



CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF CANADA
NATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE
CONVENTION PACKAGE



WORKSHOP A

Economic Development – A – 3 – 1326

EDA(s) – Fredericton

Section - F – Regional Development #34. Energy East Pipeline (MODIFICATION)

The Conservative Party recognizes that regional development policies are an important part of any comprehensive strategy to assist the regions of Canada to meet the opportunities of the new global economy. Regional development agencies, like ACOA, WED, FEDNOR and CED-Q, must be depoliticized and focused on attracting new private sector investments.

The very essence of economic development, nation building, and regional development is the free flow of resources. The Conservative Party supports the extension of Canada's pipeline network to Atlantic Canada as a means of creating Canadian jobs and reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

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Fiscal – A – 15 – 1472

EDA(s) – Calgary Centre

Section – E – Carbon Tax. (NEW)

We believe that there should be no federally imposed carbon taxes or cap and trade systems on either the provinces or on the citizens of Canada. The provinces and territories should be free to develop their own climate change policies, without federal interference or federal penalties or incentives.

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Economic Development – A – 5 – 2408

EDA(s) – Yukon

Section - F – Economic Development #37. Our North, our heritage, our future (MODIFICATION)

The Conservative Party believes it is essential to the economic development of the three northern territories to ensure they have a retain 100% of resource royalties through comprehensive resource revenue sharing agreements with the federal government immediately.

Decisions about the North should be made in the North, by empowering Northerners through We are committed to the devolution of responsibilities from Indian Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada to the three democratically elected Territorial and Indigenous governments, Aboriginal governments, and where necessary to the appropriate federal departments. Northerners shall control their own future and we are committed to the orderly devolution of decision-making away from Ottawa to the territories. We support investing in scientific infrastructures specializing in polar scientific research in order to increase the body of scientific knowledge on the Arctic region. We support strategic investments in the Far North and the Territories nation building power, especially in communications and defense infrastructure and transportation, scientific research and technological innovation to enable Northern solutions to

employment, educational, health and social challenges.

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Trade – A – 4 – 1657

EDA(s) – Edmonton Strathcona

Section - G – Interprovincial Trade of Alcohol (NEW)

The Conservative Party of Canada shall work with provincial and territorial partners to ensure the trade of beer, wine, and liquor across provincial borders is in line with the principles of free trade and that barriers to this trade are eliminated in the spirit of cooperation and efficiency.

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Fiscal – A – 13 – 1562

EDA(s) - Louis-Saint-Laurent

Section – E – Single Tax Return for Quebec (NEW)

A growing number of Quebecers are demanding a simplified process for collecting taxes. So, while recognizing the distinctiveness of Quebec, a Conservative government will work with the provincial government to support the application of a unique income tax return to reduce the administrative burden.

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Trade – A – 6 – 1022

EDA(s) - Kamloops—Thompson—Cariboo

Section - G – Interprovincial Trade #43. Harmonization of Professional and Trade Certifications (MODIFICATION)

The Conservative Party of Canada believes that the inefficiency and economic constraints posed by interprovincial trade barriers should be eliminated to as full extent as possible. We believe that free trade principles should apply to all sectors of the economy. We believe the government should take the lead with its provincial partners, especially to modernize and eliminate inter-provincial trade barriers in transportation, commerce, labour, and capital mobility.

~~The Conservative Party of Canada supports and encourages cooperation between provinces toward the standardization of certification processes. If interprovincial harmonization is not possible, we recognize and support that professional certification obtained through a recognized certification process in one province or territory shall entitle that person to work in their profession in any other province or territory.~~

The Conservative Party of Canada supports interprovincial harmonization of professional and trades certifications and training to encourage more labour mobility and portability of qualifications within Canada. This will support greater employment and allow the development of a more skilled labour force to train, graduate, and work throughout Canada without impediment.

We believe that the federal government should work with the provinces and territories to modernize the Agreement on Internal Trade in accordance with international trade agreements, including a national dispute resolution process.

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Economic Development – A – 19 – 901

EDA(s) - Carlton Trail—Eagle Creek

Section – F – Industrial Development #28. (MODIFICATION)

The Conservative Party favours reducing eliminating subsidies to for-profit businesses. to the greatest extent possible. This includes eliminating corporate welfare, bailouts, grants, and government investment in for-profit businesses. The government should not provide corporate welfare to large corporations and pick winners and losers. We believe it will be possible not only to reduce, but eventually to eliminate subsidies to for-profit businesses by focusing on improving overall economic growth through facilitating competition, improving productivity, streamlining regulation and fostering innovation in concert with free and fair trade agreements.

We believe the government should work with international organizations and individual nations to reduce protectionist policies to secure free trade agreements. Our goal in negotiations should be to secure agreements that benefit Canadian manufacturers by allowing them to compete and succeed through competition on a level playing field. Where there is injurious harm caused by a trade action, and we have a reasonable chance of winning and/ or reversing this action, we should support an industry on a temporary basis until the trade action is resolved.

