



Constitution and Bylaws of the Conservative Party of British Columbia

Passed at the Annual General Meeting
at Nanaimo, BC, on March 1, 2025.

Table of Contents

CONSTITUTION	2
ARTICLE 1 - NAME	2
ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSES	2
ARTICLE 3 - PRINCIPLES	2
BYLAWS	3
ARTICLE 1 - INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS	3
ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERSHIP	3
ARTICLE 3 - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS	4
ARTICLE 4 - STRUCTURE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	5
ARTICLE 5 - ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS	6
ARTICLE 6 – STANDING COMMITTEES	7
ARTICLE 7 - GENERAL COMMITTEES	9
ARTICLE 8 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (AGM)	9
ARTICLE 9 – NOT USED	10
ARTICLE 10 - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND POLICY RESOLUTIONS	10
ARTICLE 11 - THE LEADER	10
ARTICLE 12 - ELECTION OF A LEADER	11
ARTICLE 13 - RIDING ASSOCIATIONS (RA)	12
ARTICLE 14 – NOT USED	13
ARTICLE 15 – REGIONS	13
ARTICLE 16 - NOT USED	14
ARTICLE 17 - APPEAL	14
ARTICLE 18 – NOT USED	14
ARTICLE 19 - NOTICE	14
ARTICLE 20 - RULES AND REGULATIONS	15
APPENDIX A: CODE OF CONDUCT	16
ARTICLE 1 - INTRODUCTION	16
ARTICLE 2 - ETHICAL PRINCIPLES	16
ARTICLE 3 - OVERALL BEHAVIOUR, GOOD CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS	18
ARTICLE 4 - SUMMARY AND INTENT	18
APPENDIX B: REGIONS AND ELECTORAL DISTRICTS	19

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

1.01 The name of the Party is: "Conservative Party of British Columbia".

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSES

2.01 The purposes of the Party are to:

- (a) Uphold the Party's aims and principles as defined in its governing documents.
- (b) Nominate and support candidates for election to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.
- (c) Grow and strengthen the Party through member recruitment, organization development, and fundraising.

ARTICLE 3 - PRINCIPLES

3.01 The Conservative Party of BC is founded on these principles:

- (a) Good government: Ethical, accountable, and fiscally responsible, ensuring the rule of law, individual freedoms, and minimal taxation.
- (b) Individual liberty: Recognizing the inherent value of every person, upholding their fundamental rights to life, liberty and freedom of expression.
- (c) Social responsibility: Providing a strong safety net for the vulnerable while encouraging self-sufficiency.
- (d) Free-enterprise economy: Championing a competitive economy with private property rights to foster prosperity and entrepreneurial spirit
- (e) Collaboration: Supporting like-minded organizations and elect representatives at other levels of government.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1 - INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

- 1.01 This Constitution and Bylaws are governed by the BC Election Act and BC Societies Act. Any provision that conflicts with these Acts are of no force or effect.
- 1.02 In these Bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) "Board of Directors" shall mean the Party's Provincial Board of Directors, being the governing body of the Party unless the context suggests otherwise;
 - (b) "Member" is a person who has become and remains a Member of the Party under Article 2 and complies with all the requirements of this Constitution and Bylaws;
 - (c) "Party" means the "Conservative Party of British Columbia";
 - (d) "Riding Association" ("RA") means an association in a provincial electoral district recognized and approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERSHIP

- 2.01 Membership is open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents who reside in British Columbia, is 14 years of age or older, supports this Party's Constitution and Bylaws, is not a member of another provincial political party and who has personally paid the Party's membership fee in an amount and manner specified by resolution.
- 2.02 A person becomes a member in good standing twenty-one (21) days after payment of a membership fee in the amount and manner specified by resolution, unless the President waives this period for candidates. Renewing members within 90 days of expiry retain their "good standing" status.
- 2.03 Each Member may participate in any meeting of the Riding Association in which that person resides or serves as a board member.
- 2.04 Each Member may vote for, and stand for election to, the Board of Directors of any Riding Association in which that person resides.
- 2.05 Each Member may attend any Annual General Meeting (hereafter referred to as an "AGM") of the Party upon payment of the prescribed fee.
- 2.06 Each Member may vote for, and stand for election as, a delegate or alternate delegate at any Delegate Selection Meeting (hereafter referred to as a "DSM") called by a Riding Association in which that person resides or serves as a board member, for the selection of delegates or alternate delegates to any AGM of the Party. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, permit members to seek to become a delegate or a member of the Board of Directors in a riding in which they do not reside. Members may not be delegates or a member of the Board of Directors for more than one Riding Association or electoral district.
- 2.07 Only a Member in good standing may vote at an AGM, DSM, or a Candidate Selection Meeting (hereafter referred to as a "CSM") or vote on other Party business.
- 2.08 Any Member who joins or publicly supports another provincial political party or publicly campaigns against an officially nominated Conservative Party of BC Candidate for the Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia will immediately forfeit membership. The Board of Directors or Secretary will inform the Member in writing of the forfeiture and cause.
- 2.09 The Party will maintain a listing of each member's name, address, contact information, and membership dates.
- 2.10 Membership lists are confidential and to be used only for Party purposes. They will not be sold or used for any purpose other than required by the Party as authorized by the Board of Directors. Membership lists are not subject to inspection under the Societies Act.
- 2.11 Only Members may:
 - (a) be appointed to, or hold an elected or appointed position within the Party; and

