



## Memorandum

**DATE:** June 30, 2020

**TO:** EDA Presidents and Board of Directors

**FROM:** Chair of Secretariat Committee of National Council

**RE:** Amended EDA Constitution

On June 29, 2020, your elected volunteer National Council adopted an amended version of the EDA Constitution. This was done pursuant to Article 5 and Article 8.7.1 of the Constitution of the Conservative Party of Canada.

*8.7.1 the establishment and recognition of electoral district associations and the terms of their constitutions, ... ;*

Secretariat Committee of National Council was initially planning to distribute a draft version to all 338 EDAs for consideration and to provide comments in advance of the previously scheduled November convention, with a rollout at that event. However, with the postponement of convention into 2021 due to the onset of a global pandemic and the need to incorporate provisions for virtual annual general meetings, the decision was made to move forward now with this process.

The structural changes to the document include an expansive “Table of Contents” and emboldened category headers, all designed to make it easier for members to locate specific subject matter. The basic governance issues remain unchanged, and regular ongoing EDA business can continue with little or no need to consult this document.

The exception is the inclusion of Articles pertaining to ‘Virtual’ Annual General Meetings. Notable provisions may be found in the following sections:

- Section 2 – Definitions
- Section 5 – Voting
- Section 6 – Meetings of the Association
- Section 7 – Board of Directors
- Section 11 – Notices

All of these new elements have been included to allow EDAs to conduct required Annual General Meetings by methods other than in person. There will be a separate Memorandum issued that outlines specifics and processes regarding Virtual Annual General Meetings, and the orientation or training options available to EDAs.

**This NEW updated version is in effect immediately,**

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Because these changes have been passed between conventions, National Council is providing a 90 day review period for our Electoral District Associations. If your EDA would like to provide comment regarding the amended EDA Constitution, prior to September 30, 2020, please send your submission and contact information to [secretariat@conservative.ca](mailto:secretariat@conservative.ca)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, you may also contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincere Regards,

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