



## Proposed Amendments to the CMHoC Meta Constitution and By-Laws

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## Summary

Part 1 amends the Meta Constitution to,

- (a) Clarify that provisions referring to “moderators” also refer to provincial community administrators.
- (b) rename “meta petitions” to “meta resolutions”, to clarify their purpose as proposed changes to the simulation, not as requests to be considered by the moderators,
- (c) clarify rules around meta whipping, prohibiting party leaders or anyone acting on their instructions from using undue influence or intimidation to influence the presentation, seconding, or voting on meta resolutions,
- (d) clarify the areas of exclusive jurisdiction of the moderators and provincial community administrators, and
- (e) merge the canon office of Speaker of the House of Commons into being a responsibility of the Parliamentary moderator.

Part 2 amends the Parliament By-Law to,

- (a) remove references to list seats, and
- (b) merge the canon office of Speaker of the House of Commons into being a responsibility of the Parliamentary moderator.
- (c) merge the canon office of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario into being a responsibility of the Community Administrator of OntarioSim.

Part 3 amends the Election By-Law to remove references to list seats.

Part 4 amends the Standing Orders of the House of Commons to,

- (a) merge the canon office of Speaker of the House of Commons into being a responsibility of the Parliamentary moderator.
- (b) add two additional deputy speakers, appointed by the Parliamentary Moderator after consulting with party leaders and confirmed by a vote of the House of Commons,
- (c) specify that a party requires at least 10% of seats (With 16 Seats that means 2 seats) in the House of Commons to receive official party status.

Part 5 amends the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to,

- (a) merge the canon office of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario into being a responsibility of the Community Administrator of OntarioSim.
- (b) add two additional deputy chairs, appointed by the Community Administrator of OntarioSim after consulting with party leaders and confirmed by a vote of the Legislative assembly.

Pursuant to section 75 subsection 81(a) of the CMHoC Meta Constitution, 2023, the Executive enacts as follows:

## Part 1

### CMHoC Meta Constitution, 2023

#### Amendments to the Constitution

**1 The definition “moderators” in section 1 of the Constitution is replaced by the following:**

“moderators” refers to Members of the Executive or Provincial Community Administrators.

**2 The Constitution is amended by adding the following after section 8:**

**Meta Whipping**

**8.1** No Political Party leader, nor anyone acting on their instructions, shall by intimidation or undue influence, influence or attempt to influence members to vote or refrain from voting, to vote or refrain from voting for a particular candidate in a meta election, or to vote or refrain from voting for option in an approval vote.

**3 Section 9 of the Constitution is replaced by the following:**

#### Meta Resolutions

**Presentation of Resolutions**

**9** Any member of the simulation may present a meta resolution on r/CMHoCMeta.

- (a) No party leader, nor anyone acting on their instructions, shall by intimidation or undue influence, influence or attempt to influence members to present a resolution, or refrain from presenting a resolution.
- (b) The Executive unanimously may reject any resolution they deem harmful for the simulation or biased against any members or political groups.

**4 Section 9.1 of the Constitution is replaced by the following:**

**Proposed Meta Rule Text**

**9.1 (1)** If a Meta Resolution includes the requesting of any change to anything falling under section 80 of the Meta Constitution, or to amend the Meta Constitution, it must include the text of a proposed by-law to effect the changes proposed.

**Imperfect or blank Meta Resolutions.**

**(2)** No Meta Resolutions may be deemed valid that are blank or in an imperfect form.

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## **5 Section 10 of the Constitution is replaced by the following:**

### **Seconders**

**10** Any resolution that has been seconded by at least 5 other members or been seconded by a member of the Executive on r/CMHoCMeta shall be deemed valid.

## **6 The Constitution is amended by adding the following after section 10:**

### **Meta Whipping**

**10.1** No Political Party leader, nor anyone acting on their instructions, shall by intimidation or undue influence, influence or attempt to influence members to second a resolution or refrain from seconding a resolution.

