

# Bylaws of the Canada First Party

## Article I: Membership

### Section 1: Eligibility

- Membership is open to any Canadian citizen who supports the principles and objectives of the Canada First Party.
- Members must be at least 18 years old.

### Section 2: Rights and Responsibilities

- Members have the right to vote in party elections, participate in meetings, and run for party offices.
- Members are responsible for adhering to the party's constitution, bylaws, and code of conduct.

### Section 3: Dues and Fees

- Membership dues will be determined annually by the Executive Committee.
- Members must pay dues by the designated deadline to maintain active status unless membership is free.

### Section 4: Resignation and Expulsion

- Members may resign by submitting a written notice to the party secretary.
- Members may be expelled for actions detrimental to the party, following a review by the Disciplinary Committee and a two-thirds vote by the Executive Committee.

## **Article II: Executive Committee**

### **Section 1: Composition**

The committee will consist of the party founder, leader, deputy leader, whip, auditor, treasurer, secretary, and chief agent.

### **Section 2: Terms of Office**

- Committee members will serve for a term of two (2) years, with the possibility of re-election.
- The Party Founder will serve on the Executive Committee for an indetermined time period with the idea of autonomy so the party can continue when the founder leaves office. The founder has the possibility of nomination as Prime Minister candidate as determined by the executive committee.

### **Section 3: Duties and Responsibilities**

- The Executive Committee is responsible for strategic planning, campaign coordination, and financial management.
- Committee members must act in accordance with the party's principles and objectives.

### **Section 4: Meetings**

- The Executive Committee will meet at least quarterly. Meetings can be held remotely.
- A quorum for meetings will be a majority of the committee members.
- Documents may be signed digitally and remotely.

## **Article III: Officers**

### **Section 1: Election of Officers**

- Officers will be elected every two (2) to five (5) years by the party members at an annual general meeting.
- Nominations for officers must be submitted at least 30 days before the election.

### **Section 2: Duties of Officers**

- The Party Leader is the chief spokesperson and advocate for the party.
- The Deputy Leader assists the Party Leader and assumes their duties in their absence.
- The Party Whip ensures party discipline and coordinates legislative activities.
- The Treasurer manages the party's finances, including budgeting and fundraising.
- The Secretary maintains party records and handles correspondence.

## **Article IV: Committees**

### **Section 1: Standing Committees**

- Standing Committees will include the Finance Committee, Policy Committee, Membership Committee, and Disciplinary Committee.
- Each committee will consist of at least three (3) members appointed by the Executive Committee.

### **Section 2: Ad Hoc Committees**

- Ad hoc committees may be established by the Executive Committee for specific tasks or projects.
- Ad hoc committees will be dissolved upon completion of their assigned tasks.

## **Article V: Policy and Platform Development**

### **Section 1: Policy Formation**

- Policies will be developed by the Policy Committee and approved by the Executive Committee.
- Party members may submit policy proposals to the Policy Committee for consideration.

### **Section 2: Consultation and Feedback**

- The party will hold public consultations and solicit feedback from members on key internal party policy issues.

## **Article VI: Elections and Candidate Selection**

### **Section 1: Candidate Nomination**

- Candidates for public office will be nominated by a vote of party members in their respective constituencies.
- Nominees must meet eligibility criteria established by the party and applicable laws.

### **Section 2: Internal Elections**

- Internal elections for party positions will be conducted by ballot at the annual general meeting.
- Election procedures will be overseen by the Election Committee.

## **Article VII: Finances**

### **Section 1: Budget and Expenditures**

- The annual budget will be prepared by the Finance Committee and approved by the Executive Committee.
- All expenditures must be authorized by the Treasurer and reported to the Executive Committee.

### **Section 2: Fundraising and Donations**

- Fundraising activities must comply with legal requirements and party policies.
- Donations will be tracked and reported in accordance with applicable laws.

### **Section 3: Financial Reporting**

- The Treasurer will present a financial report to the members at the annual general meeting.
- Financial records will be audited monthly by the auditor.

## **Article VIII: Code of Conduct and Discipline**

### **Section 1: Ethical Standards**

- Members and officers will adhere to the highest ethical standards in all party activities.
- The Code of Conduct will be developed and enforced by the Disciplinary Committee.

### **Section 2: Disciplinary Procedures**

- Allegations of misconduct will be investigated by the Disciplinary Committee.
- Disciplinary actions, including warnings, suspensions, and expulsions, require a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee.

## **Article IX: Amendments to Bylaws**

### **Section 1: Amendment Process**

- Proposed amendments to the bylaws must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 60 days before the annual general meeting.
- Amendments require a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

## **Article X: Meetings and Conferences**

### **Section 1: Annual General Meeting**

- The annual general meeting will be held each year to elect officers, review party activities, and discuss policies.
- Notice of the annual general meeting will be sent to all members at least 30 days in advance.

### **Section 2: Special Meetings**

- Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee or upon written request of at least 25% of the members.
- Notice of special meetings will be sent to all members at least 15 days in advance.

## **Article XI: Dissolution**

### **Section 1: Dissolution Procedures**

- The party may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a special meeting called for that purpose.
- Upon dissolution, any remaining assets will be distributed to a non-profit organization with similar objectives, as determined by the Executive Committee.

## Signatures

*Party founder signature affirms the authenticity of the document until an executive committee is formed.*

**Party Founder signature:**

**Date:**

**If executive committee is formed, 3 signatures will affirm the authenticity of changes to the bylaws.**

**Nominated Party Leader:**

**Date:**

**Party Whip:**

**Date:**

**One of the Party Officers:**

**Date:**