



## 2016 Green Party of Canada Convention 16th Biennial General Meeting

*Delta City Centre in Ottawa, ON  
August 5 to 7, 2016*

Friday, August 5, 2016 (4:00 pm - 5:00 pm)

1. Call to Order (4:00 pm, 17 min)

1.1 Appointment of Chair / Co-chair / Recorder (4:00, 3 min)

**Motion:** To appoint chairperson, co-chairperson, secretary, as follows:

- Chair: Ken Melamed
- Co-Chair: Patricia Farnese
- Secretary: Katarina Dunham

1.2 Rules of procedure (4:03 pm, 5 min)

**Motion:** To adopt Robert's Rules except where superceded by the party's constitution.

1.3 Adoption of Agenda (4:08 pm, 2 min)

**Motion:** To adopt agenda for convention and for the general meeting as published.

1.4 Introduction of Federal Council (4:10 pm, 2 min)

1.5 Convention Resolutions Committee (4:12 pm, 5 min)

**Motion:** To appoint Kate Storey, Dave Abbey, Cherie Wong, Jeff Matthews, Kas MacMillan, Wesley Stevens to the Convention Resolution Committee to receive resolutions from the floor by 11 pm on Friday, Aug. 5th, and to recommend to the plenary on Saturday morning those resolutions that are considered emergency resolutions.

2. General Business (4:17 pm, 47 min)

2.1 Call for Emergency Resolutions from the Floor (4:17 pm, 7 min)

**Motion:** To consider emergency resolutions from the floor during the Sunday plenary session, after all other business has been disposed of, in order of submission to the Convention Rules Committee, if time permits prior to adjournment of plenary at 11:45 am on August 7th.



*Note: Bylaw 4.3.3 - "Motions that are not submitted in advance and are moved from the floor of the meeting shall only be considered if they are of an emergency nature and shall require a 2/3 vote to be considered by the meeting."*

## 2.2 Call for Ombuds and Appeals Committee Members (4:24 pm, 6 min)

*Note: The role of the Ombuds Committee is covered under Bylaw 7 of our Constitution:*

- *Receive complaints from Members of the Party regarding decisions made by organized Units or Functionaries of the Party that affect their rights as members, or concerns regarding Party governance.*
- *Decide whether or not to accept and deal with each complaint, and inform the complainant of the decision.*
- *For accepted cases, issue reports with the committee's recommendations to all the parties involved.*
- *Inform Federal Council regularly of its activities.*
- *Maintain guidelines for conduct and operation of the Ombuds and Appeals Committee.*

## 2.3 Recognition of 2015 Breakthrough Fund Participants (4:30 pm, 5 min)

**Motion:** To thank the following EDAs for their participation in the 2015 Breakthrough Fund: Burnaby South, Charleswood-St. James-Assiniboia-Headingley, Don Valley West, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, Niagara West, Ottawa Centre, Ottawa South, Ottawa-Vanier, Regina-Wascana, Saanich-Gulf Islands, South Okanagan-West Kootenay, Toronto Centre, and Wellington-Halton Hills.

## 2.4 Adoption of Minutes of 2014 Meeting (Fredericton), 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial General Meeting (4:35 pm, 3 min)

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of the 2014 Green Party of Canada Biennial General Meeting.

## 2.5 2015 Financial Statement (4:38 pm, 20 min)

## 2.6 Introduction of Staff (4:58 pm, 2 min)

Saturday, August 6, 2016 (9:30 - 10:25 am)

### 3. Hiroshima Day (9:30 am, 15 min)

**Motion:** That, on this the 71st anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, the Green Party of Canada joins Green parties worldwide in reaffirming our commitment to making global nuclear disarmament a reality.

### 5. General Business (9:45 am, 40 min)

#### 5.1 Presentation of Emergency Resolutions from the Floor (9:45 am, 15 min)

[Emergency Policy Resolution on Extreme Genetic Technologies](#)

[Emergency Policy Resolution - Husky Oil Spill](#)

[Emergency Policy Resolution - Repealing the Secret Police Bill C-51](#)

[Emergency Policy Resolution - Limiting the Canada-China FIPA's Impacts on Democracy](#)

[Emergency Policy Resolution - Thanks to Green Candidates](#)

#### 5.2 Order of Consideration of Resolutions (10:00 am, 2 min)

**Motion:** That workshops and plenary prioritize their consideration of resolutions in order of the percentage of “green” votes received in the 2016 online vote.