We support amending the Investment Canada Act to expand the review process to include not only the net benefit to Canada in reference to our industrial, economic and cultural policies, but also a consideration of our national security interests. This would include security of supply, technology transfer and any anti-trust implications.

We support the privatization of crown corporations that compete directly with comparable services from existing private sector institutions.

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Economic Development – A – 14 – 1603

EDA(s) – Vancouver Centre

Section – F – ABC’s of Competition. ABC’s of Competition – Airlines, Banking, Cellphones & Beyond (NEW)

CPC believes policies improving economic and personal freedom of everyday Canadians are a unifying national priority. We further believe that increased competition – in airlines, banking, cell phones, & beyond – is the game changer to catapult product innovations, freedoms of choice, and purchasing power, towards the highest standards of living.

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Fiscal – A – 9 – 1597

EDA(s) - Sherwood Park—Fort Saskatchewan

Section – E – Tax Code Simplification #20. (MODIFICATION)

The Conservative Party supports a simplified and understandable Income Tax Act. In order to achieve comprehensive, simplified and understandable legislation for all Canadians, we support a comprehensive review of the Income Tax Act and Canada’s fiscal framework.

Canada needs a tax system for the 21st century, one that reduces compliance costs and increases transparency while promoting growth, investment, entrepreneurship and job creation.

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WORKSHOP B

Social Policy –B – 9 – 942

EDA(s) - Carlton Trail—Eagle Creek

Section – K – Government Values Test Attestation (NEW)

The Conservative Party believes that it is unethical and wrong to require applicants for government- funded programs to sign a values test attestation endorsing government ideology in order to be eligible to receive government funding.

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Health – B – 25 – 1666

EDA(s) - Kitchener Centre, Kitchener South—Hespeler

Section – J – Maternal Health #68. (MODIFICATION)

The Conservative Party supports maternal and child health care initiatives designed to improve and protect women's and children's health and to reduce maternal death during pregnancy and delivery. The focus will be to ensure provision of the necessities of life clean water, appropriate nutrition, inoculations, basic medical

care, and training of health care workers to care for women and to deliver babies.

Abortion should be explicitly excluded from Canada's maternal and child health program in countries where Canadian aid is delivered, since it is extremely divisive – and often illegal.

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Health – B – 13 – 809

EDA(s) - Saskatoon—University

Section – J – Euthanasia #66. (MODIFICATION)

The Conservative Party does not support any legislation that legalizes Euthanasia or Assisted Suicide.

The Conservative Party of Canada opposes the extension of euthanasia and assisted suicide (MAID) to minors, to people who are not competent and people who live with psychological suffering.

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Criminal Justice – B – 3 – 1105

EDA(s) - Thunder Bay—Rainy River, Thunder Bay—Superior North

Section – M – Child Protection #103. Simplified Version (MODIFICATION)

The Conservative Party supports the protection of children through the elimination of all defences that are used to justify the possession of child pornography.

We will oppose any effort to lower the age of protection below 16 years of age.

We believe that government should fight the cyber-stalking of children by allocating more resources for Internet monitoring, by increasing the penalty for cyber-stalkers, and by taking measures to raise awareness among all Canadians (particularly young Canadians) about the importance of protecting your privacy online.

We support legislation to ensure that any child born alive shall receive the full benefits of life-saving care, and neo-natal intensive care to give every opportunity possible for the child to sustain life.

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Social Policy – B – 16 – 898

EDA(s) - Carlton Trail—Eagle Creek

Section – K – Compelled Speech. (NEW)

The Conservative Party recognizes freedom of speech is a hallmark of a free society. Compelled speech in any form is a violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Individual freedoms of thought, belief, opinion, and expression supercede all compelled speech.

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Electoral Reform – B – 8 – 1495

EDA(s) - Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Westmount

Section – G – Electoral Reform #10. Amending the Elections Canada Act to limit foreign spending in elections (MODIFICATION)

The Conservative Party believes the discussion of possible changes to the electoral system is valuable in a healthy democracy.

In reviewing options for electoral reform, we believe the government should not endorse any new electoral system that will weaken the link between Members of Parliament and their constituents, that will create unmanageably large ridings, or that will strengthen the control of the party machinery over individual Members of Parliament.

A national referendum must be held prior to implementing any future electoral reform proposal. There should be no additional public funding of federal political parties beyond that presently contained in the Elections Canada Act.

We believe that foreign contributions to Canadian third party organizations should be disallowed. The Elections Canada Act should be amended to prohibit third parties from accepting foreign funding for domestic political activity, prevent third party collaboration during election campaigns, and include stiffer penalties for rule-breakers

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Criminal Justice – B – 26 – 1548

EDA(s) - Red Deer—Lacombe

Section – M – Rural Crime. (NEW)

The Conservative Party of Canada will make reducing the increasing rate of rural crime a priority.

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Health – B – 22 – 1136

EDA(s) - Thunder Bay—Superior North, Thunder Bay—Rainy River

Section – J – Health Care #57. Palliative Care (MODIFICATION)

The Conservative Party believes all Canadians should have reasonable access to timely, quality health care services, regardless of their ability to pay.

