

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Conservative Party of Canada

FROM: Dr. John Weissenberger
Secretary, National Council
Conservative Party of Canada

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RE: Amendments to New EDA Constitution

As you are aware, National Council enacted a new Electoral District Association (EDA) Constitution, which was distributed on September 18, 2006. It is now posted on the Party website at www.conservative.ca under “Key Documents”.

Article 14 of this new EDA Constitution provides that an EDA may amend it, subject to prior approval of any amendment by National Council or its designate. The intent of this provision was to allow EDAs to modify parts of the document to better reflect local circumstances, thereby making local organizational efforts easier. National Council has designated the Secretariat Committee of National Council to oversee the EDA constitutional amendment process.

National Council has suggested that it would be helpful to EDAs for Secretariat to set out what provisions of the EDA Constitution are open for modification by EDAs. These are given on the attached list. The other parts of the EDA constitution are not open to modification due mainly to requirements of the *Canada Elections Act* or to be consistent with the party constitution. Other articles or clauses which are of more national scope must also be consistent across the country.

We hope that the attached list will be helpful to those EDAs contemplating changes to their constitution. Any questions regarding the process may be directed to me at the e-mail indicated below, or to our National Office at 613-755-2000

Respectfully submitted,

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Articles of EDA Constitution which may be amended:

Articles: 2/ definitions of new terms may be added, but existing definitions may not be changed

5.3 - 5.4

6.1, 6.2

7.3.1, 7.3.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.7 – 7.16

8.1 – 8.6, 8.10, 8.12 – 8.16*

9.1

12.1.1, 12.3, 12.4

*N.B. National Council has determined that Article 8.8 is to be interpreted to apply to elections to positions on the EDA Executive Committee in and after September 2006. This means that those holding an office on the Executive Committee prior to September 2006 may be elected to two (2) more terms of office thereafter.