

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 1

Submitted By: Calgary-Glenmore

Article Number: 102. Statement of Principles.b)

Update Type: Replace

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party is committed to:

protect freedom of speech, worship and assembly, without government or corporate censorship of mainstream or social media.

Rationale:

Protecting free speech is paramount.

Free speech must not stop at the doors of Parliament. It must infuse our whole society. Free speech is messy, but it is what makes our society strong. Stop subsidizing media they (we) find congenial and freezing out those they (we) dislike

- Rt. Hon Bob Benzen M.P. [Calgary Heritage Spring 2021 Newsletter]

We believe the Trudeau Liberal Bill 10 supported by the NDP represents the opposite of what we conservatives and many, if not all Canadians support with regard to free speech. Our UCP should stand shoulder to shoulder with the federal CPC in denouncing cancel culture and the suppression of conservative values and opinion.

Only courts should judge where speech, views, counter narratives etc. are outside of the law, not politicians and unaccountable commercial interests (e.g. Google, Twitter, YouTube, Facebook, etc.)

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 2

Submitted By: Lesser Slave Lake

Article Number: 205. Finance.1d)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party is committed to:

develop and communicate a plan to eliminate the provincial debt.

Rationale:

Government debt is a major issue and will be for many years to come. It must be addressed with clarity.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 3

Submitted By: Calgary-Fish Creek

Article Number: 302. Intergovernmental.4d)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

facilitate a pre-approved energy corridor across Canada that will secure self-reliant domestic energy supply and tidal water access for international export.

Rationale:

Section 92A of the Canadian Constitution establishes provincial jurisdiction over exploration, development, conservation, production, and management of non-renewable, renewable and forest resources as well as generation and management of electrical energy. Energy planning and development should begin with the provinces prior to federal involvement specific to their jurisdictional responsibilities as defined by the same section.

Benefits of developing a pre-approved energy corridor include.

- a) Recognize the provincial jurisdiction of Canadian non-renewable, renewable, and electrical energy production,
- b) Develop long-term plans for Canadian energy security in all forms inclusive of hydro electrical transmission,
- c) Establish a corridor(s) with the aboriginal consultation and environment regulatory approvals obtained in advance for all future projects to reduce cost and delay,
- d) Obtain Canadian energy self-reliance,
- e) Promote Canadian energy export expansion in all forms,
- f) Increase capital investment in Canadian energy development; and,
- g) Provide international energy security to Canadian allies. The European Union should not rely on Russian energy reserves nor be influenced by such a reliance.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 4

Submitted By: Calgary-Edgemont

Article Number: 205. Finance.4a)

Update Type: Replace

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

vigorously oppose the imposition of any federal carbon tax on Alberta consumers or farmers while supporting technology-based climate change initiatives for Industry and heavy emitters:

- Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction ("TIER").
- Methane Emissions Program.
- Bioenergy Producer Program.
- Carbon Capture & Storage.
- Coal Community Transition Fund.
- Sector-specific Industrial Energy Efficiency Grant Program.

Rationale:

At \$40 per tonne the Federal Government's Carbon Tax is punitive to consumers and farmers who are trying to make ends meet. The current federal government plans to increase their Carbon Tax 425% to \$170 by 2030; crippling Albertans' ability to put food on the table, go to work, take their kids to school and activities. A \$170 per tonne Carbon Tax will devastate Alberta Farmers if the harvest season has more precipitation and they must dry their crops prior to transport.

From an Industry and heavy emitter perspective; existing tax-based grants have proven results addressing climate change while making Alberta industry more competitive. Methane emissions in Alberta will be reduced by 45% by 2025. TIER helps industrial facilities find innovative ways to reduce emissions by at least 10% below 2016 rates and invest in clean technology to stay competitive and save money. Carbon Capture & Storage have promising future but requires continued investment to realize the full potential.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 5

Submitted By: Calgary-Glenmore

Article Number: 102. Statement of Principles.i)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party is committed to:

protect and defend the ownership rights of Alberta to utilize its natural resources for the benefit of Albertans.

Rationale:

Alberta is a strong province with an abundance of natural resources, owned by Albertans and from which Albertans have the right to create an economy. We must guarantee Albertans' constitutional right to access and utilize all the natural resources within the province will be in their power for generations.