## **7 Section 11 of the Constitution is replaced by the following:**

### **No Amendments**

**11** Except as otherwise provided for under this meta constitution, no amendments to a meta resolution are allowed.

## **8 Section 11.1 of the Constitution is replaced by the following:**

### **Amendments to Proposed By-Laws**

**11.1 (1)** When any resolution has been deemed valid that includes the text of a proposed by-law under subsection 9.1(1), within 7 days, the Executive must make a post on r/CMHoCMeta, with a minimum 72 hour period where Members may propose to amend, delete or insert any clause in the proposed by-law.

### **Sub-Amendments**

**(2)** No sub-amendments shall be permitted.

### **Amendment Meta Vote**

**(3)** Upon the conclusion of the 72 hour period for proposing amendments under subsection (1), if amendments have been proposed, the Executive must post a meta vote on each of the proposed amendments.

### **Contradictory Amendments**

**(4)** If, at the Amendment Meta Vote stage, multiple amendments are passed that, in the opinion of the Executive, are incompatible, the Executive must post a new meta vote on each of the incompatible amendments.

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## **9 Section 11.2 of the Constitution is replaced by the following:**

### **Meta Vote on resolutions without proposed by-law**

**11.2 (1)** When any resolution has been deemed valid that does not include the text of a proposed by-law, the Executive must post a meta vote on the petition within 7 days.

### **Meta Vote on resolutions with proposed by-law**

**(2)** Upon the conclusion of the amendment meta votes on the resolution, or, if no amendments have been proposed, the Executive must post a meta vote on the resolution, without amendment, or with the amendments that were passed at the amendment meta vote stage, within 7 days.

## **10 Section 12 of the Constitution is replaced by the following:**

## Leadership Review Resolution

### **Removal from office on passage of leadership review resolution**

**12** If a resolution calling for the removal of an officeholder from an office or multiple offices passes, the member is automatically removed from any offices indicated in the resolution.

### **Exception**

**13** No resolution calling for the removal of a CMHoC Guardian shall be deemed valid.

## **11 Section 25 of the Constitution is replaced by the following:**

### **Loss of Office**

**25** An officeholder loses their office when,

- (a)** they are pinged in a post on r/cmhocmeta by a member alleging their inactivity, reasonable efforts are made to bring the post to their attention, and do not reply to that post within 72 hours.;
- (b)** their Reddit account is deleted and there is no contact between the officeholder and any member of the Executive for one week;
- (c)** they resign;
- (d)** a resolution calling for their removal from office under section 12 passes; or
- (e)** the Executive decides unanimously to remove them from their office, other than Guardians, Members of the Executive and Members of the Ban and Appeals Commission.

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**12 Section 39 of the Constitution is replaced by the following:**

## Head Moderator

### Head Moderator

**39(1)** The Head Moderator shall have exclusive jurisdiction and powers, and may make such decisions as may be required, subject to this meta constitution and the by-laws of the simulation, over the following classes of subjects,

- (a) the actions of the Governor General in canon, including commissioning members to form government, royal assent to legislation, refusal of advice, and dismissal of the prime minister, in accordance with the Conventions of the Westminster system,
- (b) the enactment of federal regulations, orders in council, and other secondary legislation in canon,
- (c) all oaths and swearing in relating to the federal cabinet and privy council for Canada,
- (d) bans, appeals, community management and regulation of conduct within the simulation,
- (e) recruitment of new members and onboarding procedures in the federal simulation,
- (f) the canonicity of actions taken and events that occur within the simulation,
- (g) foreign relations of the simulation to any other simulation, person or organization,
- (h) internal procedures for the executive and commissions, and
- (i) record keeping in relation to any other subject under this section.

### Residual Powers

**(2)** The Head Moderator shall also have exclusive jurisdiction within any class of subject not assigned exclusively to any Moderator by this Meta Constitution.

### Emergencies

**(3)** The head moderator may make decisions that infringe into the exclusive jurisdiction of another moderator, when the simulation is facing an existential crisis, and the decision is temporarily required, such infringements only last as long as the emergency itself.

