



Green Party of Canada Convention 2018 Vancouver, BC

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LEADER'S WELCOME

Welcome to Vancouver!

As we gather on the traditional territory of the Tsleil-Waututh, Musqueam and Squamish peoples, we thank them for their extraordinary hospitality and generosity.

Politically, British Columbia used to be known as the Left Coast, but it is clear that this is now the Green Coast!



Saanich-Gulf Islands was our first federal seat – but now Andrew Weaver leads a caucus of Greens in the B.C. legislature. My own MLA, Adam Olsen, is speaking this weekend on his work to protect wild salmon, and Sonia Furstenuau, MLA from Cowichan Valley, will share her deep understanding of the case for proportional representation.

Still, our claim to be the Green Coast may be disputed by David Coon (Leader, Green Party of New Brunswick) and Peter Bevan-Baker (Leader, Green Party of Prince Edward Island). With elected Greens in two legislatures and the P.E.I. Greens now in first place in province-wide polling with the highest-ever numbers of any Green Party in Canada — 38 percent! — they could certainly argue that the Atlantic is our true Green Coast.

But we are no longer a party of coastlines. Thanks to Ontario Green leader Mike Schreiner and his historic breakthrough in June, the Green flag is firmly planted in Ontario.

We have the wind in our sails going into 2019. Almost every elected Green in Canada is joining us over the next few days, along with several international Greens, including the brilliant Caroline Lucas (former Co-Leader, Green Party of England and Wales) and the groundbreaking young New Zealand Green MP Gareth Hughes.

I am so excited for Convention to get underway. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you so I can thank you personally for your hard work and dedication.

Thank you for making the decision to come to Convention!

Welcome!

Elizabeth May
Leader
Green Party of Canada

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Fellow members —

Welcome to Vancouver!

Excitement is building as the upcoming federal election nears, and this gathering is sure to get us fired up about electing more Greens to Parliament in 2019.



We continue to learn from every campaign and I am confident that we will be ready to inspire Canadians to vote for Green candidates across the country. The Green Party is grounded in the foundational principles of the Green Movement; Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Participatory Democracy, Non-Violence, Sustainability, and Respect for Diversity. We know that many of the issues facing Canadians today cannot be resolved in isolation, which is why we offer holistic solutions that incorporate all of these key values.

Canada also has an important role to play in global affairs, but sadly our governments are lagging behind. The Green Party is committed to ensuring that Canada is a leader both at home and on the international stage. We represent a better option for Canadians than the tired parties that uphold the status quo. I look forward to working alongside each and every one of you as we share this message at Convention and throughout 2019.

For those who have traveled here from afar, I hope you will enjoy your stay in the beautiful Vancouver region.

Have a great Convention!

Ken Melamed
President
Green Party of Canada

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to Convention 2018! The Green Party of Canada and our fabulous staff are so excited to have you here in Vancouver to plan for a Greener Canada.

This is a critical time for our party. Over the past year, we've seen groundswells of Greens wash over the country as our campaigns and ideas rippled through Canada. Let's keep the momentum going for the upcoming federal and provincial elections. Let's work together this weekend to share campaign strategies, adopt new policies and get ready to take our Green message of change to every community in Canada.



We have much work to do. There's growing political space for the Greens and we must act now to claim it. The Liberals' trail of broken promises proves that no other party can be trusted to tackle climate change, social justice and electoral reform. If change in Canada is to come, it must come from us.

The good news is that we Greens are primed for success. As the only grassroots party dedicated to real environmental and social reform, we have the right policies and people to keep us motivated, energized and nimble. And, if this year showed us anything, it's that more and more Canadians are ready for our Green vision of a more just and sustainable future.

This weekend, we'll hear from an exciting range of accomplished national and international speakers on everything Green. We'll finalize our party policies. We'll share successes. Most importantly, we'll attend a comprehensive Campaign School to learn the evidence-based practices that win elections.

I am so excited to get to work and hear what you all have to say. After the Convention, my team and I will be following up to hear your thoughts on the future of the Green Party of Canada. In the meantime, have a great Convention and enjoy this time of fellowship with the Green family!

In solidarity and friendship,

Emily McMillan
Executive Director
Green Party of Canada

AGENDA

Location: Westin Bayshore Hotel (1601 Bayshore Drive), 2nd floor

We acknowledge that this event takes place on the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh people.