The provinces and territories should have maximum flexibility to ensure the delivery of medically necessary health services within a universal, public health care system. We support adding a sixth principle to the Canada Health Act to provide stable and transparent federal funding. The government should work with the provinces in a co-operative and constructive manner.

Flexibility for the provinces and territories in the implementation of health services should include a balance of public and private delivery options.

The government should work with the provinces and territories in the development of national quality indicators and objectives.

The government should work with the provinces and territories and professional medical groups to increase the supply of health care professionals where shortages exist.

The Conservative Party supports conscience rights for doctors, nurses, and others to refuse to participate in, or refer their patients for abortion, assisted suicide, or euthanasia.

The government should work with provinces and territories and professional medical groups to develop a National Palliative Care Strategy and adopt appropriate legislation to provide timely and equitable access across Canada to palliative care which affirms life, regards dying as a normal process and excludes euthanasia and assisted suicide (MAID).

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WORKSHOP C

Immigration and Refugees – C – 4 – 1555

EDA(s) - Charlesbourg—Haute-Saint-Charles

Section – U – Safe Third Country Agreement. Renegotiate Canada – USA Safe Third Country Agreement (NEW)

The Conservative Party believes in stopping all illegal entries in Canada. To ensure the safety and the respect of our borders, the Party commits that a Conservative government will take the required steps to renegotiate the Safe Third Country Agreement with the U.S. to close the gaps relating to illegal entries in Canada.

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National Defence & Security – C – 14 – 1335

EDA(s) - South Surrey—White Rock, South Shore—St. Margarets

Section – V – Duty of Care (NEW)

The Conservative Party of Canada, recognizes and accepts unreservedly the existence of a Social Covenant between the Government of Canada and those who have served in the Armed Forces of Canada (The Military Covenant)

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Foreign Affairs – C – 7 – 1350

EDA(s) - Vancouver Centre, Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Westmount

Section – U – Canadian Embassy in Jerusalem (NEW)

The Conservative Party of Canada recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Along with its ancient

history as the seat of government, Jerusalem is also now where Israel's parliament, supreme court, and official residence of its President are located. As such, our party advocates locating the Canadian Embassy in Jerusalem.

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Foreign Affairs – C – 8 – 1554

EDA(s) – Calgary Centre, Mission—Matsqui—Fraser Canyon

Section – U – Restore the Office of Religious Freedom (NEW)

We believe that the Government of Canada should re-establish the Office of Religious Freedom in order to promote the universal right of religious freedom internationally and to advocate for persecuted religious minorities around the world.

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National Defence & Security – C – 3 – 1520

EDA(s) - Selkirk—Interlake—Eastman

Section – V – Care and Retraining of Injured Canadian Armed Forces Personnel (NEW)

The Conservative Party of Canada believes that Service Personnel injured in the line of duty, who would otherwise be released, be retained and if necessary retrained by the Canadian Armed Forces until the end of their current contract or longer at the discretion of the chain of command.

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Foreign Affairs – C – 9 – 1349

EDA(s) - Vancouver Centre, Durham

Section – U – CANZUK Treaty. CANZUK Treaty Implementation (NEW)

Subject to thorough security & health checks, CPC will work to realize these objectives among CANZUK countries:

- Free trade in goods/services
- Visa-free labour/leisure mobility for citizens, including retirement relocation
Reciprocal healthcare agreement modeled on existing AU / NZ / UK bilaterals
- Increased consumer choice/protection for travel
- Security coordination

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National Defence & Security – C – 2 – 1176

EDA(s) - Burnaby North—Seymour, Abbotsford

Section – V – National Defence and Security (NEW)

The Conservative Party of Canada supports Canada’s membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the principle of collective security. A Conservative Government will work towards spending at least the NATO recommended two (2) percent of our GDP on National Defence.

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Democratic Reform – C – 16 – 1404

EDA(s) - Sherwood Park—Fort Saskatchewan

Section – C – Free Speech (NEW)

The Conservative party recognizes that open dialogue is vital to resolving conflicts. For this reason the Conservative party supports freedom of speech for all Canadians. The conservative party will promote policies and legislation designed to protect freedom of speech and freedom of expression in Canada.

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Immigration and Refugees – C – 15 – 1272

EDA(s) – St. John’s East, St. John's South—Mount Pearl

Section – T – Birthright Citizenship (NEW)

We encourage the government to enact legislation which will fully eliminate birthright citizenship in Canada unless one of the parents of the child born in Canada is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada.

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Government Accountability – C – 24- 1733

EDA(s) - Ottawa West—Nepean

Section – B – Government Duplication and Waste #5. Outdated government programs (MODIFICATION)

The Conservative Party believes the government should implement detailed processes to streamline government services and eliminate waste, unnecessary overlap, duplication between the levels of government and within and between the Departments of the Federal Government.

A Conservative Government will undertake regular reviews of all government spending programs and terminate those programs whose objectives are no longer valid or have already been met or whose objectives are not consistent with the objectives of the Government.

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