- (b) be eligible to seek nomination as a Candidate in a provincial election or by-election or as a Leadership Candidate.
- 2.12 No Member shall cause the Party to be financially indebted or spend funds belonging to the Party without the approval of the Board of Directors. Any Member having incurred a debt unauthorized by the Party shall be held personally liable for this debt.
- 2.13 Each Member of the Party, including Candidates for, and holder of Party and/or public office, is hereby deemed to have covenanted that: "I accept and will abide by the Constitution, Principles, Policies, Bylaws and Code of Conduct of the Conservative Party of BC". Any breach of this covenant is a violation of the Party Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE 3 - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 3.01 The Board of Directors will act on behalf of the Party in accordance with the directives approved at the AGMs and as set out in these Bylaws. The term in office of a Director shall commence at the end of the meeting held on the day of his/her election and shall terminate at the end of the meeting held on the day when his/her replacement is elected or appointed.
- 3.02 AGM voting procedures are as follows:
 - (a) ballots will be available to each voting Member in good standing registered at the AGM;
 - (b) For nominations to be accepted, the Board of Directors must receive written notice (or electronic written notice, such as email) from individuals seeking nomination 30 days in advance of an AGM where the Board of Directors is up for election. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, waive the 30 day written notice period and permit nominations to be accepted from the floor;
 - (c) each nominee must consent to their nomination;
 - (d) if the nominee is not present, the consent to the nomination must be in writing;
 - (e) each nominee may name a scrutineer to oversee the vote count; and
 - (f) voting for each position, except the Directors-at-Large, will be by a simple majority vote.
 - (g) the five (5) Directors-at-Large will be on one (1) ballot with the five (5) Candidates achieving the highest number of votes being elected.
- 3.03 The elected Members of the Board of Directors will be:
 - (a) President;
 - (b) Vice-President;
 - (c) Secretary;
 - (d) Treasurer;
 - (e) Five (5) Directors-at-Large; and
 - (f) Subject to the provisions of Article 3 and Article 15, the elected or appointed Regional Directors.
- 3.04 The other Members of the Board of Directors will be:
 - (a) Leader;
 - (b) Caucus Representative;
 - (c) either the Chair or Co-Chair of the Standing Committees; and
- 3.05 The following Board of Directors positions will be elected at each AGM following a Provincial General Election where the Party fails to form a provincial government, and at each AGM following the election of a new Leader, otherwise, their terms shall be two years:
 - (a) President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, Five (5) Directors-at-Large, up to eleven Regional Directors.
- 3.06 The election of the Regional Directors shall be as follows:

- (a) The Regional Directors will be chosen by a vote of the members of the Riding Associations in the immediate thirty (30) days prior to the AGM;
- (b) Nominations for Regional Director positions shall be announced and opened sixty (60) days prior to the AGM;
- (c) Members will then have the opportunity to engage with the Regional Director Nomination contestants;
- (d) The vote shall be conducted electronically and shall be by secret ballot;
- (e) If, during the term of a Regional Director, a vacancy should occur, the leader shall, within 30 days, appoint a new Regional Director;
- (f) The Leader may appoint a Regional Director after the AGM if a Regional Director has not been chosen in a Region in accordance with this Article; and
- (g) The Regional Directors will be voting Members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 4 - STRUCTURE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 4.01 A Management Committee will be established and shall be comprised of the following:
 - (a) the Leader or his/her appointee;
 - (b) President;
 - (c) Vice-President;
 - (d) Secretary;
 - (e) Treasurer; and
 - (f) the five (5) Directors-at-Large.
- 4.02 The Management Committee shall:
 - (a) oversee the day-to-day operations of the Party;
 - (b) have a quorum for a meeting of the Management Committee of not less than five (5), one of whom must be the Leader, the President, or the Vice-President.
 - (c) have the power to authorize an Officer, Director, or employee of the Party to act on its behalf.
- 4.03 The President shall:
 - (a) call and preside over Management Committee meetings and Board of Directors meetings;
 - (b) preside over AGMs;
 - (c) supervise the affairs of the Party and be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Party, including supervision of the Party headquarters, and all other administrative and operational matters;
 - (d) coordinate the conduct of election campaigns with the Election Readiness Committee;
 - (e) be an ex-officio Member of all Committees within the Party;
 - (f) delegate these responsibilities when deemed necessary by themselves or the Board.
- 4.04 The Vice-President shall:
 - (a) assume and perform the duties of the President in his/her absence or upon the request of the President or Board;
 - (b) assist the President in all matters;
 - (c) preside over the election and meetings of Regional Directors;
 - (d) be the primary Management Committee liaison with Regional Directors; and
 - (e) assume the office of the President if the office becomes vacant.

4.05 The Secretary shall:

- (a) keep records of all Board of Directors meetings, AGMs and all Management Committee meetings;
- (b) designate an Officer, employee, or contractor of the Party to keep records of decisions and resolutions made on behalf of the Party by the Board of Directors, Party Officials and others; and
- (c) provide by email, by regular mail or fax the minutes and resolutions of all Board meetings, the AGM, and any action required to each Board Member within fourteen (14) days of any such meeting.
- (d) Provide by email by regular mail or by fax the minutes and resolutions of all Board meetings, the AGM/SGM, and any action required by each RA President and RA Secretary within 30 days of any such meeting.

4.06 The Treasurer shall:

- (a) be responsible for overseeing the prudent financial administration of the Party;
- (b) ensure that no disbursement is made without authorization of the President, and/or Management Committee, and/or the Board of Directors;
- (c) present accurate financial statements to the Annual General Meetings of the Party;
- (d) present budgets as a guide for expenditures for the ensuing year or for specific projects and matters as may be required by the Management Committee and Board of Directors; and
- (e) endeavor to ensure that each Riding Association provides a financial report to the Treasurer.