The relevant section of the Constitution of Canada begins:

Non-Renewable Natural Resources, Forestry Resources and Electrical Energy

Laws respecting non-renewable natural resources, forestry resources and electrical energy

92A. (1) In each province, the legislature may exclusively make laws in relation to

(a) exploration for non-renewable natural resources in the province;

(b) development, conservation and management of non-renewable resources and forestry resources in the province, including laws in relation to the rate of primary production therefrom; and

(c) development, conservation and management of sites and facilities in the province for the generation and production of electrical energy.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 6

Submitted By: Calgary-Edgemont

Article Number: 206. Health.3c)

Update Type: Replace

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

support publicly-funded, privately-delivered health services and to give Albertans the choice of privately-funded, privately-delivered health services where consistent with the Canada Health Act.

Rationale:

As currently worded, the policy 206.3.c) is a violation of the Canada Health Act. The September 2020 decision by the British Columbia Supreme Court ruled against the application and constitutional challenge by Dr. Brian Day and thus makes the current policy of the UCP a violation of the Canada Health Act.

It is vital that the UCP have policy consistent with established law whilst expressing a desire for better health care. The proposed amendment does support the aim of better access while recognizing that the issue is still before the courts and may evolve. However, this is no certainty and thus the amendment is necessary. It is also important to recognize that allegations of " two-tier health care" is an effective strategy for opposition political forces both during and outside of elections.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 7

Submitted By: Edmonton-West Henday

Article Number: 205. Finance.1c)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party is committed to:

striving to reduce the net interest cost on the Provincial debt.

Rationale:

Re-introducing ASCs (Alberta Savings Certificates, also known as Alberta Capital Bonds, which were last issued in 2010) could help reduce provincial net interest costs. The program could be administered by the ATB at minimal costs as they have all the infrastructure to do so in place. The actual ASCs would be similar to GICs (no paper certificate) and could be sold with various maturity dates. Some costs of raising capital and servicing debt could be dramatically reduced, such as: less time processing paperwork, fewer marketing costs, and less foreign jurisdiction red-tape. ASCs would only be made available to Alberta residents and resident corporations and trusts.

This would be a way for Albertans to show they want to help the province back to fiscal responsibility. As well, it is a way to bring voters onside with government borrowing.

The interest rate would be higher than institutional investors would receive (in order to make it attractive for Albertans), but that would be somewhat offset by the provincial income tax recovered on interest income earned by Albertans.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 8

Submitted By: Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood

Article Number: 403. Rights.1e)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

amend provincial legislation to protect a post-secondary institution employee or student from harassment, loss of employment or loss of academic standing by reason of that person's political opinion or belief.

Rationale:

Albertans' freedom of speech and association is undermined by "cancel culture". Academic staff and students can lose either position or academic standing for holding views or exploring views that are unpopular on campus or elsewhere. If staff or students are under threat of loss of employment or loss of academic standing for holding unpopular views, they have neither freedom of speech and association.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 9

Submitted By: Calgary-Elbow

Article Number: 205. Finance.3c)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

ensure that public sector employee total compensation - inclusive of pay, benefits and pensions - is comparable with similar positions in the private sector.

Rationale:

As a fiscally conservative party, it is our obligation to ensure that public monies are spent efficiently and effectively. Despite this, public sector employees are in some cases overcompensated compared to similar positions in the private sector. This is especially true when public pension commitments are taken into account. Unfunded public pension liabilities remain a ticking time bomb at the heart of public finances and are potentially dangerous to those depending on such commitments being met. To this end, the Party should support measures to bring public compensation in line with private compensation in this province.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 10

Submitted By: Calgary-Klein

Article Number: 206. Health.5d)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

support seniors through enhancements to the elder care and care home system in Alberta by creating a Public-Private Partnership model care home facility and system with best-in-class standards.

Rationale:

A huge toll of the COVID-19 pandemic has been borne by seniors in care home facilities across Canada through weak federal policy oversight on pandemic preparedness, prevention, vaccine development and later funding for active response. Care home failures led to national system improvement recommendations by the Royal Society of Canada in 2020 and recently by an Ontario Commission report in April 2021. With over 60 senior facilities in Alberta experiencing COVID outbreaks and over 1200 disproportionate senior deaths so far, there is need for lessons learned to be examined and acted on.