Friday, September 28th		
1:00 pm	Convention registration open <i>Registration desk will be open until 9:30pm.</i>	Stanley Park Foyer
1:30 pm	Orientation: What to Expect at Convention	Coquitlam Room
2:00 pm	Opening of General Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Chair, Co-chair, Recorder • Rules of procedure • Adoption of Agenda • General Business • Call for Ombuds and Appeals Committee Members • Adoption of Minutes of 2016 Meetings • 2017 Financial Statement • Call for Emergency Resolutions 	Stanley Park Ballroom
2:30 pm	Afternoon Sessions	
	Policy workshop	Stanley Park Ballroom
	Ask Me Anything! Face-to-Face with Elected Greens Featuring Elizabeth May, David Coon, Mike Schreiner, Peter Bevan-Baker, and more!	Cypress 2
3:30 pm	Hitting the Streets: Connecting with Voters with Adriane Carr	Stanley Park Ballroom and Vancouver area
5:00 pm	Dinner Break	Attendees are encouraged to explore downtown Vancouver's restaurant scene for dinner.
6:00 pm	Welcome Reception — hosted by Vancouver Centre EDA	Cypress
7:00 pm	Hope and Honesty Opening Gala Featuring Grand Chief Stewart Phillip and Thomas Homer-Dixon.	Stanley Park Ballroom

Saturday, September 29th		
7:00 am	Breakfast <i>Served from 7:00am to 9:00am.</i>	Stanley Park Foyer
7:30 am	Orientation: What to Expect at Convention	Coquitlam Room
8:15 am	Musical Call to Order	Stanley Park Ballroom
8:30 am	Keynote: Caroline Lucas, Co-Leader, Green Party of England and Wales Why Democracy Needs Proportional Representation	Stanley Park Ballroom
9:00 am	Panel: Getting Greens into Government – Leading the Green Wave Featuring David Coon, Mike Schreiner, Adriane Carr, Caroline Lucas, Gareth Hughes and Peter Bevan-Baker.	Stanley Park Ballroom
10:00 am	Break	
10:30 am	General Meeting Session Introduction to new policy process Policy Proposals	Stanley Park Ballroom
11:30 am	Keynote: Sybren Kooistra, Campaign Manager, European Greens Let's Talk About Campaigns	Stanley Park Ballroom
12:00 pm	Lunch and Film Preview Featuring a sneak peek from <i>Trade Away</i> , a new documentary by Paul Manly	Stanley Park Ballroom
1:00 pm	Workshop Sessions Campaign School	
	So You Want to Run A Campaign This workshop will outline the key elements you need to get started planning your first campaign from the ground up. Experienced campaign manager Sonia Theroux will walk you through setting goals and timelines, managing resources effectively, air and ground game essentials, and volunteer stewardship.	Stanley Park Ballroom
	Inclusive Organizing	Cypress 1

	<p>Campaign Finance Led by Elections Canada’s Wendy Larose-Marois, this workshop will provide an overview of campaign finance rules. We’ll cover everything from contributions and fundraising to advertising and expenses, as well as what’s changed since the last federal election.</p> <p>Green Mobilizing Operations Manager Nick Carter will also be on hand to answer your questions about Green Party finance rules and compliance. This workshop is a must for anyone considering taking on a financial role in their local campaign.</p>	Oak 1
	<p>Media Training If you are interested in becoming a candidate or getting involved in campaign communications, you won’t want to miss this opportunity to learn how you can effectively deliver your Green message!</p> <p>We’ll teach you how to prepare for interviews and public appearances, the importance of body language and tone, and how to get your point across in a clear and compelling manner. This workshop will be presented en francais, with simultaneous translation into English.</p>	Cypress 2
	<p>Issue: ISDS, Trade, and Climate Led by Gordon Laxer and Paul Manly</p>	Oak 2
	<p>Constitutional Proposals Discussion</p>	Coquitlam Room
2:00 pm	<p>Workshop Sessions Campaign School</p>	
	<p>Elevating Your Campaign For Greens with prior election experience and well established EDAs ready to scale up, this workshop will move past the basics and dive into the finer points of professional campaign management and how you can maximize your impact on Election Day 2019.</p>	Stanley Park Ballroom
	<p>Inclusive Organizing</p>	Cypress 1