4.07 The Regional Directors shall:

- (a) coordinate, organize and in all ways foster, assist and promote the growth and well- being, and represent the concerns, suggestions, ideas of the RA's in the region they represent;
- (b) endeavour to hold meetings of all Regional Directors quarterly, with a quorum of at least one-half the Regional Directors. The Vice-President counts as a Regional Director for the purposes of quorum; and
- (c) resolutions in meetings of Regional Directors shall not bind the Board in any manner, however, recommendations will be considered at a subsequent Board of Directors meeting.

ARTICLE 5 - ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 5.01 The Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Entire Board, fill any vacant elected office as described in Article 3.
- 5.02 The Board of Directors may deem an elected office described in Article 3 vacant if the Officer/Director misses three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors without reasonable cause.
- 5.03 The Board of Directors may appoint the Treasurer or any other Party Member in good standing as the Party's Financial Agent to act in accordance with the requirements of Elections BC and the statutes relating thereto.
- 5.04 The Board of Directors shall appoint not less than two (2), but not more than four (4), Principal Officers to represent the Party with the Chief Electoral Officer and Elections BC with power to issue written endorsements of Candidates who may represent the Party in elections or by-elections for Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in accordance with Section 60 of the Election Act.
- 5.05 Other Committee Chairs appointed in accordance with Article 7 and MLAs may attend Board of Directors' meetings by the invitation of the President as non-voting Members. General Committee

- Chairs and other Members may attend Board of Directors' meetings at the request of the President or Board.
- 5.06 Only the Management Committee may borrow money or incur a contractual obligation on behalf of the Party.
- 5.07 Notwithstanding Article 5.06 and 5.07, an officer, Director, or employee of the Party that is designated by an ordinary resolution of the Management Committee may incur obligations on behalf of the Party, and may spend Party funds, but only if the dollar amounts and/or aggregate dollar amounts are authorized or pre-authorized by an ordinary resolution of the Management Committee.
- 5.08 The Treasurer, together with either the President, Vice-President or Secretary, may sign for the Party's bank account. Under extraordinary circumstances, the Leader and/or President may designate another Board Member to serve as a signing authority.
- 5.09 The quorum for a Board of Directors meeting shall be 50% of the total number of Board Members.
- 5.10 The Board of Directors, Standing Committees and Special Committees are authorized to meet by telephone conference or through other electronic communications media so long as quorum is maintained.
- 5.11 Meetings of the Entire Board of Directors will be held at the call of the President and will be held at least every three (3) months to conduct the business of the Party. Provided, however:
- (a) a majority of voting Board Members may call a Board meeting with fourteen (14) clear days' notice with an agenda included in the notice; and
 - (b) any meeting called with less than fourteen (14) clear days' notice with an Agenda included in the notice shall require two-thirds (2/3) of the Board Members to approve of the meeting in order to proceed with the meeting.
- 5.12 A Director participating in a meeting in accordance with Article 5.11 is deemed for all purposes to be present at the meeting.
- 5.13 The Board of Directors may, by a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote of the Entire Board, discipline, censure, suspend, or expel, any one of its Members, other than the Leader.
- (a) Before a Member is disciplined, censured, suspended or expelled, the Board must send the Member a written notice of the proposed discipline or expulsion, including reasons; and
 - (b) Give the Member a reasonable opportunity to make representations respecting the proposed discipline or expulsion before the vote is taken.
- 5.14 The Board of Directors may, from time to time, between Board meetings, make decisions by way of an electronic vote. All individual votes shall be disclosed to all Board Members and all such votes shall be brought forward in minute form for confirmation at the next subsequent Board meeting.
- 5.15 Those occupying a Board of Directors position must maintain a position of neutrality and may not publicly endorse or oppose any Candidate seeking the leadership of the Conservative Party of British Columbia.
- 5.16 It is the responsibility of incoming and outgoing Officers and Directors to work together to ensure a smooth, efficient and timely transition of duties and authorities.
- 5.17 Within fourteen (14) days of leaving office an Officer or Director must turn over all Party accounts, documents, records, property, or material acquired during the course of duties to their succeeding Officer or Board Member, or, in the absence of such a position, the Party President.

ARTICLE 6 – STANDING COMMITTEES

- 6.01 The Party shall have the following "Standing Committees", the Chair and Members of which will be established by the Board of Directors in consultation with the Leader. These are:
- (a) the Election Readiness Committee;
 - (b) the Finance & Fundraising Committee; and