One weakness was conjugate living conditions in common wards in older facilities and a recognition that better-designed facilities would be required in the future. There would be a role for the private sector in financing and providing modern, fit-for-purpose care home infrastructure which would meet anticipated new standards of care.

Alberta's population is set to grow by 2 million people in the next 25 years with a senior population set to double to 1 in 5 with most of that occurring in the Calgary-Edmonton corridor. Developing extensive new elder care home infrastructure and a proficient service sector for a spectrum of care via P3 funding will be needed to meet demand. The doubling of population growth of senior's requirement could equate to approximately 25,000+ extra beds.

Coordinated focus by three levels of government and major private or public funding is required.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 11

Submitted By: Edmonton-Whitemud

Article Number: 206. Health.2d)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

foster and support the development of an Alberta-based pharmaceutical research, development, and production industry that will make Alberta a leader in North America.

Rationale:

The recent COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the vulnerability of North American citizenry created by concentrating the development and production of both common pharmaceutical drugs such as those used to treat diabetes, high-blood pressure and other common ailments in a handful of countries including China. It has also demonstrated similar vulnerabilities in not having domestic capacity to respond to emergent needs such as vaccine's. Creating this capacity in Alberta would allow for our province to be both self-reliant in this area, but also to become a pharmaceutical powerhouse for North America. A large number of chemists in the petrochemical industry would be ideally placed to develop skills in pharmacy and biochemistry. Substantial investments in expensive laboratories and associated facilities could be adapted for pharmaceutical use. What is chiefly required is a firm financial commitment by the government to dedicate the necessary funds.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 12

Submitted By: Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock

Article Number: 206. Health.7a)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

protect the rights of health care workers to freedom of conscience.

Rationale:

Health care workers, who enjoy freedom of conscience in Alberta, do so through the policies of their different professional associations and organizations. Unfortunately, these policies can be changed by those associations as happened in Ontario where the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons required their doctors to provide effective referrals for assisted suicides.

The MAID (medically assistance in dying) AHS policy does not allow for freedom of conscience and insists that a healthcare practitioner cannot try to dissuade someone from assisted suicide. The proposed policy would remove the power of professional and regulatory bodies to discriminate against those in their own professions and employment who disagree with the morality of certain medical procedure by enshrining conscience rights in law. It would strengthen their freedom and give peace of mind to health care professionals and practitioners.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 13

Submitted By: Camrose

Article Number: 206. Health.4c)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

develop triage processes that prioritize the hand-off from the Emergency Medical Technicians ("EMTs) to Emergency Department staff without delay to release and return EMT's and ambulances back into service.

Rationale:

Implement a triage system where EMT staff members could have patient assessed quickly with quick determination need for admittance to hospital, transfer to another facility or treatment and release. EMTs should not have to wait until a hospital bed is available for patient but rather obtain replacement stretcher and be monitored by a reduced number of hospital personnel rather than having multiple units with full EMT staff waiting unable to service rural areas.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 14

Submitted By: Calgary-Varsity

Article Number: 402. Labour.1a)

Update Type: Replace

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party is committed to:

working with skilled trades, employers, educators, and unions to develop a strategy to ensure that we have a skilled workforce to meet the current and future needs of the job market to build our province.

Rationale:

Skilled trades are required to build and maintain projects and infrastructure that drives Alberta's economy. We need a coherent strategy to ensure we have a robust and flexible workforce with the right skills to build our province as our economy recovers to support economic growth

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 15

Submitted By: Calgary-Beddington

Article Number: 206. Health.5f)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party is committed to:

ensure adequate supply of affordable housing for seniors and effective support for seniors who remain in their own homes.

Rationale:

The emergence of the COVID 19 brought the abysmal care of seniors in care homes to light. Standards of care and treatment must be upgraded so that in the event of another pandemic we are prepared with better defenses.

The number of seniors in Alberta is increasing significantly on a continuous basis. There is a growing shortage of senior care housing in Alberta. There is pressure on acute care hospital beds because of the inadequate supply of supportive care housing. There are overly burdensome regulations that are standing in the way of more affordable housing. Private and public partnerships and reduced red tape will facilitate additional care housing for seniors in the most cost-effective-way.

More affordable senior housing will reduce the pressure on health care costs while increasing the quality and appropriateness of care for both acute care patients and seniors.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 16

Submitted By: Edmonton-Manning

Article Number: 203. Energy.2h)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party is committed to:

support Nuclear Small Modular Reactor development in Alberta.