### Simulation Concern

**(4)** Where a subject goes beyond the concern and interest of a particular moderator, and from its inherent nature is the concern of the simulation as a whole, and where the moderator concerned has failed or is unable to deal effectively with the control and regulation of the simulation wide aspects of the matter. The Head Moderator may make decisions in relation to that matter that infringe on the exclusive jurisdiction of that moderator.

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**13 Section 42 of the Constitution is replaced by the following:**

## Electoral Moderator

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**42** The Electoral Moderator shall have exclusive jurisdiction and powers, and may make such decisions as may be required, subject to this meta constitution and the by-laws of the simulation, over the following classes of subjects,

- (a) the canon federal election system of the simulation,
- (b) scoring, modifiers, and any other method of calculating the results of canon federal elections.
- (c) The federal electoral boundaries used in canon elections,
- (d) campaigning by members in canon federal elections,
- (e) the canon press in relation to federal politics,
- (f) Advertising by federal political parties outside of cmhoc,
- (g) federal political parties within the simulation,
- (h) federal by-elections within the simulation,
- (i) federal polling conducted within the canon of the simulation, and
- (j) record keeping in relation to any other subject under this section.

**14 Section 45 of the Constitution is replaced by the following:**

## Parliamentary Moderator

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**42** The Parliamentary Moderator shall have exclusive jurisdiction and powers, and may make such decisions as may be required, subject to this meta constitution and the by-laws of the simulation, over the following classes of subjects,

- (a) the canon House of Commons of Canada,
- (b) The canon Senate of Canada,
- (c) all oaths and swearing in relating to the Parliament of Canada,
- (d) activity requirements, leaves of absence, and their enforcement for members of parliament and senators, and
- (e) record keeping in relation to any other subject under this section.

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**15 The Constitution is amended by adding the following after section 47:**

## Division of Powers

### Dominant features

**47.1** The dominant features and actual effects of any decision taken by a moderator must fall within a class of subject falling under their exclusive jurisdiction, any decision taken by a moderator whose dominant features and actual effects do not fall within a subject under their exclusive jurisdiction are of no force or effect.

### Incidental effects

**47.2** If a decision is taken by a moderator that has dominant features and actual effects within their jurisdiction, but has secondary or incidental features or effects that intrude into the exclusive jurisdiction of another moderator,

- (a) If those features or effects cause a conflict with decisions either existing or made later within that exclusive jurisdiction by that moderator, the decisions of the moderator with exclusive jurisdiction are paramount, or
- (b) If there is no conflict caused, those features and effects are enforceable.

**16 Section 56 of the Constitution and the heading before it is repealed.**

**17 Section 57 of the Constitution is repealed.**

**18 Section 59 of the Constitution is replaced by the following:**

### House of Commons Presiding Officers

**59** The House of Commons presiding officers shall provide administration and operations to the House of Commons, and may preside over debates of the House of Commons.

**19 Section 63 of the Constitution is replaced by the following:**

### Taking office as a Community Administrator

**63** A member becomes and holds office as the Community Administrator of a Provincial Simulation by being elected in a Meta Election. With the provisions of this meta constitution relating to members of the executive, including classes of subject within their exclusive jurisdiction being made applicable to the respective Community Administrators with respect to their province.

**20 Paragraph 64(a) of the Constitution is repealed.**

## Part 2



## CMHoC Parliament By-Law

### Amendments to the By-Law

**21 The Parliament by-law is amended by adding the following after section 3:**

#### **Speaker of the House of Commons**

**3.1** The canon office of the Speaker of the House of Commons is held automatically by the Parliamentary Moderator.

**22 Section 4 of the Parliament by-law is replaced by the following:**

#### **House Administration**

**4** Other offices in the House Administration shall be held by presiding officers of the House of Commons Speakership, as may be assigned by the Parliamentary Moderator.

**23 Subsection 7(2) of the Parliament by-law is repealed.**

**24 Section 10 of the Parliament by-law is replaced by the following:**

#### **Proceedings on Opening Day**

**10** On an opening day of the first parliamentary session of a parliament, the Parliamentary Moderator shall inform the House of the pro forma statement in the Senate Chamber that the Speech from the Throne will not yet occur.

