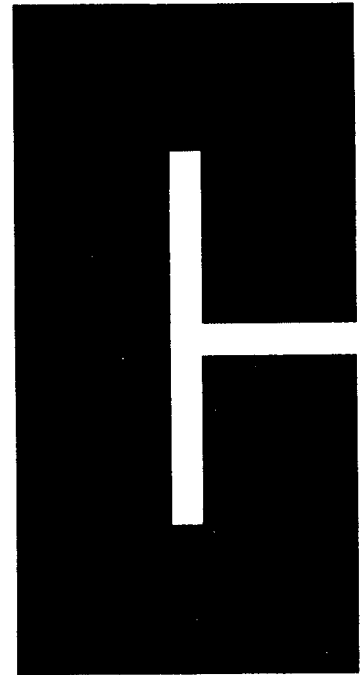
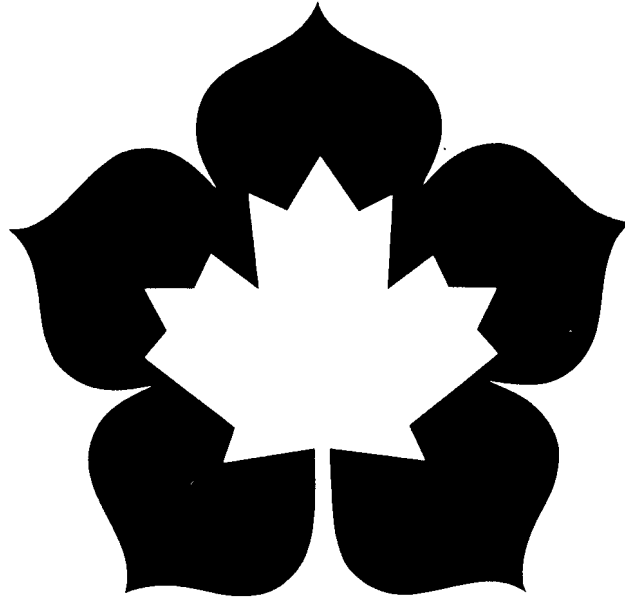
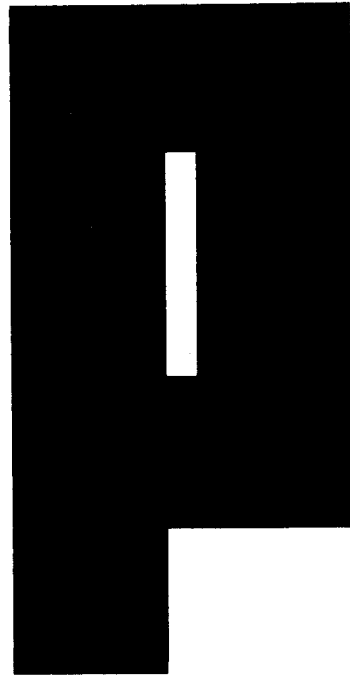


# ***Positive Policies of the Progressive Conservative Party***



- Enact a Provincial Bill of Rights
- Establish the Office of Ombudsman
- Appoint an Auditor-General
- Settle native land claims fairly and generously
- Rescind the right to strike of employees in essential services
- Repeal Mineral Royalties Act
- Revise Mining tax structure
- Adopt into law the basic principles established by the Royal Commission on the Status of Women
- Legal and financial recognition of Independent Schools
- Adopt an alternative balloting system
- Review provincial electoral boundaries at least once every five years
- Rescind Perpetual Tree Farm Licences
- Rescind legislated chip prices
- Establish a College of Teachers
- End compulsory membership in the BCTF
- Release Crown Land for housing — lease with option to buy
- Encourage reasonable rental housing vacancy rate to end controls
- Allocate time in the Legislature for debate of private members' bills
- Restructure marketing Boards
- Introduce a five-year programme to end welfare for those capable of self support
- Introduce upgraded intermediate health care services
- Transfer jurisdiction for Mobile Homes from Motor Vehicles to Housing Department
- Provide \$2,500 per unit mortgage financing for rental builders
- Freeze property taxes on homes of persons over 65 with less than \$15,000 income
- Remove Provincial Sales Tax from all materials, fixtures and equipment for housing
- Make deductible from provincial income tax payable, mortgage interest costs
- Remove school tax from farms
- Remove inheritance tax from farms
- Phase out Riverview Hospital in favour of local facilities
- Reduce health care charges for non smokers and non drinkers
- Establish intermediate care facilities throughout the province
- Free prescription drugs for people with some chronic ailments
- Confine election financial contributions to individuals eligible to vote
- Place a ceiling on political spending
- Require disclosure of contributions over \$100
- Establish medical school at University of Victoria
- Create Employee Stock Ownership plans to assist workers in acquiring shares in their own firms

**Full policy statements as approved by the 1975 Annual General Meeting of the Party are available on request.**

# DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

## Basic Policy

To protect the individual from the undue power of the state.

## Bill of Rights

Enact a provincial Bill of Rights guaranteeing equality of all individuals before the law, with full fundamental rights and freedoms, including right of appeal, access to an Ombudsman and freedom from discrimination based on age, sex, race, colour, religion or marital status.

## Ombudsman

Establish The Office of Ombudsman to investigate complaints against actions of any department, agency, Crown corporation, employee or member of the government of British Columbia.

## Auditor-General

Appoint an auditor-general to carry out continuous examination of the management of provincial financial affairs and take other measures including legislation to set up an administrative tribunals appeals procedure, and wider jurisdiction for the Public Accounts Committee and a Public Bodies Information Act.

## Regulatory Agency

Establish a truly independent agency to protect the public interest in such areas as cost of energy, transportation and communication, and other public utilities.

## Major Changes

Charge of \$5 a day for all levels of care, except to persons in need. Phase out Riverview Hospital, to be replaced by smaller facilities in patients' home areas. Medical school at University of Victoria within three or four years. Lower charges for non-smokers and non-drinkers, since they require less medical care than average.

## Range of Services

Immediate priority for construction, province wide, of facilities for intermediate care, with province and regions sharing 60-40 for construction costs. Three years immediately previous residence in British Columbia or ten years intermittently, to qualify for long-term care. Maximum involvement of local non-profit groups in providing and administering facilities. Boarding, nursing home and extended care levels to be provided within the same complex. Home care programmes to be greatly expanded, at charges equated to those for institutional care. De-emphasize institutional care.

## Mental Health Care

Maximum reduction of institutional care, replaced by facilities and personnel for care in home setting. Mental care facilities in general hospitals.

## Outlying Areas

Financial and other incentives for personnel.  
Incentives for regional boards to provide equipment to attract specialists.  
Assistance to established local residents for medical and para-medical training.  
Financial assistance for patients and relatives when care must be provided at a distant centre.

## Family Physician Services

Initiatives to develop community clinics with general practitioner, other members of health team and social services available in local community.

## Preventive Programmes

Major educational programmes, starting at kindergarten level, to promote interest in physical fitness and discourage poor nutritional habits and excessive indulgence in food, liquor and tobacco. More effective *Meals on Wheels*, delivery of groceries and other steps to improve nutrition among the elderly. Steps to alleviate problems of loneliness among senior citizens.

## Health Care Costs

Free prescription drugs for all patients with certain specified chronic problems, i.e., diabetes, cystic fibrosis. Financial assistance with nursing and maintenance costs for patients unable to obtain admission because of shortage of acute and extended care beds. Steps to minimize through efficiency the rapidly escalating cost of health care.