CONSTITUTIONAL PATHWAY

Learning From America's Statehood History

America has admitted new states for more than 200 years.

The U.S. Constitution gives **Congress the power to admit new states** under Article IV, Section 3.

The PCC wants Canadians to understand how that process has worked throughout American history—and then openly discuss what could apply to Canada.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS

Our vision is to hold **constitutional conventions across Canada within 1–2 years**.

People from every community, including First Nations communities, would have the opportunity to participate.

We want Canadians to hear from some of the **greatest constitutional scholars, historians and legal minds from the United States, Canada and around the world.**

And we want these discussions available in the languages Canadians actually speak.

LEARN. DISCUSS. BUILD.

The conventions would explain:

How American states create constitutions.

How state governments work.

How Congress has admitted new states.

What previous statehood processes can teach us.

Then Canadians can participate in developing a constitutional vision for our future.

TEXAS AND HAWAII

America's history shows that there isn't just one statehood story.

Texas followed a unique path from the Republic of Texas to U.S. statehood.

Hawaii followed another path, including congressional legislation establishing the requirements for admission.

These histories give us examples to study—not a one-size-fits-all formula.

THE CONGRESSIONAL PATH

The proposed pathway is simple to understand:

1. LEARN
Study American constitutional and statehood history.

2. CONVENE
Bring Canadians together in constitutional conventions.

3. BUILD
Develop and debate a proposed constitutional framework.

4. PRESENT
Bring the work forward for consideration by the United States Congress.

5. FOLLOW THE LAW
Meet whatever requirements Congress establishes through its admission legislation.

A FUTURE WE BUILD TOGETHER

This isn't about politicians sitting in a room and deciding Canada's future for everyone else.

It's about **people learning, discussing, participating and building a constitutional vision together.**

The PCC believes Canadians deserve to understand the American statehood process before making decisions about Canada's future.

LEARN THE HISTORY.

BUILD THE CONSTITUTION.

LET THE PEOPLE PARTICIPATE.

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