Rationale:

Nuclear power is a viable source of clean energy, capable of maintaining a consistent production of high levels of energy. With the move towards electric power Nuclear reactors would be an ideal source with the increase in the levels of consumption we will see. Albertan workers from fossil fuel energy plants would also be able to transition their work to nuclear plants. Nuclear power plants take up less surface area than renewables, are more consistent and don't rely on environmental conditions

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 17

Submitted By: Calgary-Hays

Article Number: 403. Rights.3a)

Update Type: Replace

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

support every individual's right to not join a union.

Rationale:

The existing Member Policy Declaration already incorporates "make Alberta a right-to work jurisdiction".

The above referenced phrase enhances a right to work jurisdiction.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 18

Submitted By: Edmonton-Manning

Article Number: 202. Education.6h)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

negotiate a merit-based system for public teacher compensation.

Rationale:

The Fraser Institute 2018 report detailed the performance of elementary, junior high, and high schools across the country--ranking them from 0 to 10 (0 being the worst, and 10 being the best). Alberta only had a handful of schools that were rated 7 or above.

We need to create a system where excellence is rewarded, and consequences are expected when performance is poor. The process or system for evaluation should be very similar to what was proposed by the State Governor of New Jersey. This system was based on the idea that the feelings of adults should NEVER come before the needs of children. This is only achievable if the Union is reeled in by allowing school districts to evaluate their teachers rather than the Union.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 19

Submitted By: Cardston-Siksika

Article Number: 206. Health.7a)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

protect the right of medical professionals to refuse to aid in the provision of procedures contrary to their conscience or religious beliefs.

Rationale:

Despite conscience protection in federal legislation (Bill C-14) and freedom of conscience and religion protected in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, it is incumbent upon the provincial government to ensure that the conscience rights of medical professionals are not at risk. The Criminal Code states in s. 241.2 that "nothing [...] compels an individual to provide or assist in providing medical assistance in dying." A professional regulatory body such as the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta is inconsistent with the Charter and the Criminal Code when it states that regulated members who decline requests for reasons of conscience or religion must still ensure the patient is given reasonable access to the MAiD coordination service without delay.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 20

Submitted By: Calgary-Beddington

Article Number: 208. Industry.3d)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party is committed to:

expand the Alberta economy by encouraging new industry development and diversification, value-added processing and by revitalizing existing industries.

Rationale:

High Alberta unemployment combined with subdued business activity and growth continues to be a problem due to the ongoing downturn in our primary resource-based economy.

We must promote the expansion of our oil and gas industry to manufacture value-added plastic products and sponsor industrial research to identify a full range of product opportunities. The advantage to receiving recycled plastics from across Canada is the low Alberta energy costs to manufacture value added products.

Building or attracting new industries will create needed jobs and revenue. High-tech businesses that focus on improving the oil and gas industry processes such as large-scale carbon dioxide and gas sequestration will also provide a competitive advantage. We should support research for various forms of energy generation such as co-generation of waste products and nuclear power. We can expand greenhouse food industries with inexpensive Alberta natural gas resources providing for our own needs and providing food for export. We should diversify into pharmaceutical manufacturing through applied university research and support.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 21

Submitted By: Calgary-Edgemont

Article Number: 206. Health.8a)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

develop and implement a comprehensive rapid response plan for public health emergencies that protects all Albertans while strengthening our economy. A rapid response plan that includes:

- domestically available manufacturing and development of biomedical, pharmaceuticals, vaccines, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- public policy research to identify best-practices to mitigate illness/death, collateral societal disruption, and economic damage.
- partnering with other provinces to invest in health research and development and domestic manufacturing.

Rationale:

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the need for improved response to public health emergencies and has demonstrated the need for improved rapid, coordinated, and effective government response to these emergencies.

Domestic vaccine research, development, and manufacturing will mitigate Canada's reliance on the European Union, the United States and other jurisdictions that blocked export of their domestically produced vaccines. Canada cannot rely on international trade agreements, supply contracts, or promises from foreign entities.

The listed solutions not only can contribute to saving lives and decreasing illness, but it also forms the basis of an ongoing economic investment that will benefit Albertans by creating and expanding a high technology industry.