<p>Making the Connection Newly elected Ontario Green MMP (and door-knocking wiz!) Mike Schreiner will share his secrets to establishing strong connections with voters on their doorstep and over the phone, and communicating a message that resonates.</p>	Cypress 2
<p>Effective Communications You've got a solid strategy, strong volunteers and fundraising is going well. Now it's time to think about your message and how you communicate it to voters. In this workshop, we'll talk about earned and paid media, websites, GOTV literature, social media and other ways you can convince voters that you should be their MP.</p>	Oak 1
<p>Canvassing to Win Canvassing is one of the essential elements of a winning campaign. Quebec Organizer Robin Marty will show you how to prepare a successful canvassing strategy — from training volunteers and planning your routes, to developing scripts and capturing voter data. This workshop will be presented en francais, with simultaneous translation into English.</p>	Coquitlam Room
<p>Building Your Campaign Team An energized and motivated volunteer team is the heart of any successful campaign, so keeping your volunteers inspired and feeling appreciated is crucial. National Volunteer Coordinator Eryn Sylvester will share her tips and tricks for recruiting, training and retaining volunteers, boosting campaign morale, and ensuring that your volunteer team feels engaged in meaningful work.</p>	Fir
<p>Issue: Wild Salmon</p>	Oak 2
<p>Issue: Proportional Representation</p>	Cowichan
<p>Policy Proposals Discussion</p>	Arbutus

3:00 pm	Table Talks Featuring: Adriane Carr and Wes Regan on housing, Gordon Laxer on NAFTA and climate, David Coon on fracking, Paul Manly on ISDS, Daniel Green on pesticides and toxics, Richard Zurawski on climate, Lynne Quarmby on science policy, Racelle Kooy on Indigenous peoples and economic development, Fran Hunt-Jinnouchi on guaranteed livable income, Jo-Ann Roberts on public broadcasting, Amita Kuttner on artificial intelligence, Adam Olsen on wild salmon, and more!	Stanley Park Ballroom
4:00 pm	Continuation of General Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy proposals continued • Constitutional proposals • Emergency proposals 	Stanley Park Ballroom
5:30 pm	Keynote: Adam Olsen, BC Greens MLA Protecting Our Wild Salmon	Cypress
6:00 pm	Break	
7:00 pm	A Party of Progressives – 2018 Green Banquet Featuring a keynote speech from Green Party Leader Elizabeth May	Stanley Park Ballroom

Sunday, September 30th		
7:00 am	Breakfast <i>Served from 7:00am to 9:00am.</i>	Stanley Park Foyer
	<i>Optional interfaith service</i>	Oak 1
7:30 am	Members' Session	Cypress
9:00 am	Panel: Having PR and Working for PR Featuring BC Greens MLA Sonia Furstenau and New Zealand Greens MP Gareth Hughes.	Stanley Park Ballroom
10:15 am	Workshop Sessions Campaign School	
	Your Name's on the Ballot – What's Next? Deputy Leader Jo-Ann Roberts will discuss the importance of defining yourself and your message to voters, building strong relationships with your campaign team, and the unique challenges of being a woman candidate. She'll also cover debate prep, stage fright, wardrobe choices for a big event or hours of door-knocking... not to mention remembering to eat! Whether you are already committed to running in 2019, or just thinking about putting your name on the ballot, you won't want to miss this workshop on what it takes to be an effective candidate.	Cypress 1
	Advanced GVote Led by Tech Director Matthew Clarke, this workshop will dig deeper into the many features GVote offers to support your campaign. We'll talk about lawn sign management, GOTV tools, voice-over-IP calling, volunteer management, and managing electoral data. For those who have used GVote before, this is the workshop that will take your skills to the next level.	Coquitlam