#### 5.3 Group Adoption of Constitutional Resolutions (10:02 am, 8 min)

**Motion:** To adopt all of the constitutional resolutions which received 66.7% or more in the online vote. (7 of 17 constitutional resolutions)

[G16-Co15 Adopting a Seventh Core Principle: Scientific Inquiry](#)

[G16-Co06 Require that all Council, Committee and General Meeting Minutes be Posted on the Website](#)

[G16-Co19 Removal of Member who has Willfully Damaged the Party](#)

[G16-Co08 Clarify the Operating Procedures of Green Party of Canada](#)

[G16-Co14 Addition of the Term “Economic” to Green Values in Constitution](#)

[G16-Co03 Give 14 Days Notice of Council Vacancies to Members by Email](#)

[G16-Co12 Clarifying the electoral purpose of the GPC in Article 4 of the Constitution](#)

#### 5.4 Group Adoption of Policy and Directive Resolutions (10:10 am, 9 min)

**Motion:** To adopt all of the policy and directive resolutions which received 60% or more in the online vote except G16-P010. (13 of 18 resolutions.)

- [G16-D001 Allow Voting by Remote Ballot in Rural Ridings for Candidate Nomination and Other Procedures](#)
- [G16-P013 Dental Health Care](#)
- [G16-P001 Sunny Ways: Building Solar Infrastructure](#)
- [G16-P008 Develop a National Urban Park Strategy](#)
- [G16-P009 Lead a New Coordinated Initiative to Manage Urban Waterways](#)
- [G16-P012 High-speed Passenger Rail Service](#)
- [G16-D005 Clear and Consistent use of the terms "Motion" and "Resolution"](#)
- [G16-P003 Tug-Barge Petroleum Tankers](#)
- [G16-D004 On Recording Council Motions/Resolutions](#)
- [G16-P011 Advancing the Equality of LGBTQ+ Canadians](#)
- [G16-D002 Improve the Welcoming and Membership Renewal Process for GPC Donors and Members](#)
- [G16-P007 Use and Protect Community Television to Support Local Political Communications](#)
- [G16-P002 Sugar-sweetened Beverage Tax](#)

#### 5.5 Refer Remaining Resolutions to Workshop (10:19 am, 2 min)

**Motion:** To refer all remaining resolutions to workshop (15 out of 38 resolutions).

- [G16-C011 Clarify the process for Implementation of Directive resolutions](#)
- [G16-C004 Require a by-election for Council Vacancies](#)
- [G16-C010 Clarify the use of the Policy Governance Model by Council](#)
- [G16-P010 Revoking the Charitable Status of the Jewish National Fund Canada \(JNF\)](#)
- [G16-C009 On Calling a Leadership Race \(Bylaw 2.1.7.2\)](#)
- [G16-P006 Palestinian Self-Determination and the Movement for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions](#)
- [G16-C016 Increase General Meeting Quorum to 100](#)
- [G16-D003 Federal Council Member Reimbursement](#)
- [G16-P004 The Green Marshall Plan - Bank of Canada's Green Money Supply](#)
- [G16-C007 Separating Political Leadership and Governance Leadership](#)
- [G16-C013 Replacing the word "Principles" with "Values" in the Constitution](#)
- [G16-P005 Limits of Funding for "Alternative Therapies"](#)
- [G16-C002 On Limit to Councillor Tenure \(Bylaw 2.1.4\)](#)
- [G16-C017 Removal of Leader after two terms or less than 75% support](#)
- [G16-C018 Randomly assigning members' voting rights to one Convention workshop only](#)

## 5.6 Refer Tabled 2014 Resolutions to Workshop (10:21 am, 2 min)

**Motion:** To refer G14-P05 and G14-P46 to workshop once all 2016 resolutions have been debated.

[G14-P05](#) [Using Canada's Armed Forces to Address Non-Military Security Threats](#)

[G14-P46](#) [Divestment from Fossil Fuels](#)

## 5.7 Authority of Workshops (10:23 am, 2 min)

**Motion:** To direct workshops to recommend either passing, amending, or rejecting motions, all of which will be considered by the plenary.