While health care is constitutionally a provincial responsibility, any effective planning must include partnering with all provincial, territorial, and federal governments.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 22

Submitted By: Camrose

Article Number: 206. Health.5g)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

adapt health care procedures to allow rural seniors and spouses to remain in their homes with adequate home care provided.

Rationale:

Home care for rural residents appears to be sub-standard in relationship to what is provided in urban areas. Sometimes even small disabling injuries force people to either get treated in hospital and/or extended care facilities in urban settings.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 23

Submitted By: Morinville-St.Albert

Article Number: 102. Statement of Principles.i)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

safeguard our achievements and respect our accomplishments by addressing the threats to our history and culture posed by the cancel culture and the woke temperament with their historical revisionism and vilification of individuals.

Rationale:

More than 400 years ago, in 1599, William Shakespeare penned this immortal insight:

"The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones."

Today, self-anointed arbitrators are pursuing a political blitzkrieg to destroy legacies and reputations. Audacious and self-righteousness, they demand that only "the evil" of these leaders be remembered and "lives after them" and any "good" be cancelled. The main victims are white males whose misdeeds and alleged misdeeds occurred when social mores and political climates were much different.

Defacing statues and renaming building are favorite ploys. Bullying and intimidation are used to cower pusillanimous politicians, businesses, etc. Sir Winston Churchill and Sir John A. Macdonald are prominent targets. Left-wing icons such as Tommy Douglas and Emily Murphy are spared from their bile.

Schools are a second battlefield. The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario wants all buildings named after Macdonald to be renamed. The Alberta Teachers' Association is opposing the new K-6 curriculum. In the USA, Florida now prohibits "the teaching of Critical Race Theory, meaning the theory that racism is not merely the product of prejudice, but that racism is imbedded in American society and its legal system to uphold the supremacy of white persons." Idaho has banned teaching that "any sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin is inherently superior or inferior."

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 24

Submitted By: Calgary-Klein

Article Number: 302. Intergovernmental.2d)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

advocate to the federal government to collect carbon taxes on imported goods from foreign countries that do not have an equivalent carbon tax/pricing schemes.

Rationale:

Countries like China and India are large emitters of greenhouse gases as a result of using coal for energy production. Without carbon taxes or green house gas reduction programs, companies from these countries in competition with Canadian companies subject to carbon taxes have a competitive cost advantage.

According to the Fraser Institute, a \$50 per tonne carbon tax will increase the production cost for the whole Canadian economy in the short run by 2.4%. Petrochemical, agricultural fertilizer & basic chemical manufacturing, as well as power generation will see cost increases of more than 5%. Oil and gas extraction will see an increase of more than 1%. Those sectors that have high trade exposure & capital intensity will face the most competitive pressures as they will not be able to pass on the cost increase to customers.

This will result in lower profits, undermined competitiveness, loss of investment & ultimately the possibility of companies/industries relocating production to jurisdictions (carbon leakage) with less stringent climate change policies.

At \$170 per tonne the Fraser Institute estimates a 1.8% decline in GDP & a net loss of 184,000 jobs after accounting for new job creation & carbon tax rebates. The drop in GDP works out to about \$1540 in current dollars per employed person per year. Furthermore, tax revenues will drop such that the government will not be able to keep up its rebate program without going into debt by as much as \$22 billion annually.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 25

Submitted By: Calgary-Hays

Article Number: 206. Health.6b)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

monitor and regularly publish key health care sector outcome measures for Alberta and top-performing international jurisdictions.

Rationale:

The government has an obligation to widely communicate to Albertans the level of performance that is possible by explicitly comparing our public monopoly system to not only that of other Canadian provinces, but also the top performing countries worldwide. Countries we should be measuring against at least should include France, Switzerland, United Kingdom, South Africa, Australia, Sweden, Japan, Ireland, and United States of America.

The largest public sector unions are committed to preserving the unsustainable status quo to their benefit first and foremost, and not to the citizens of Alberta.

Albertans deserve to know the whole truth about how well our system really compares to what can be possible.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 26

Submitted By: Edmonton-West Henday

Article Number: 205. Finance.4e)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

develop savings plans to act as "shock absorbers" for future declines in government revenue/GDP, as well as for future generations.

Rationale:

The Heritage Savings Trust Fund (HSTF) has three objectives: to save for the future, to strengthen and diversify the economy, and to improve the quality of life of Albertans. A specific % of non-renewable resource revenue was allocated to the fund annually. In the early 1990s, income earned annually was transferred to the General Revenue Fund. Around 2012, the Government began "inflation-proofing" the HSTF, which meant leaving only income in the HSTF equal to the inflation rate.

