

Interim Policy Declaration Statement

On March 27, 2026, the Parliamentary Caucus and the Leader exercised their rights (see excerpts from the Constitution following) and made a change to the Policy Declaration. This request was ratified on March 31, 2026. This change will be presented to delegates at the next National Convention.

Excerpts from the Constitution:

13.4 Between national conventions, interim policies of the Party may be determined by the parliamentary caucus and the Leader.

13.5 Interim amendments to the Policy Declaration of the Party may be made by the parliamentary caucus and the Leader with interim ratification by the National Policy Committee. Upon the National Policy Committee ratifying an interim amendment to the Policy Declaration, National Council shall cause to be published an Interim Policy Declaration that sets out the amendments. Interim amendments to the Policy Declaration shall be subject to final ratification at the next national convention. These amendments along with any policy resolutions passed at the national convention shall become the Policy Declaration of the Party.

NEW Policy

17. LABOUR

The Conservative Party of Canada:

- i. Supports policies that put the interests of working Canadians first and recognizes that low taxes and less red tape for employers mean better paycheques and pensions for workers.
- ii. Supports sound money policies, ensuring low inflation and bigger paycheques.
- iii. Supports the right of workers to organize democratically, to bargain collectively and to lawfully strike and withhold services.
- iv. Supports policies that provide private sector union and non-union training centres with their fair share of federal training dollars.
- v. Supports policies that ensure fairness for working Canadians in the tax system, such as allowing full tax deductibility for travelling trades workers and requiring banks to recognize apprenticeship credentials for RESP eligibility.

Existing Policy Statement – DELETED and Replaced with the above.

17. Rights of Workers

The Conservative Party of Canada:

- i. supports the right of workers to organize democratically, to bargain collectively and to peacefully withdraw and withhold services while:
 - a. respecting the law,
 - b. respecting the right of other workers, without sanction, not to participate should they so choose, and
 - c. respecting private property;
- ii. believes that Government should work with unions and employers in areas of Federal jurisdiction to develop dispute settlement mechanisms and encourage their use to avoid or minimize disruption to services to Canadians;
- iii. supports the right of union workers to a secret ballot in any strike vote and in all union elections;
- iv. supports right to work legislation to allow optional union membership including student unions;
- v. supports the requirement that unions be subject to full, transparent annual financial reporting so long as they enjoy a not-for-profit status and receive public support in the form of tax deductibility of union dues;
- vi. believes that the federal government must act to ensure that members of unions under federal jurisdiction have control over the use of the funds collected in the form of mandatory dues. The federal government should legislate the following:
 - a. federal Public Service unions and unions in federally-regulated industries must explicitly detail on an annual basis for their membership the portion of their budget allocated to political donations, donations to media organizations, and to political activism and campaigns; and
 - b. federal Public Service Unions and unions in federally-regulated industries must allow members to opt out of the portion of their dues that are allocated to the activities in (i) above.
- vii. We believe that mandatory union membership and forced financial contributions as a condition of employment limit the economic freedom of Canadians and stifle economic growth.