Saturday, August 6, 2016 (3:00 pm - 4:00 pm)

6. Resolutions (3:00 pm, 1 hour)

G16-C011 - Clarify the process for Implementation of Directive resolutions (3:00, 6 min)

**Motion:** Adopt G16-C011 - Clarify the process for Implementation of Directive resolutions

G16-C004 - Require a by-election for Council Vacancies (3:06, 6 min)

**Motion:** Adopt G16-C004 - Require a by-election for Council Vacancies

G16-C010 - Clarify the use of the Policy Governance Model by Council (3:12, 6 min)

**Motion:** Adopt G16-C010 - Clarify the use of the Policy Governance Model by Council

G16-P010 - Revoking the Charitable Status of the Jewish National Fund Canada (JNF) (3:18, 6 min)

**Motion:** Adopt G16-P010 - Revoking the Charitable Status of the Jewish National Fund Canada (JNF)

G16-C009 - On Calling a Leadership Race (Bylaw 2.1.7.2) (3:24, 6 min)

**Motion:** Adopt G16-C009 - On Calling a Leadership Race (Bylaw 2.1.7.2)

G16-P006 - Palestinian Self-Determination and the Movement for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (3:30, 6 min)

**Motion:** Adopt G16-P006 - Palestinian Self-Determination and the Movement for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions

G16-C016 - Increase General Meeting Quorum to 100 (3:36, 6 min)

**Motion:** Adopt G16-C016 - Increase General Meeting Quorum to 100

G16-D003 - Federal Council Member Reimbursement (3:42, 6 min)

**Motion:** Adopt G16-D003 - Federal Council Member Reimbursement

G16-P004 - The Green Marshall Plan - Bank of Canada's Green Money Supply (3:48, 6 min)

**Motion:** Adopt G16-P004 - The Green Marshall Plan - Bank of Canada's Green Money Supply

G16-C007 - Separating Political Leadership and Governance Leadership (3:54, 6 min)

**Motion:** Adopt G16-C007 - Separating Political Leadership and Governance Leadership

Sunday, August 7, 2016 (10:15 am - 11:45 am)

## 6. Resolutions (10:15 am, 42 min)

G16-C013 - Replacing the word "Principles" with "Values" in the Constitution (10:15, 6 min)

**Motion:** Adopt G16-C013 - Replacing the word "Principles" with "Values" in the Constitution

G16-P005 - Limits of Funding for "Alternative Therapies" (10:21, 6 min)

**Motion:** Adopt G16-P005 - Limits of Funding for "Alternative Therapies"

G16-C002 - On Limit to Councillor Tenure (Bylaw 2.1.4) (10:27, 6 min)

**Motion:** Adopt G16-C002 - On Limit to Councillor Tenure (Bylaw 2.1.4)

G16-C017 - Removal of Leader after two terms or less than 75% support (10:33, 6 min)

**Motion:** Adopt G16-C017 - Removal of Leader after two terms or less than 75% support

G16-C018 - Randomly assigning members' voting rights to one Convention workshop only (10:39, 6 min)

**Motion:** Adopt G16-C018 - Randomly assigning members' voting rights to one Convention workshop only

G14-P05 - Using Canada's Armed Forces to Address Non-Military Security Threats (11:45, 6 min)

**Motion:** Adopt G14-P05 - Using Canada's Armed Forces to Address Non-Military Security Threats

G14-P46 - Divestment from Fossil Fuels (10:51, 6 min)

**Motion:** Adopt G14-P46 - Divestment from Fossil Fuels

## 7. Elections (10:57 am, 7 min)

### 7.1 Ombuds and Appeals Committee

**Motion:** That [names TBD] be formally appointed to the Ombuds and Appeals Committee.



8. Emergency Resolutions (11:06 am, 39 min)

9. Adjournment (11:45 am)

**Motion:** That the 2016 GPC Biennial General Meeting be adjourned.