observers to get involved.</li> </ul> <p>How would ridings be selected to vote on which days, as some would cast a ballot weeks before others? By, in most cases letting the EDAs choose when.</p> <p>The choice of when should be determined in order of membership sales per capita in relationship to the number of votes cast in the last federal election in each electoral district.</p> <p>On March 1, the Party would release a report ranking the membership sales as of that date. Give the EDAs ten days to decide how they want to participate given their ranking and potential options and on March 11th have a virtual Town Hall creating a professional sports type “draft” where ridings can then “choose which slot they want – early, late, in the middle. EDAs would be rewarded by recruitment success and everyone has an equal chance.</p>

- Notes:
- 1 Amendment Proposal carried at the Toronto Regional Meeting.
  - 2 Amendment Proposal carried at Quebec Regional Meeting.
  - 3 Amendment Proposal carried at Oshawa Regional Meeting: Haliburton, Peterborough, Northumberland-Peterborough South, Durham, Oshawa, Ajax, Whitby, Pickering-Uxbridge, Scarborough-Rouge Park, Scarborough Southwest, Scarborough Guildwood, Scarborough Centre, Scarborough Agincourt, Scarborough North, Markham-Unionville, Markham-Stouville
  - 4 Amendment Proposal carried at the Alberta Conservative Congress
  - 5 Amendment Proposal carried at the Manitoba Regional Meeting
  - 6 Amendment Proposal carried at the Ottawa Regional Meeting
  - 7 Amendment Proposal carried at the BC Provincial Meeting
  - 8 Amendment Proposal carried at the Newfoundland Provincial Meeting
  - 9 Amendment Proposal carried at the Saskatchewan Provincial Meeting
  - 10 Amendment Proposal carried at the Halton Regional Meeting

# National Council Constitution Amendment Proposal

## AMENDMENT 101 – Insert 6.2

The members of the National Council, the Leadership Election Organization Committee, Conservative Fund Canada and Party Staff are to remain neutral for all nomination election contests and leadership elections.

## AMENDMENT 102 - Insert 8.21

Members of National Council and members of all committees reporting to National Council are to be volunteers and receive no compensation for their service.

## AMENDMENT 103 - Insert 9.10

Directors of the Conservative Fund Canada shall be volunteers and receive no compensation for their service.