- (c) the Stakeholder Relations Committee.
- 6.02 The Election Readiness Committee will consist of:
 - (a) the Chair or Co-Chairs, as appointed by the Leader, in consultation with the President;
 - (b) the President; and
 - (c) other Members as appointed by the Chair or Co-Chairs in consultation with the Leader and the Party Management Committee.
- 6.03 The Election Readiness Committee:
 - (a) will prepare and implement strategic organizational and election plans;
 - (b) will set the dates, location, notice requirements, voting methods and other procedures for Candidate selection meetings, which may include notice or voting by electronic means, mail-in ballots, or other representative methods;
 - (c) will advise potential Candidates of legal requirements of being a Candidate; and
 - (d) may call a Candidate Selection Meeting on a Riding Association's behalf.
- 6.04 The Election Readiness Committee may establish a sub-committee as a Candidate Review Committee for the purpose of establishing procedures for reviewing applications from nomination contestants who wish to be Candidates for the Party in constituencies in provincial general elections or by-elections. Such a sub-committee, if established, shall:
 - (a) establish reasonable criteria for nomination contestants to establish their suitability to represent the Party as Candidates;
 - (b) where an approved Riding Association is established in the Constituency where a nomination contestant wishes to take part in the Riding nomination process, work with the Riding President, and, if appointed, the Riding Search Committee, in the review and any interview process; and
- 6.05 Once the Election Readiness Committee has properly completed the steps outlined in Article 6.04 above, and a Candidate has been either accepted or rejected as a suitable Candidate to represent the Party, this decision is final and binding on all concerned and is not subject to the appeal process in accordance with Article 17.
- 6.06 The Election Readiness Committee may delegate any of its other duties and powers under Section 6.03(a) to a sub-committee appointed by the Election Readiness Committee at its sole discretion. Subcommittees include a Media and Publicity Committee, a Candidate Search Committee, a Strategic Planning Committee, a Platform Committee and others.
- 6.07 The Finance & Fundraising Committee will consist of:
 - (a) the Chair or Co-Chairs, as appointed by the Leader, in consultation with the President;
 - (b) the President;
 - (c) the Leader or designate;
 - (d) the Treasurer;
 - (e) other Members, as appointed by the Chair or Co-Chairs in consultation with the Leader and the Party Management Committee.
- 6.08 The Finance & Fundraising Committee:
 - (a) will develop and recommend fundraising strategies and set fundraising goals; and
 - (b) will oversee, coordinate, and implement approved fundraising plans.
- 6.09 The Stakeholder Relations Committee will consist of:
 - (a) the Chair or Co-Chairs, as appointed by the Leader, in consultation with the President;
 - (b) the President; and
 - (c) other Members as appointed by the Chair or Co-Chairs in consultation with the Leader and

the Party Management Committee.

6.10 The Stakeholder Relations Committee:

- (a) will develop stakeholder outreach and communications strategies, and make recommendations to the Party Board; and
- (b) the Committee will endeavour to ensure that the Party consistently engages with communities, organizations, associations, and other entities across British Columbia.

6.11 The membership, rules, and procedures of each Standing Committee may be re-constituted after each AGM, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 7 - GENERAL COMMITTEES

7.01 The Board of Directors shall appoint additional committees when requested by the Management Committee and/or when it deems they are required. Such additional committees shall include:

- (a) A Policy and Research Committee. The purpose of this Committee is the overseeing of the development of the Party Policies.
- (b) A Constitution and Bylaw Review Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to review the existing Party Constitution and Bylaws to recommend improvements for the effective administration of the Party. It shall include a Chair and may include other Members, at the discretion of the Board of Directors. This Committee is detailed and specified further in Article 10.
- (c) A Membership Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to administer the membership list, notify expiring Members, seek membership renewals, and in doing so liaise with RA Officers and Directors as well as Regional Directors in carrying out of their duties.
- (d) Any other committee suggested by the Management Committee and deemed necessary by the Board of Directors to implement the goals and activities of the Party

ARTICLE 8 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (AGM)

8.01 The Board of Directors will call an AGM between six (6) and fifteen (15) months but not less than six (6) months after the previous AGM. There shall be ninety (90) days' notice of an AGM in writing and sent by electronic means or by post to the membership. The Board of Directors, in addition to this written notice, shall send at least one (1) email reminder to Members who have provided the Party with email addresses not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the AGM and shall post a notice on the Party internet website as soon as possible after the posting of the formal written notice.

8.02 The purpose of the AGM is to elect a Board of Directors, to present and approve the Financial Report, to hear and approve of reports from the outgoing Board of Directors and Committees and to undertake such other business as is necessary.

8.03 The following members are entitled to vote as delegates to an AGM:

- (a) an equal number not exceeding 10 that are elected from each electoral district or riding association - these elections must give members a minimum of 14 days notice and must allow any Party member in good standing in the electoral district or riding association to run for a delegate position from the riding. And as an additional delegate the president of the electoral district (riding) association as of a date set by the party board of directors;
- (b) the legislative Caucus of the party;
- (c) elected members of the party Board of Directors;
- (d) Presidents of Riding Associations that have been ratified by the party of Board of Directors.

8.04 Any Member who is not a voting delegate as described in Article 8.03, but who pays the prescribed fee may attend, but may not vote at the AGM.

- (a) Any member who renews their membership within ninety (90) days after it has expired will be automatically considered a member in good standing and shall be eligible to vote for the election of a Leader.
- 8.05 The quorum for an AGM will be fifty (50) Voting Delegates in attendance.
- 8.06 In the event of a Party Leadership Election or a Provincial General Election having been held within a calendar year, the Board of Directors may, subject to the approval of the Registrar of Companies, delay the AGM to a maximum of one hundred and fifty (150) days.
- 8.07 The annual year-end for filing Annual Financial Reports shall be in accordance with Elections BC regulations.
- 8.08 A simple majority will decide all resolutions voted on at the AGM unless otherwise provided for in the Party Constitution and Bylaws.
- 8.09 The President (Chair) will have sole discretion to accept resolutions from the floor at the AGM.

ARTICLE 9 – NOT USED

ARTICLE 10 - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND POLICY RESOLUTIONS

- 10.01 Further to the provision of Article 7, a Constitution and Bylaw Review Committee and a Policy and Research Committee will be established by the Board of Directors to accept and consider amendments from RAs and Party Members and to recommend possible changes and clarifications after such considerations provided:
 - (a) all proposed amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies must be received by the Constitution and Bylaw Review Committee and the Policy and Research Committee not less than sixty (60) days prior to an AGM or SGM;
 - (b) the Committees will compile, organize and consider the proposed amendments and forward them with recommendations to the Board of Directors not less than thirty
(30) days prior to the AGM or SGM; and
 - (c) any such proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws must be included, in written form, with the formal notice of the AGM or SGM.
- 10.02 Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and Policies will be posted on the Party website no later than fifteen (15) days prior to an AGM or SGM.
- 10.03 The Constitution and Bylaw Review Committee Chair shall present the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws to the attendees at the AGM or SGM to be voted on as a special resolution requiring a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Members present for adoption.
- 10.04 The Policy and Research Committee Chair shall present the proposed changes to the attendees at an AGM to be voted on as an ordinary resolution requiring a simple majority vote - fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of the Members present for adoption.