## **Part 3**

## CMHoC Election By-Law

### Amendments to the By-Law

**25 Section 46 of the Election By-Law is repealed.**

## **Part 4**

## Standing Orders of the House of Commons

### Amendments to the Standing Orders

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## **Notwithstanding**

**26** All amendments to the Standing Orders of the House of Commons contained within this by law are made notwithstanding section 30 of the Parliament By-Law.

**27 The Standing Orders of the House of Commons are amended by adding the following after Standing Order 2:**

## **Definitions**

**2.01** For the purpose of these Standing Orders,

“Party” means a party that has a recognized membership of at least 10 per cent of the total number of seats in the House of Commons. For the purpose of this Standing Order, if the party’s percentage of the total number of seats is not a whole number, it shall be rounded to,

- (i) the next lowest whole number, in the case of a percentage that ends in less than .5; or
- (ii) the next highest whole number, in the case of a percentage that ends in .5 or more.

**28 Standing orders 2.1 to 2.6 of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons are repealed.**

**29 The Standing Orders of the House of Commons are amended by adding the following after Standing Order 2.7:**

**Assistant Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chair of Committees of the Whole and Assistant Deputy Speaker and Assistant Deputy Chair of Committees of the Whole.**

**2.8 (1)** At the commencement of every session, or from time to time as necessity may arise, the Speaker of the House, after consultation with the leaders of each of the officially recognized parties, shall announce to the House the name of a member he or she considers to be qualified for the position of Assistant Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chair of Committees of the Whole and also the name of a member he or she considers to be qualified for the position of Assistant Deputy Speaker and Assistant Deputy Chair of Committees of the Whole, either of whom shall, upon his or her election to that post, whenever the Chair of Committees of the Whole is absent, be entitled to exercise all the powers vested in the Chair of Committees of the Whole including his or her powers as Deputy Speaker during the Speaker’s unavoidable absence.

## **Question put forthwith.**

**(2)** Following the designation of a member pursuant to section (1) of this standing order, a motion for his or her election shall be deemed to have been moved and seconded and the question shall be put forthwith without debate or amendment.

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## **Appointment procedure for Presiding Officers**

**2.9** 2 of the 3 Presiding Officers of the House, not counting the Speaker, shall be chosen from Opposition parties, and 1 of the 3 Presiding Officers of the House, not counting the Speaker, shall be chosen from Government parties.

**30 Standing Order 3 of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons is replaced by the following:**

**Speaker Mute in Debate. Decisions in the Negative.**

**3** The Speaker shall not take part in any debate before the House. In case of an equality of votes, the Decision shall be deemed to be in the Negative.

## **Part 5**

# Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario

## Amendments to the Standing Orders

### **Notwithstanding**

**31** All amendments to the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario contained within this by law are made notwithstanding section 30 of the Parliament By-Law.

**32 Standing order 4 of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario is repealed.**

**33 The Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario are amended by adding the following after Standing Order 5(b):**

### **Appointment of Deputy Chairs of the Committee of the Whole House**

#### **Deputy Chairs' duties**

**(c)** At the commencement of every Parliament, or from time to time as may be required, the House shall appoint 2 Deputy Chairs of the Committee of the Whole House, to be known respectively as the First and Second Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole House, any of whom shall, in order of precedence, whenever the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House is absent or otherwise unable to act, be entitled to exercise all the powers vested in the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House, including those powers as Deputy Speaker.

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**34 Standing Order 6 of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario is replaced by the following:**

## **Appointment procedure for Presiding Officers**

**6** On the advice of the House Leader of each of the recognized Opposition parties in the House given to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, 2 of the 3 Presiding Officers of the House, not counting the Speaker, shall be chosen from recognized Opposition parties, and 1 of the 3 Presiding Officers of the House, not counting the Speaker, shall be chosen from government parties.

**35 Standing Order 13 of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario is replaced by the following:**

## **Decisions of the House**

**13** Questions arising in the Legislative Assembly shall be decided by a Majority of Voices, and the Speaker shall in no Cases have a Vote, and when the Voices are equal the Decision shall be deemed to be in the Negative.