	<p>Campaign Research — Knowledge is Power! This workshop, hosted by Political Director Angela Rickman, will show you how to turn Google into an effective campaign tool for investigating the electoral context, assessing the competition through opposition research, and vetting yourself using self research. You'll also learn how to get informed about the issues on the minds of voters in your riding so that you are prepared to answer any question, whether it's in a debate, an interview, or at the door.</p>	Oak 1
	<p>Nuts and Bolts of Getting Out Your Vote All the hard work that goes into a campaign culminates in Election Day and ensuring that your candidate's supporters get out to vote! This workshop will teach you the essentials of identifying your vote, collecting data, and planning and implementing a get out the vote (GOTV) strategy for success on the big day.</p>	Cypress 2
	<p>GVote 101 GVote is the indispensable tool for getting in touch with voters over the phone and through email. Ontario Organizer Randi Ramdeen will walk you through the basics, including onboarding, user invites, inputting voter data, searching and editing contacts, sending bulk emails, setting up a phone canvass... and much more!</p>	Oak 2
	<p>Planning Winning Events Want to host a fundraising event, engage new volunteers through a social event, or hold a meet-and-greet with your candidate? Creating a strong event plan — including goals, budget, task distribution and timelines — is key to making your event a success for both your campaign and your guests. This workshop, led by Atlantic Organizer Marlene Wells, will give you the tools to create and execute your event plan from start to finish.</p>	Cowichan
	<p>Issue: PR Campaign Action Session</p>	Stanley Park Ballroom
11:00 am	<p>Closing of General Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election: Ombuds and Appeals Committee • Other business • Observance of Orange Shirt Day • Closing remarks 	Stanley Park Ballroom

PROPOSALS

Policy Motions

The fifteen policy motions on the agenda for consideration at Convention 2018 were selected by a membership-wide prioritization vote. They are listed in the order in which the membership ranked their priority, with the motion of highest priority appearing first on the list.

G18-P006 Polluters Accountable for Clean Up (6.6%)

The GPC supports holding polluters accountable for cleaning up the legacy of extractive projects even in bankruptcy, such as by mandating up front financial security (bonds) as a prerequisite to a resource project's approval.

G18-P009 Environmental Impacts of Legislation and Full-Cost Accounting (5.8%)

The GPC supports government and private sector decision making that incorporates full consideration of the environmental impacts, life cycle (full cost) accounting and possible unintended consequences of all legislation, programs, and policies to help ensure that we leave a sustainable Canada for generations to come.

G18-P021 Eliminate the Use of Tax Havens (5.7%)

The GPC supports legislation which eliminates the ability of Canadian businesses, multinational corporations operating in Canada, and individuals in Canada to use tax havens or tax evasion strategies.

G18-P024 Data Collection on Agricultural Chemicals (5.3%)

The GPC supports government collection and publication of high quality data on the presence of agricultural chemicals in the environment, food, animals and people, so that any external cost of chemicals may be identified and included in decisions regarding agricultural practices.

G18-P023 Treat Substance Use As Social Justice and Public Health Issue (5.0%)

The GPC supports treating substance use as a social justice and public health issue; expanding culturally safe and evidence based treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services (including diverse, low barrier substitution therapies), supporting affected families and communities, and removing criminal penalties for the personal possession and use of all drugs.

G18-P008 Transparency in the Collection and Use of Personal Data (4.9%)

The GPC supports proactively transparent and consensual data collection to ensure that citizens are informed and in agreement with how their personal data will be used.

G18-P014 Penalties for Parliamentary Conflicts of Interest (4.8%)

The GPC supports the amendment of conflict of interest laws to close loopholes and exceptions that allow Members of Parliament, Senators, Ministers and their staff to commit conflict of interest infractions and use their positions of influence for personal profit without suffering serious consequences. The GPC supports strengthening penalties for such infractions in order to provide a genuine deterrent against such behaviour.

G18-P012 Investment in Co-op Housing (4.8%)

The GPC supports active investment in cooperative housing with local investment decisions made by credit unions or other cooperative financial institutions, underwritten by the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

G18-P004 Ministers Must Answer Questions in Question Period (4.6%)

The GPC supports a requirement that Ministers of the Crown and Parliamentary Secretaries directly answer questions in Question Period without avoiding or evading the question. We expect that our own elected Members of Parliament strive to adhere to a professional code of conduct by meeting this requirement.

G18-P002 Constitutional Respect for Indigenous and Treaty Rights (4.4%)

The GPC supports the amendment of the Constitution of Canada to ensure that it is consistent with the recognition and protection of Indigenous and treaty rights at all levels of government.