ARTICLE 11 - THE LEADER

- 11.01 The Leader shall:
 - (a) be the chief political spokesperson of the Party and shall interpret to the public the policies of the Party;
- 11.02 The Leader can only be removed from office by resignation, death, incapacitation, or the leadership review vote resulting in less than fifty percent (50%) support of the Party Members in good standing who vote in a universal secret paper ballot.
- 11.03 Upon the death, resignation, incapacitation, or the elected Leader's removal by a leadership review vote, the Board of Directors shall call a special Leadership Election within twelve (12) months and shall provide a minimum of one-hundred-and-eighty (180) days' notice to all the membership advising of the provisions of the Leadership Election. The Board of Directors, at its

discretion, may extend or shorten the notice period.

- 11.04 There will be a Leadership Review Vote at the first AGM after a Provincial General Election unless:
- (a) the Conservative Party of British Columbia forms the government; or
 - (b) there has been a Leadership Election within the twelve months prior to the AGM being held. In such a case the Leadership Review Vote will take place at the following AGM.
- 11.05 This Leadership Review Vote will be undertaken as follows:
- (a) All members in good standing are entitled to vote in a Leadership Review. Voting will be held via in-person Leadership Review meetings for each Riding Association/Electoral District or held regionally.
 - (b) Every Member in good standing is entitled to vote only in the Leadership Review meeting vote of the Riding Association/Electoral District in which they reside.
 - (c) All members in good standing will receive no less than 30 days' notice of a Riding Association Leadership Review meeting (or, where no Riding Association exists, a Leadership Review meeting of all members in the electoral district, with the same notice period requirement);
 - (d) The members will be asked, via secret paper ballot, the question, "Are you in favour the current leaders leadership? Yes or No?"; At the party's discretion, this ballot may be supplemented with additional information on what the Leadership Review entails.
 - (e) the completed ballots in security envelopes will be delivered to the attention of an impartial third party as appointed by the Board of Directors and must be received before the AGM.
 - (f) The Board of Directors and the impartial third party must have secure arrangements in place to guarantee an independent and fair vote and at each Riding Association Leadership Review meeting or Electoral District Leadership Review meeting;
 - (g) If the results of the Leadership Review Vote show that fifty percent (50%) or less of the membership approves the current leadership of the party leader, the Board of Directors will arrange a Leadership Election as described in Article 12.
- 11.06 One or more "Deputy Leader(s)" may be appointed by the Leader. A Deputy Leader may be dismissed by the Leader at any time. Any Deputy Leader in place at the time a Leader steps down shall also step down.

ARTICLE 12 - ELECTION OF A LEADER

- 12.01 Upon the calling of a Leadership Election, the Leader shall step down.
- 12.02 The Board of Directors may appoint an Interim Leader to act until the election of the new Leader is completed. An Interim Leader may not be a Leadership Candidate.
- 12.03 A Candidate for Leader must be a Member in good standing who is eligible to vote in accordance with the British Columbia Election Act. Any Board Member who decides to participate as a Leadership Candidate must immediately resign their Board position.
- 12.04 The Board of Directors shall, either before the calling of a Leadership Election, or immediately after, establish an independent and impartial sub-committee as a Candidate Review Committee for the purpose of establishing criteria for and undertaking a review of each potential Leadership Candidate to establish their suitability for the Leader's position. This sub-committee shall submit its report on each potential Candidate on a confidential basis to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall decide on the merits of the sub-committee's reports in a confidential and an "in camera" session. All vetoes of Candidates must receive at least a 3/4 majority vote of the Entire Board of Directors in support of the veto of the Leadership Candidate, and shall be final and binding
- 12.05 The Board of Directors may also prescribe further regulations governing Leadership Elections, voting procedures and decide the amount of the nomination fee for the Candidates.

- 12.06 Candidates for Leader must be nominated by at least two-hundred-and-fifty (250) Party Members in good standing, including signatures from members in at least five different regions listed in Appendix B. Nomination papers:
- (a) will be prescribed by the Board of Directors;
 - (b) will include the nominating Member's name, address and signature (electronic signatures are permitted);
 - (c) will be submitted to the Chair of the Candidate Review Committee sixty (60) days in advance of the Leadership Election date together with the nomination fee; and,
 - (d) may not be signed by Members of the Board of Directors for any Candidate and any such signatures will be rejected as invalid.
- 12.07 Once nominations have closed, if there is a contest between two (2) or more Candidates for Leader, the Board of Directors must appoint an impartial third party who will be appointed as Returning Officer for the election process. The Board of Directors must then assist the Returning Officer in all ways to guarantee an independent and fair election and a totally free, fair and independent vote count.
- 12.08 Voting procedures for election of a Leader:
- (a) In the event there is only one (1) Candidate for Leader, election shall be by Acclamation.
 - (b) In the event there is more than one (1) Candidate, voting will be by universal ballot, with ballots sent at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Leadership Convention to Members that are active exactly forty-two (42) days prior to the Convention date. Ballots must be received by the Party prior to a time prescribed by the Returning Officer in order to be counted.
 - (c) The Returning Officer shall prescribe whether ballots are distributed electronically, or by paper, or with a hybrid ballot system.
 - (d) Voting will be as follows:
 - (i) each Member in good standing will have one (1) vote;
 - (ii) each Member in good standing will be sent a secret ballot;
 - (iii) each electoral district will be allotted one hundred (100) points except that electoral districts with less than one hundred (100) votes shall be allocated the number of points that is equal to the number of its ballots received;
 - (iv) the ballots will be securely returned by electoral district;
 - (v) the Returning Officer shall facilitate scrutineers appointed by each Candidate for the counting of ballots;
 - (vi) the Leadership Candidates will be assigned a point total based on their percentage of the vote in each electoral district;
 - (vii) to win the leadership, a Candidate must obtain a majority of points from across the province;
 - (viii) voting will be by preferential vote; and
 - (ix) at each count round, both the weighted results and the results by electoral district shall be made public.
- 12.09 During the time of a Leadership Election, Members of the Board of Directors must remain neutral. Any Member who compromises that neutrality by openly or publicly endorsing or supporting a Leadership Candidate must take leave from the Board of Directors until the conclusion of the Leadership Election. Once the new Leader is selected, all remaining Members must agree to fully support the new Leader or resign from the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 13 - RIDING ASSOCIATIONS (RA)

