



BC Conservative Party Policy Development Guidelines:

The BC Conservative Party is a grassroots political party owned and controlled by its members. Policy development is one of the most important ways that members can be involved in the direction of their party and government.

Following is a guideline for submitting policies for consideration at the upcoming Policy Development Convention on May 15th, 2010 in Kelowna:

1. Any member in good standing may submit a policy proposal.
2. All policy proposals submitted will be itemized and debated at the Convention in the order that they are received by the Committee. (ie: first come, first served).
3. Policy proposals should be clear, concise and easily understandable.
4. All policy submissions will be reviewed by the Committee to ensure they meet the criteria set out in paragraph 3. Any submission that is determined to contain errors of fact, or is overly complex or incoherent will be reworded by the Committee and sent back to the proposer for review and/or revision, until the proposer is satisfied it meets with their approval.

The intention here is not to change a submitted policy idea or content, but to make the wording and presentation clear and professional so that it can be understood by all in attendance at the convention and, if adopted, to become part of the Party's body of policies.

5. Any policy that is farcical in nature or that deliberately attempts to discredit or harm the Party, will be vetted by the Policy Committee.
6. Deadline for policy submissions will be 2 months prior to the Convention date -March 15, 2010, as per the Article 7 of the Party By-Laws.

Any policy resolutions after that point may be submitted from the floor of the Convention, time permitting.

7. All policy proposals will be posted on the Party Web Site 30 days prior to the Convention start, as per Article 7.03 of the Party By-Laws. This will provide members with sufficient lead time to carefully consider all proposals in advance of the Convention.
8. The Convention will be chaired according to Roberts Rules of Order and the Party Constitution. It will be open to all voting members in good standing, as well as to members of the public who wish to attend as observers (ie: non-voting attendees).

9. Policy proposals must be submitted in the following format:

- i) The title/name of the policy
- ii) The category it falls under (ie: Health Care, Education, Rights and Freedoms, Economy, Taxes, etc.)
- iii) The name and contact information of the Policy Proposer. (phone, email and address)
- iv) A short statement outlining the background, issue or the reason for the policy. (No more than a short paragraph)
- v) The policy resolution statement.

Policy resolutions should be conceptual and not mechanical. That is, proposals should outline WHAT the policy is, and what it is intended to achieve. The details of HOW it will be implemented will be worked out by cabinet and the Deputy Ministers in government.

10. Where two or more policy submissions are identical in scope and intent, the Committee will inform the coinciding proposers of such fact, and will provide them with copies of each other's proposals to see if they would like to consolidate their ideas into a single proposal to ensure the motion is presented at Convention, and that a person does not waste an opportunity to make a proposal.

11. There is no set limit to how many policy proposals a member may submit. However, we ask that all members act in a spirit of generosity and consideration for fellow members by submitting only those proposals they feel strongest about. In this way, more members will be given an opportunity to participate in policy development.

Where the Committee receives an inordinate number of proposals by one member, the Committee may re-order the priority of some of the proposals so that they follow submissions made by other members. This will avoid a single member trying to stack the Convention with their own policy submissions to the exclusion of all other members.

A good rule of thumb is to limit proposals to no more than 3 per member, but this is only a guideline.

Please submit all policy proposals to: policy@conservativesbc.com

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