G18-P005 Keep Human Control Over Weapons (4.3%)

The GPC supports the establishment of international conventions and policies which will keep humans in control in real time (also known as “in-the-loop”), of any weapon, whether using lethal or less than lethal force.

G18-P022 Government Divestment from Fossil Fuels (4.3%)

The GPC supports the divestment of all federal funds from fossil fuel development and fossil fuel infrastructure, such as pipelines, and supports investment in the creation of a vibrant renewable energy economy in Canada.

G18-P026 Canadian Jurisdiction Over International Violations (4.3%)

The GPC supports enforcing international law within the Canadian legal system, such that Canadians (and non-Canadians with interests in Canada) who violate international law would be subject to prosecution for their crimes in Canadian courts.

G18-P010 Safety for Sex Workers (4.1%)

The GPC supports labour rights for sex workers to ensure that those working in the industry are able to control their working conditions, conduct business in a safe and healthy environment, and have recourse to legal remedies where these conditions are not provided.

G18-P017 Evidence-Based Housing Policy Via Open Data (3.9%)

The GPC supports evidence-based housing policy, using open data to empower those concerned with housing and homelessness to create responses rooted in empirical evidence. The Government of Canada should collect, share, and analyze data examining the complex trends and pressures in housing markets with other policymakers, researchers and the public.

Constitutional and Directive Motions

Since fewer than fifteen constitutional and directive motions were submitted to this year's policy development process, all have automatically gone forward for consideration in workshop at Convention 2018. They are listed in the order in which the membership ranked their priority, with the motion of highest priority appearing first on the list.

G18-C002 Bylaw - Global Greens International Secretariat (24.7%)

That a new section be added to the GPC Bylaws to enable the appointment of a representative to assist in communications with Green Parties around the world. The added section would read:

“Global Greens International Secretariat of the Green Party of Canada

The Global Greens International Secretariat is responsible for maintaining connections with the Global Greens, Global Young Greens and Federation of the Green Parties of the Americas. The secretariat will participate in Global Congresses and General Assemblies whenever possible, assist the GPC Leader in communications with Green Parties around the world, and report on the affairs of other Green Parties to the GPC Council as requested. The Global Greens International Secretariat shall be appointed by the Executive Council.”

G18-C006 Constitution - French as Second Official Language of GPC (23.9%)

That a clause be added to Article 4 of the GPC Constitution. The added clause would read:

"Operating bilingually, recognizing English and French as the official languages of the Party."

G18-D001 Continue Development of GPC Policy Process (18.6%)

GPC members direct Federal Council to continuously improve the Party's policy development process, adapting and building on the recommendations in the 2017 Committee for Motion Development (CMD) Report and engaging with EDAs and members to build effective policies for the future.

G18-C003 Constitution - Add Indigenous Representatives to Federal Council (12.4%)

That a clause be added to GPC Constitution Article 9 to add two Indigenous representatives to Federal Council. The clause would read:

"Two (2) Indigenous representatives"

G18-C001 Bylaw - Automatic GPC Leadership Elections Every Six Years (8.0%)

That a clause be added to GPC Bylaw 2 to add automatic Leadership Elections every six years. The added clause would read:

"Unless the Leader becomes Prime Minister, a Leadership Election, where all Members in good standing may vote, shall occur at least once every six years. The date of the Leadership Election will be set by Federal Council and may coincide with a General Meeting."

G18-C004 Bylaw - Member May Choose to Make Expulsion Vote Public (6.7%)

That a clause be added to GPC Bylaw 1.3.2. to allow a member who is subject to expulsion from the GPC to choose whether or not their hearing is confidential. The added clause would read:

"The hearing and subsequent vote may be in-camera only with the consent of the person who is subject to the proposed suspension or expulsion."

G18-C005 Constitution - Preserve Members' Motion Rights (5.8%)

That a clause be added to Article 6 of the GPC Constitution between 6.2 and 6.3. The added clause would read:

“No restrictions may be placed on the content of motions submitted to General Meetings, especially but not limited to the right to propose motions prescribing specific strategy and tactics. A mechanism whereby the GPC provides feedback to allow a member to voluntarily improve the clarity, tone, and structure of motions is not a violation of this clause. No restrictions may be placed on the number of motions accepted for a General Meeting, unless that restriction is explicitly approved by a vote of the membership.”

