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PRESENTATION 1

Our proposal is designed to:

1. **Provide time to LISTEN to the grass roots**
- **INSTEAD OF** -
2. Spending the next 12 months in an unproductive WHEEL SPIN:
 - i. **WHEEL SPIN** - defined:
 - a. First six months - campaigns:
 - 1) Leadership
 - 2) Executive offices
 - b. Next six months - reorganize:
 - 1) Leader and Executive organizations
 - ii. **LISTEN** - defined:
 - a. When a parent says, "listen" - they mean:
 - 1) **STOP** what you are doing
 - 2) **RESPECT** me and hear what I am trying to say
 - 3) **RESPOND** to my wishes (decisions)

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PRESENTATION 2

Thoughtful, strategic examination of our proposal reveals:

1. **Time is provided to LISTEN to the grass roots**
2. **LISTEN** to the grass roots means:
 - i. **STOP** what we have been doing for far too long:
 - a. Continual power struggles
 - b. Never ending campaigns
 - c. Constant restructuring of the 'upper echelon'
 - ii. **RESPECT** us, the grass roots members by:
 - a. Hearing what we have been trying to say for years; two recent examples:
 - i) Change Commission; November, 2008 - April, 2009
 - ii) Red Ribbon Task Force; 2005 - 2006
 - b. Through those efforts much has been done, but, there is much, much more to do:
 - 1) We must establish a "Re-engage & Redefine Team" (R & R)
 - 2) The R & R Team must immediately develop an effective plan to:
 - i) Re-engage grass roots to get and refine their input
 - ii) Present a summary of findings and get feedback
 - iii) Engage the grass roots in a second round of consultations to develop clear statements of:
 - a) **Liberal Vision and Objectives**
 - b) **CORE Liberal Values**
 - iii. **RESPOND** to the wishes of the grass roots by:
 - a. Presenting these clear statements for adoption at our next Biennial Convention
 - b. Implementing the decisions made at that convention

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PRESENTATION 3

In summary, we are proposing to:

1. **STOP** the **WHEEL SPIN** and take time to listen to the grass roots
2. **RESPECT** all members by actually taking time to hear and understand what is being said
3. **RESPOND** to grass roots wishes by formulating / adopting clear statements that:

REDEFINE:

- i. **Canadian Liberal Vision**
- ii. **Canadian Liberal Objectives**
- iii. **Canadian Liberal Core Values**

In conclusion, our proposed sub-amendments:

1. Provide stability during the first year of our re-engagement process
2. Ensure that the re-engagement process is driven by the grass roots
*** not campaigns and reorganization ***
3. Provide one year (seven 'working months') to:
 - i. Sincerely re-engage and consult with the grass roots
 - ii. Prepare for and hold a truly meaningful Biennial Convention
4. Provide convention scheduling and negotiating flexibility by removing the 'Ottawa restriction'
5. Provide scheduling flexibility for a Leadership Vote by adding four months to the window
6. Provide for a new, permanent Leader to be in place for 2½ to 3 years prior to the next election

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INTRODUCTION

The Liberal Party of Canada has a seriously exhausted and dejected membership. This will not be the case forever. We WILL re-engage; we WILL attract new members; and we WILL rebuild - but - we need to take our time.

Based on results, it is evident that our approach has been woefully lacking for years.

- To get better results we must identify and adopt a better approach
- We must develop a 'new plan,' launch it - then with full involvement of every grass roots member, follow through

We must now act in a manner that 100% involves, listens to and respects the wishes of but more importantly, the decisions of the grass roots.

The proposed Biennial Convention delay - to January - does not provide adequate time to undertake the critical challenge at hand.

- GIVEN: 'The Summer and Christmas off,' we would be left with just two 'working months' (October & November) to actually engage the grass roots in any kind of a serious and meaningful process
- This fall there are SEVEN Provincial and Territorial Elections (MB, NL, NT, ON, PE, SK, YT) which will demand the full attention of both the PTAs and, more importantly, a large percentage of the very people we must involve in the rebuilding process - our members

We must provide more time to effectively engage grass roots Liberals in order to regain not only their respect and trust, but also to gain the respect and trust of the 40% of Canadians who did not vote for any party.

- Many Liberals have declared that a post mortem / debriefing is essential ... not just Riding by Riding; not just Poll by Poll; but, in some cases, even 'Block by Block'
- We need time to recruit / permit potential National Executive candidates to prepare, then come forward and present their platforms, in full light of our recently realized reality
- Given the recent Federal election plus the seven Provincial and Territorial elections yet to come, in addition to the 'normal' political activities / events that many of us participate in, 2011 is an extremely demanding year for most Liberals
- Many of the people that we must attract to ensure the success of the re-engagement process will be precluded by virtue of 'political overload' in conjunction with their need to earn a living and maintain family relationships

Perception is 90% of the battle.