- 13.01 Subject to special area or regional arrangements that have been authorized in accordance with Article 14, there shall be one (1) Riding Association established for each provincial electoral district.
- 13.02 The Board of Directors may recognize a Riding Association that:
- (a) allows the participation of all Party Members resident in that constituency;
 - (b) actively supports the Party's Constitution and Bylaws;
 - (c) holds at least one (1) AGM of Members, called by the Provincial Board of Directors, in each calendar year for the election of Directors and/or Officers and other business and gives at least thirty (30) days' notice of such meeting to all current Members in that RA;
 - (d) Adheres to the model Constitution and Bylaws for Riding Associations as determined by a Provincial Board of Directors' ordinary resolution.
 - (e) has at least six (6) resident Members in good standing.
- 13.03 Only a Riding Association that has been approved by a vote of the Board of Directors will be a recognized Registered Constituency Association of the Party.
- 13.04 REPEALED
- 13.05 the Board of Directors, may take any of the following actions at any time:
- (a) assign an existing Riding Association to a new electoral district;
 - (b) establish a new Riding Association for an electoral district that is either new or does not already have a ratified Riding Association; and
 - (c) dissolve an existing Riding Association and distribute its assets and liabilities among one or more Riding Associations or to the Provincial Party.
- 13.06 The Party is not responsible for any debt incurred by a Riding Association unless the debt is approved by the Board of Directors and a written notice of such approval has been delivered by Party headquarters to the Riding Association before the debt is incurred.
- 13.07 A Riding Association may not register as a "Constituency Association" or for any other status under the Election Act, unless authorized to do so by the Party Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may withdraw any such authorization at any time by a 2/3 majority vote.
- 13.08 A Riding Association may not issue receipts for income tax purposes unless authorized to do so by the Board of Directors.
- 13.09 If a Riding Association does not meet its obligations under paragraph 13.02 of this Article or does not fill vacancies on the Riding Association Board of Directors within a reasonable time, the Board of Directors may:
- (a) call and run an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Riding Association;
 - (b) remove some of or all of the Members of the Riding Association Officers and/or Board of Directors;
 - (c) fill any vacancy or appoint a replacement for a position on the Riding Association Officers or Board of Directors; and
 - (d) in the event of a riding Association dissolving or folding, all monies belonging to that association will be transferred to the party.

ARTICLE 14 – NOT USED

ARTICLE 15 – REGIONS

- 15.01 The electoral districts in British Columbia shall be divided into not less than seven (7) and not more than eleven (11) Regions.
- (a) Effective upon the 43rd British Columbia General Election, there shall be eleven (11) regions,

The quantity and composition of regions will be as presented in Appendix B

- 15.02 Each of the regions shall have the electoral districts in Appendix B assigned to them.
- 15.03 Any change of Appendix B and/or of the number of Regions, and/or the constituent electoral districts shall only be undertaken by a directors' special resolution of the Board of Directors after detailed discussions.

ARTICLE 16 - NOT USED

ARTICLE 17 - APPEAL

- 17.01 A complaint may be lodged with the Party President by any three (3) Members or constituted bodies of the Party alleging a violation of the Constitution or Bylaws or a statement or action that may or has resulted in severe and evident injustice or harm to a Member or a constituted body of the Party or to the Party itself.
- 17.02 Satisfaction must first have been sought under existing Party procedures and rules of the appropriate organizations before the appeal is directed to the President.
- 17.03 Such a complaint must be in writing, must set out the details of the action or statement which gave rise to the complaint, the remedy sought, and such evidence as may be pertinent.
- 17.04 The President, or persons appointed by the President, shall endeavour to achieve an amicable settlement. If this is not successful, the President, with the advice of the Management Committee, shall refer the dispute to the Board of Directors for dispensation.
- 17.05 The Board of Directors shall consider the matter promptly and communicate their decision to the persons, entities or organizations concerned. Upon receiving a dispute, the Board of Directors shall, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, appoint a three (3) person Dispute Resolution Panel. The members of this panel shall be senior, independent, and impartial party Members who are not members of the Board of Directors.
- 17.06 The Dispute Resolution Panel shall conduct a thorough investigation, including, but not limited to, interviewing the President and all parties involved in the dispute. The President and any parties involved must submit all relevant evidence and documentation to the Panel for review.
- 17.07 The Dispute Resolution Panel shall report their findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consider the matter promptly and communicate their decision to the persons, entities or organizations concerned. Any decision by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the entire Board shall be binding and final.