2016 OFFICIAL MINUTES (NOTES)

The Green Party of Canada’s 2016 Biennial General Meeting was held in Ottawa, Ontario, from August 5-7th, 2016.

Minutes are available at: <https://www.greenparty.ca/en/convention-2016/minutes>.

A Special General Meeting (SGM) was held in Calgary, Alberta, from December 3-4, 2016.

Minutes from this meeting are available at: <https://www.greenparty.ca/en/sgm-2016/minutes>.

Following the in person SGM, an Online Special General Meeting was held from December 7, 2016, to February 6, 2017.

Minutes from this meeting are available at: <https://www.greenparty.ca/en/content/online-special-general-meeting-2016-2017>.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Policy Process Overview

What is plenary?

Plenary is the part of Convention that is attended by all participants (as opposed to workshops). This is where we vote on proposals and conduct any other business of the general membership meeting. We use Green rules of order to make sure our convention runs smoothly, fairly, and on time.

Overview

The Green Party of Canada (GPC) strives for a democracy in which all citizens have the right to express their views, and are able to directly participate in the political decisions which affect their lives. We place great value on the input of our members into all aspects of our Party, including policy development.

Organizationally, the GPC is a grassroots organization. Decisions directing how the GPC is governed, and what it would do if elected, are decided by the membership. At the 2016 SGM, the members directed the party to examine the process of motion development and to improve it for the 2018 BGM. We are pleased to announce that there are a number of changes in the process to allow the Convention to focus on priority proposals and to more fully involve all members in decision-making. All members are advised to read the [Policy Process](#) and the [Submission Rules and Drafting Standards](#).

It is critical for members who wish to participate in the process to carefully review the [Constitution and Bylaws of the GPC](#). Proposals come in three types:

1. **Constitutional:** A proposal pertaining to either the party's Constitution or Bylaws.
2. **Directive:** A proposal that directs Federal Council to take a specific action in accordance with its mandate.
3. **Policy:** A proposal that articulates what the party will work toward in Parliament. Policy forms the background for the party's election platforms. That is, election platforms are developed by the leadership of the party in order to prioritize specific policies and apply them to current events.

The procedures for submitting proposals vary for each type. Members should therefore follow carefully the [directions provided in the template](#) to ensure that the process is fair and democratic.

The proposals process is comprised of four events: **submission of proposals, online prioritization vote, Convention and the post-Convention final online vote.**

1. **Submission of proposals:** Detailed procedures for submitting proposals are provided on the [web form](#). The Policy Process Committee provides support to members in the development of principle-based, research-supported proposals that comply with the party's

Policy Proposal Submission Rules.

2. **Online prioritization vote:** To allow for the participation of all members and to determine which proposals will be discussed at the BGM, all proposals are submitted to an online prioritization process. The opinion of Shadow Cabinet about each proposal is provided to members as part of the prioritization vote.
3. **Convention:** The fifteen proposals which receive the most prioritization votes, plus accepted general meeting emergency proposals, will be the only proposals considered at the general meeting and in the final member online vote. The Policy Process Committee is responsible for the procedures used at the BGM.
4. **Post-Convention Final Deciding Vote:** Following the BGM, all proposals will go to the members for a final vote. The results of the BGM vote and the opinion of Shadow Cabinet will be provided to members as part of this final vote.

How do we discuss proposals?

We expect all meeting attendees to adhere to the following expectations for respectful and productive discussion with one another. Green Party members and their guests will:

Show respect for all present. Refrain from heckling and interrupting, repeating established points already made by others, insults, offensive language, or harassment of others.

Prioritize cooperation and consensus over division and obstruction, *sharing the goal of finding consensus or a unified position on issues raised.*

Participate in debate in a professional manner, *focusing on criticizing policies rather than persons.*

Refrain from distributing flyers or other lobbying materials, displaying signs or flags, or bringing any other disruptive items into the meeting.

How do we vote?

Only members with voting cards may vote. Please keep these on hand.

Once debate has been closed at workshop or plenary, the chair will then move to a vote. To vote for the proposal, show your voting card:

- A. Green to support the resolution.
- B. Yellow to indicate that you either do not understand, believe more discussion is required, or that you understand and “stand aside”/abstain.
- C. Red to oppose the resolution.

