Alberta Tory Party Watch

Reporting Period: November 1–13, 2026

Progressive Tory Party of Alberta | Inaugural Report | November 13, 2026

REPORT SUMMARY

The Progressive Tory Party of Alberta continued its candidate recruitment and organizational activities during the reporting period. The party publicly challenged the provincial government's electoral boundaries process, announced Aaron Conner as a candidate, issued two veterans' commemorations, and opened registration for a special general meeting to consider revisions to its constitution and bylaws.

Two scheduled Peter Guthrie appearances were also listed as postponed.

Current News and Developments

NOVEMBER 12, 2026 | PARTY ORGANIZATION

Registration Opens for November 25 Special General Meeting

The Progressive Tory Party announced that registration is open for its November 25 virtual Special General Meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m.

Members will consider proposed amendments to the party constitution, constituency association constitution, and bylaws. The proposed changes follow the party's transition from the former Alberta Party identity.

Members must have been in good standing at least ten days before the meeting. Registration closes at noon on November 24.

Significance: This is an organizational development that could establish the party's longer-term governance structure. The amendments have not yet been approved by the membership.

Sources: Progressive Tory Party: Registration Open for SGM (Nov. 12)Original Special General Meeting Notice (Oct. 24)

NOVEMBER 9, 2026 | CANDIDATE RECRUITMENT

Aaron Conner Announced for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock

The Progressive Tory Party announced Aaron Conner as its candidate for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock in the next provincial general election.

According to the party, Conner is a Westlock County resident with experience managing contracting operations, work crews and projects involving veterans' grave restoration and memorials.

The party presents Conner as an advocate of government accountability, responsible public spending, professional expertise and practical decision-making.

Significance: The announcement adds another named candidate to the party's developing electoral organization. His qualifications and policy views are described primarily through party material. No independent assessment of his electoral prospects was established.

Sources: Party Candidate Announcement (Nov. 9)Official Party Candidate Roster

NOVEMBER 4–5, 2026 | ELECTORAL REFORM

Tory Party Challenges Electoral-Boundaries Process

In a November 4 statement titled "When Principles Matter Most | Gerrymandering," the Progressive Tory Party criticized the UCP government's approach to revising provincial electoral boundaries.

The party expressed concern about political influence, the independence of the review process, and public confidence in electoral fairness.

The controversy follows the government's rejection of the earlier Electoral Boundaries Commission's majority recommendations and the appointment of a subsequent advisory panel.

On November 2, the advisory panel's report was tabled in the Legislative Assembly. On November 4, the government supported the proposed map, with the decision reported November 5.

The opposition NDP alleges that the changes could create a partisan advantage by combining some urban and rural voting areas. Premier Danielle Smith disputes that characterization and argues that rural representation must be protected.

Assessment: The Tory Party's position is clear, but an allegation of gerrymandering is not equivalent to a legal or independently established finding of improper intent. The process and resulting proposals remain legitimate subjects of public scrutiny.

Sources: Progressive Tory Party Statement (Nov. 4)Legislative Assembly: Electoral Boundaries Committee and Official ReportsCanadian Press / CityNews: Government Endorses Proposed Map (Nov. 5)

NOVEMBER 3 AND 5, 2026 | PARTY EVENTS

Two Peter Guthrie Meet-and-Greets Postponed

The party's event calendar identifies two previously scheduled appearances by leader Peter Guthrie as postponed:

- November 3: Barrhead, Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock.
- November 5: Lacombe, Lacombe-Ponoka.

The published calendar did not establish reasons for the postponements or replacement dates.

Assessment: The postponements are confirmed as calendar notices. They do not, on their own, establish any broader organizational difficulty.

Source: Progressive Tory Party Official Events Calendar

NOVEMBER 10, 2026 | PUBLIC STATEMENT

Party Issues Remembrance Day Message

The Progressive Tory Party published a Remembrance Day tribute honouring Canadian military personnel, veterans and the families affected by military service.

The statement recalled Canada's involvement in major conflicts and emphasized the continuing obligation to recognize veterans and their sacrifices.

Assessment: This was a commemorative statement rather than an announcement of a new veterans' policy or funding commitment.

Source: Party Remembrance Day Statement (Nov. 10)

NOVEMBER 8, 2026 | PUBLIC STATEMENT

National Indigenous Veterans Day Recognized

The Progressive Tory Party published a tribute recognizing the military service and sacrifices of First Nations, Inuit and Métis veterans.

The statement acknowledged the historical contributions of Indigenous service members and the unequal treatment experienced by many returning veterans.

Assessment: The statement reflects the party's public acknowledgement of Indigenous military service but did not establish a new policy.

Source: Progressive Tory Party News Archive, Indigenous Veterans Day Remembrance (Nov. 8)

Party Organization and Electoral Status

Elections Alberta confirms that the Progressive Tory Party of Alberta is a registered political party. The name change from the Alberta Party became effective December 18, 2025.

Registered leadership: Peter Guthrie, Leader; Savanah Bosch, President; Wayne Jackson, Chief Financial Officer.

The party's publicly listed candidates include Aaron Conner, Bonnie Critchley, Kyle Joseph and Chris Kish. The party states that its objective is to field a full slate of candidates for the next provincial election.

Sources:Elections Alberta: Registered Political PartiesParty Candidate RosterElections Alberta: Party Financial Disclosure

Upcoming Developments to Monitor

- November 18: Highwood constituency open house in Okotoks, featuring Calgary-Shaw candidate Kyle Joseph.
- November 24: Registration deadline for the Special General Meeting.
- November 25: Special General Meeting and proposed votes on constitutional and bylaw amendments.
- Continuing: Candidate recruitment, constituency organization, fundraising disclosures and future party policy statements.

Sources:Official Events CalendarSpecial General Meeting Registration Notice

Overall Assessment

> Organizational activity: Continuing. The party has announced an additional candidate and is preparing to consider new governing documents.

> Political positioning: Increasingly defined around conservative institutional accountability and criticism of the UCP's approach to electoral boundaries.

> Electoral prospects: Uncertain. Public candidate announcements and organizational activity cannot be used as reliable substitutes for independent polling, fundraising results or constituency-level support.

> Evidence limitation: Most party-specific developments during this period were documented through official party communications. Independent reporting confirms the broader electoral-boundaries controversy, but does not independently establish all party claims.

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