ARTICLE 18 – NOT USED

ARTICLE 19 - NOTICE

- 19.01 The Board of Directors will give notice, in writing, of an AGM or of a meeting for the Election of a Leader to all Members at least forty-five (45) days in advance. Follow up reminders may be provided by email, fax, telephone or any other electronic means.
- 19.02 Notice of meetings of the Management Committee shall be given, with an agenda attached, not less than forty-eight hours prior to the date of the meeting. Provided, however, that a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all Members of the Management Committee may agree to shorter notice and declare a meeting of the Management Committee to be valid and binding. Notices may be given either in writing or by email.
- 19.03 Notices of face to face meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given, with an Agenda attached, not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the meeting. Notices of electronic or telephone meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given, with an agenda attached, not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.
 - (a) Provided, however, that in both instances, a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all Members of the Board of Directors may agree to shorter notice and declare a

meeting of the Board of Directors to be valid and binding. Notices may be given either in writing or electronically; and

- (b) Provided further, however, that the initial meeting of a newly elected Board of Directors may be convened immediately after the Party elections at an AGM and will be valid and without the need for the twenty-one (21) day notice period. The matters discussed at this meeting should be introductory and procedural in nature only and the minutes of this said meeting must be agreed to and passed by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

ARTICLE 20 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 20.01 The Board of Directors may, from time to time, adopt rules and regulations to expedite the business of the Party.

APPENDIX A: CODE OF CONDUCT

THIS “CODE OF CONDUCT” IS APPENDIX “A” TO, AND IN ALL WAYS PART OF, THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF BC:

ARTICLE 1 - INTRODUCTION

- 1.01 This “Code of Conduct” (hereafter referred to as “the Code”) is “Appendix ‘A’” to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Conservative Party of British Columbia (hereinafter referred to as “The Party”) and shall, in all ways material, be deemed to be an integral part of the said Constitution and Bylaws.
- 1.02 Purpose and aims of the Code: The goals and aims of this Code are to promote unity in the Party by requiring respectful conduct and ethical principles when dealing with internal Party business and/or activities and in relationships with all citizens of British Columbia.
- 1.03 Application: This Code is intended to govern, where specified, not only the conduct of the Directors, Officers and Members of the Party but any employees, committee chairs or any other supporters who may be undertaking or assisting in the affairs of the Party.
- 1.04 Complement to Constitution and Bylaws: The provisions of this Code are intended to complement and enhance, in a consistent manner, the requirements that arise at law and in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Party.

ARTICLE 2 - ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

- 2.01 The Party and its Members subscribe to the following general ethical principles and agree to abide by them in their individual and collective actions with one another and the citizens in general when acting on behalf of the Party or otherwise when acting in any manner associated with the Party, namely:
 - (a) act at all times honestly, in good faith and in a manner which will enhance the image of and be in the best interests of the Party. Further, while acknowledging that political actions require open and free speech and honest informed debate to achieve results, to:
 - i. always be truthful, treat others fairly and with respect, and accept that honesty is essential to the development and maintenance of the trust that is essential to both building and developing the Party and the Province;
 - ii. never knowingly misrepresent the stated purposes, principles, values or policies of the Party; and
 - iii. whenever necessary, recognize and respond to the authorized structures (including Boards, Committees and other Associated bodies) and operational procedures of the Party, including responding and communicating with the Party in a timely manner when appropriate or as directed.
 - (b) when in any way representing the Party, its Officers, Directors, Associated bodies or Members, work for the general benefit of the Party and not for personal gain or enhancement. Further, all members, employed staff, supporters or associates must:
 - i. adhere to the principles, policies and general agreements of the Party when representing the Party or working on behalf of the Party; and
 - ii. use the resources of the Party for the maximum benefit of the Party. This relates in particular to those in charge of allocating funds.
 - (c) all Members must avoid and declare conflicts of interest. Without limiting this requirement, it is understood that:

- i. individuals working on behalf of the Party are in positions of trust and must not violate that trust by using the position for personal gain or enhancement;
 - ii. fair and responsible governance of the Party is jeopardized and put at risk in situations where a conflict of interest influences the making of decisions; and
 - iii. if and when there is a direct, indirect or perceived conflict of interest, those concerned must avoid the position or the issue and fully declare possible involvement and thereafter resign, recluse, or in all ways otherwise remove the potential for possible conflict of interest.
- (d) all Members must work toward mutually beneficial partnerships and work collaboratively with one another with the object of building the Party and providing effective governance to all the citizens of the Province. Further, it is understood that:
 - i. such partnerships, when properly structured, can lead to synergy in organization that makes for much more effective results than individuals working alone or in isolation; and
 - ii. some Members may be unaware of the benefits of working together toward a mutual goal and that this may require commitments on the part of all Members to undertake personal development and patience, and where appropriate to provide instruction and encouragement to:
 - A. resist using majority votes to overpower opposing ideas and the views of dissenting members;
 - B. achieve full, open and accurate disclosure of relevant information, including being transparent and fiscally responsible to the Party's interests and its donors;
 - C. be collegial, forward looking and adopt problem-solving attitudes, including past real or perceived injustices, and treat all with mutual respect, displaying courteous behaviour and at all times properly consider and evaluate the views of others so that balanced and correct decisions might be achieved.
- (e) all Members involved in decisions materially affecting the operations of the Party, undertake:
 - i. when a properly constituted meeting has been declared to be confidential and "in camera", to in all ways to keep specified confidential information that has been declared and agreed confidential in advance of decisions, confidential.
- (f) all Members holding office and/or responsibilities in the Party, including its Boards, Committees, Associated or supporting organizations or other entities, must undertake to communicate responsibly, collaboratively, openly and without delay. Further all members must take all reasonable steps to ensure that groups and individuals in the Party communicate openly and fairly and that information such as policies, guidelines, responsibilities, and opportunities for involvement are fully publicized. In furtherance of the foregoing:
 - i. decisions made that may affect or influence a Member, committee, or part of the organization in a significant way, must be communicated without delay to that Member, committee or part of the organization, whether it be for endorsement or the purpose of notice;
 - ii. in the instance of a decision or endorsement needed in a very timely way and requiring action or input, all Members must do their best to communicate with as many people involved as possible in order to come to a fair, reasonable and correct conclusion having regard to the circumstance; and
 - iii. provided further, however, in circumstances where information is considered, for whatever reason, to be very sensitive or confidential, such information should not be distributed or communicated without clear approval from the parties,

committees or other entities involved.