- The apparent 'RUSH' feels to many like this is being done from the 'Top Down' - AGAIN

We have lots of time ... working backwards, we should be planning as follows:

- Next Federal Election: Between May, 2015 and May, 2016; Probably - Fall 2015
- Leadership Vote: June, 2013; Two plus years with a new leader in place
- Biennial Convention: June, 2012; Seven 'working months' VS just two

We have the luxury of time on our side - so - we must take the time to do it right - THIS time.

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TIMING CHANGE

	BOARD MEET	BIENNIAL CONV.	LEADERSHIP VOTE
As Proposed	By Oct 01, 2012	Jan 13, 2012	Between Nov 01, 2012 & Feb 28, 2013
Amendment	No	June, 2012	Between Nov 01, 2012 & Jun 28, 2013
Change	None	ADD 4 to 5 Months	ADD 4 Months (maximum, if any)

HOW WE SHOULD USE OUR TIME FOR THE NEXT YEAR

PHASE 1 June, 2011 to End August, 2011

- Develop a “Re-engage & Rebuild” (R & R) Action Plan that will inspire grass roots Liberals to take ownership of their Party
 - Involve professional marketing assistance
 - Lay the ground work to define / establish a Biennial Convention program that will allow us to redefine Liberal Values and restructure the Party
- Prepare for and promote Phase 2 launch
 - PTA and Commission Presidents apprise their EDAs, Clubs and Boards of the R & R Action Plan and time lines to re-engage their members and most importantly their volunteers.

PHASE 2 September, 2011 to End November, 2011

- R & R Team launch first round of grass roots sessions
 - EDAs and Commissions reach out to all members
- Input gathered live and / or electronically from any / all who wish to be involved

PHASE 3 December, 2011 to Mid - Late January, 2012

- R & R Team, with LPC Staff support, summarize grass roots input and publish a summary (report) ...
 - Concept - Report title could be: “THIS IS WHAT YOU SAID”
 - Grass roots review the published summary & provide feedback
- R & R Team consider / incorporate grass roots feedback then prepare for and promote Phase 4 launch

PHASE 4 February, 2012 to April, 2012

- BASED ON: - PHASE 2 INPUT; - PHASE 3 REPORT; - PHASE 3 FEEDBACK ...
- R & R Team launch second round of grass roots sessions
 - Prepare / propose / discuss / refine Liberal Vision and Objectives
 - Prepare / propose / discuss / refine CORE Liberal Values

PHASE 5 May, 2012

- R & R Team summarize Phase 4 input and publish an electronic summary (report) ...
 - “GRASS ROOTS RESTRUCTURING of the LIBERAL PARTY of CANADA and REDEFINING CANADIAN LIBERAL VALUES” {for consideration @ Biennial Convention}
- BASED ON: - PHASE 5 SUMMARY ...
- Prepare for and promote Phase 6 convention

PHASE 6 Between Mid May and End of June, 2012

- Biennial Convention

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Sub-amendment ONE

WHEREAS: The Liberal Party of Canada must develop, launch and follow through on a new plan to involve, listen to and respect the wishes and the decisions of the grass roots, AND

WHEREAS: The proposed Biennial Convention delay to January does not provide adequate time to undertake the critical challenge at hand, in that it provides just two 'working months' to attempt to address these challenges, AND

WHEREAS: The proposed Biennial Convention delay fails to recognize that a high percentage of our membership will be engaged during the fall of 2011 in Provincial and Territorial elections, AND

WHEREAS: Many of the people that we must attract to the re-engagement process will be precluded by virtue of 'political overload' in conjunction with their need to earn a living and maintain their family relationships, AND

WHEREAS: We have the luxury of time on our side and therefore can (and must) provide sufficient time and flexibility to effectively plan and initiate the re-engagement and rebuilding process,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Amendment 2, proposed by the National Board and presented on the Party's web site, to amend the Constitution by adding section 82(2), be amended as follows:

- Second last line: Substitute "between May 15 and June 30"
 For "on January 13 to 15"
- Last line: Substitute "June 30"
 For "January 15"

Mover: Gregg Guptill, Summerside, PE (Egmont)

Secunder: Kirk Cameron, Whitehorse, YT (Yukon)

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Sub-amendment TWO

WHEREAS: The National Management Committee may require flexibility with regards selection of location of the Biennial Convention and should not be constrained by way of the constitution,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Amendment 2, proposed by the National Board and presented on the Party's web site, to amend the Constitution by adding section 82(2), be amended as follows:

- Second last line: Delete "at Ottawa, Ontario"

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Sub-amendment THREE

WHEREAS: In light of current extraordinary circumstances, it may well prove to be in the best interest of the Liberal Party of Canada to provide up to one year between the 2012 Biennial Convention and a Leadership vote,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Amendment 1, proposed by the National Board and presented on the Party's web site, to amend the Constitution by adding section 82(1), be amended as follows:

- Paragraph (b) Substitute "June 30"
 For "February 28"

- Last paragraph Substitute "June 30"
 For "February 28"

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