In 2002, the Government created the Sustainability Fund to provide for a gradual but sustained reduction in our reliance on natural resource revenues and a focused attempt to build financial and other strategic assets to maintain and improve the Alberta Advantage. This fund went from \$17B to zero by 2013.

The recent sharp drop in Government revenues since 2013, coupled with the once in a century global pandemic has highlighted the need for the Government to have a comprehensive savings plan to cushion future sharp declines.

As part of implementing this proposed policy, the following action items are recommended:

• No longer transfer some HSTF income to the General Revenue Fund; i.e., retain all income earned in the HSTF

• Dedicate a specific % of non-renewable resource and renewable energy revenues each year to the HSTF

• Re-institute the Sustainability Fund. This fund would act as a "shock absorber" during times of sharp drops in Government revenues or for disaster recovery/emergencies

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 27

Submitted By: Edmonton-Whitemud

Article Number: 203. Energy.3c)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

explore a variety of energy strategies including nuclear energy and hydrogen fuel technologies as a possible future to meet both the province's energy needs going forward.

Rationale:

In tandem with Alberta's development of its petro-chemical industry development plans, Alberta should also be preparing for a post-fossil fuel world now. A well-developed nuclear industry or hydrogen fuel industry will both support current development of Alberta's oil sands and also provide a clean, renewable source of energy for the future.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 28

Submitted By: Calgary-Fish Creek

Article Number: 203. Energy.3a)

Update Type: Add New

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

ensure electrical grid reliability is maintained as Alberta transitions away from coal power generation.

Rationale:

It is critical that Alberta maintain a low-cost reliable electrical grid for the safety and livelihood of our citizens. As such, an engineering study should define the optimum percentage contribution of intermittent solar and wind power added to the electrical grid as Alberta transitions away from coal generation. Currently, approximately 43% of the Alberta electrical grid is supplied by reliable power from coal. Coal power generation is being phased out and replaced with mostly intermittent solar and wind power. As more intermittent electrical power is added to the electrical grid, there is a potential risk of blackouts from severe weather events like the February 2021 polar vortex when Alberta had record demand for electrical power. During winter months, the peak power demand is 6 to 9 am and 4 to 8 pm. Solar will supply very little power during these peak times due to the limited daylight in Alberta. For wind power, most sources recommend only using 30% of listed capacity as reliable power. Alberta has the option to bring in electricity from Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Montana but there is a limit on the amount of electricity that can be imported. Recent power outages from severe weather events caused billions of dollars of damage and the loss of life in both California and Texas due to unstable electrical grids. These events demonstrate the necessity for a study to ensure there is a reliable electrical grid for the future of Alberta citizens and businesses.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 29

Submitted By: Calgary-Hays

Article Number: 205. Finance.5b)

Update Type: Replace

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

determine if it is in the best interest of Albertans to withdraw its share of funds from the Canada Pension Plan and start an Alberta Pension Plan.

Rationale:

In 2020, similar to Equalization Payments, Albertans contributed more funds into the Canadian Pension Plan than what was received by Albertans in funds in return. By conducting a study to complete an appropriate economic assessment an objective determination can be made as to whether it is in the best interest of Albertans to proceed with an Alberta Pension Plan.

Resolution Type: Policy Resolution # 30

Submitted By: Calgary-Bow

Article Number: 203. Energy.2a)

Update Type: Replace

Resolution:

The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:

strengthen and promote Alberta's global energy leadership in Environment, Social, and Governance ("ESG") standards;

Rationale:

The modification is primarily a cleanup of language. The biggest change is to 203 2a where "governance" has been added and the words "health and safety" have been deleted because these terms actually fall under "social" in the acronym ESG ("Environmental, Social, and Governance"). ESG is an important term now used widely by governments and corporations to show investors their commitment to sustainable and responsible energy development.

ESG is the gold standard worldwide and it is a standard upon which the Canadian oil industries score very well. This standard measures the environmental and social costs from cradle to grave of many forms of energy and manufactured goods. Alberta energy sellers should promote how well they score on this standard and all purchasers of energy and other products should be strongly encouraged to let ESG standards strongly influence their decisions when purchasing.