ARTICLE 3 - OVERALL BEHAVIOUR, GOOD CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

- 3.01 It is acknowledged that the Party is a “political” entity involved in the legal and democratic process of seeking to serve the people of British Columbia in the fields of public government and administration. Also, it is recognized that such a democratic process often involves intense competition between individuals, concepts, beliefs, ideals, principles and many other issues. Therefore, it is understood and accepted by the Conservative Party of BC Member that every Member should do all possible to protect and enhance the reputation of the Party in the public domain and to build unity in the Party. In furtherance thereof, every Member should:
- (a) refrain from making statements to public media entities (radio, television, newspapers and the like) that openly and publicly criticize, denigrate and/or demean the Party, the Party leadership, individual Party Members, the Party principles, policies, decisions, entities, structures and/or associated bodies of the Party or discuss in a public, personal, vindictive and/ or derogatory manner the merits and/or demerits of decisions relating to internal Party business and Administration;
 - (b) refrain from making or posting any statements on “public domain” entities (such as social media, or other internet sites) that openly and publicly criticize or denigrate and/or demean the Party, the Party leadership, individual Party Members, the Party principles, policies, entities, structures and/or associated bodies of the Party or discuss in a public, personal, vindictive and/or derogatory manner the merits and/or demerits of decisions relating to internal Party business and administration; and
 - (c) in communicating by e-mail, refrain from making statements that harshly criticize or denigrate and/or demean the Party, the Party leadership, individual Party Members, the Party principles, policies, entities, structures and/or associated bodies of the Party or contain personal attacks, vindictive and/or derogatory statements on the merits and/or demerits of decisions relating to internal Party business and administration and those involved therein.

ARTICLE 4 - SUMMARY AND INTENT

- 4.01 The foregoing Articles of this Code of Conduct should, in all ways, be understood and interpreted as intending to advance the unity, good governance and effective administration of the Party.

APPENDIX B: REGIONS AND ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

Appendix B forms part of Article 15:

Region & Area	Electoral Districts (2023 Redistribution)
Burnaby-New West-Tri Cities Lower Mainland	(10) Burnaby Centre; Burnaby East; Burnaby North; Burnaby South-Metrotown; Burnaby-New Westminster; Coquitlam-Burke Mountain; Coquitlam-Maillardville; New Westminster-Coquitlam; Port Coquitlam; Port Moody-Burquitlam
Central Interior-Columbia Interior	(6) Columbia River-Revelstoke; Kamloops Centre; Kamloops-North Thompson; Fraser-Nicola; Salmon Arm-Shuswap; Vernon-Lumby
Fraser Valley Lower Mainland	(10) Abbotsford South; Abbotsford West; Abbotsford-Mission; Chilliwack North; Chilliwack-Cultus Lake; Langley-Abbotsford; Langley-Walnut Grove; Langley-Willowbrook; Maple Ridge East; Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows
Northwest Interior	(4) Bulkley Valley-Stikine; Nechako Lakes; North Coast-Haida Gwaii; Skeena
Okanagan-Kootenays Interior	(9) Kootenay Central; Kootenay-Monashee; Kootenay-Rockies; Boundary-Similkameen; Kelowna Centre; Kelowna-Lake Country-Coldstream; Kelowna-Mission; Penticton-Summerland; West Kelowna-Peachland
Prince George-Peace River Interior	(6) Cariboo-Chilcotin; Prince George-North Cariboo; Prince George-Valemount; Peace River North; Peace River South; Prince George-Mackenzie
South Vancouver-Richmond Lower Mainland	(10) Richmond Centre; Richmond-Bridgeport; Richmond-Queensborough; Richmond-Steveston; Vancouver-Fraserview; Vancouver-Kensington; Vancouver-Langara; Vancouver-Little Mountain; Vancouver-Point Grey; Vancouver-Quilchena
Surrey-Delta Lower Mainland	(12) Delta North; Delta South; Surrey City Centre; Surrey North; Surrey South; Surrey-Cloverdale; Surrey-Fleetwood; Surrey-Guildford; Surrey-Newton; Surrey-Panorama; Surrey-Serpentine River; Surrey-White Rock
Vancouver Island Central and North Vancouver Island	(8) Courtenay-Comox; Cowichan Valley; Ladysmith-Oceanside; Mid Island-Pacific Rim; Nanaimo-Gabriola Island; Nanaimo-Lantzville; North Island; Powell River-Sunshine Coast
Vancouver Island South Vancouver Island	(8) Esquimalt-Colwood; Juan de Fuca-Malahat; Langford-Highlands; Oak Bay-Gordon Head; Saanich North and the Islands; Saanich South; Victoria-Beacon Hill; Victoria-Swan Lake
Vancouver-North Shore Lower Mainland	(10) North Vancouver-Lonsdale; North Vancouver-Seymour; Vancouver-Hastings; Vancouver-Renfrew; Vancouver-South Granville; Vancouver-Strathcona; Vancouver-West End; Vancouver-Yaletown; West Vancouver-Capilano; West Vancouver-Sea to Sky