A proposal passes if it receives a simple majority vote.

You do not have to vote on every proposal. It is extremely important to attend plenary and workshop sessions on time. We have very strict timelines to get through every proposal. The chair will start regardless of your attendance.

Terms you may hear (or use!)

Please remember to direct your questions or points to the chair(s).

- **Point of Personal Privilege:** Used if there is an issue relating to noise, personal comfort (i.e. it's too hot!) etc. Please approach staff at the registration desk to attempt to remedy matters of comfort and interrupt proceedings only if necessary!
- **Point of Information:** A question about the facts under discussion: "I should like to ask the (speaker) a question."
- **Point of Parliamentary Inquiry:** A question about the rules of order if you are confused.
- **Point of Order:** A point of order can be raised at any time when any member notices a violation of the rules. The chair's duty is to make a decision, called a ruling, on the point of order.
- **Move the Question:** This can be said when you want to stop discussion and vote. Should be used sparingly as it is preferable to respect the chair's responsibility.
- **Main Motion:** Brings new business before the assembly: I move that....
- **Divide the Question:** Divides a proposal into two or more separate proposals (must be able to stand on their own).
- **Amend:** Change the wording of a proposal that is being discussed.
- **Table:** To temporarily suspend further consideration of something.
- **Postpone:** To suspend further consideration of something until a future meeting.

Have more questions?

An introductory session is scheduled for 1:30pm on Friday afternoon in the Coquitlam room.

You can also feel free to ask questions of your fellow members in the audience, or approach a chair during a break.

GUIDE TO EMERGENCY MOTIONS

What is an emergency proposal?

An emergency proposal is defined as a proposal which deals with a new political issue which has emerged after the GPC policy proposal submission deadline and for which there is no applicable GPC policy principle.

Bylaw 4.3.3 states that “[m]otions 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.”

The goal is to ensure that the maximum number of proposals can be heard in a way that is fair and respects the schedule, recognizing that people have made travel arrangements for certain times.

How are emergency proposals submitted?

To submit an emergency policy proposal, you need to secure twenty sponsors who are members in good standing and are willing to support your proposal, just like you would have done back in April prior to the online prioritization ballot. **Your emergency proposal and list of sponsors must be submitted to the registration desk before 9:00am PDT on Saturday, September 29th.** Proposals must be submitted in the appropriate format (see the guide to drafting proposals on our website at www.greenparty.ca/en/convention-2018/voting/proposals/rules). The texts of emergency proposals will be made available to members once they have been translated.

How are emergency proposals evaluated?

On Friday during plenary, the members will be asked to appoint the Policy Process Committee (PPC) to receive emergency proposals from the floor. The PPC, if appointed, will then review each emergency proposal that is submitted, determine if they are in order (see [the guide to drafting proposals](#) and www.greenparty.ca/en/members/resources/party/procedures/proposals/policy-process), and provide a recommendation to the plenary as to whether the proposal should be considered to be of an emergency nature. Please note that the committee is simply

providing recommendations; the plenary will vote as to whether the proposals should be debated.

At the conclusion of our regular business, the members will vote on whether each submitted emergency proposal should be considered an emergency and be heard on the floor. A two-thirds majority threshold is required for each proposal to go forward.

Once an emergency proposal has received a positive vote in plenary, what happens next?

Once the members decide to hear an emergency proposal, it is treated like any other at the meeting. Emergency proposals will be debated after the conclusion of the regularly scheduled business, in order of their submission until the time runs out. We will endeavour to give members a maximum amount of time to consider them. Debate will be limited in this time frame so it is highly recommended that proposals are kept short and to the point.

OMBUDS COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2018 CONVENTION

The Ombuds Committee currently consists of two members: Kathleen deWitt and Troy Frost. Former Chair Sara Golling stepped down from her role in 2017. We are grateful for her long service on the Ombuds Committee. If anyone is interested in joining the committee we are growing at the moment and would welcome applications.

During the last year we have fielded the following three issues:

- a member of the Young Greens, upset by their interactions with members of that unit
- an EDA official who felt mischaracterised by other members of the Party for their work on the previous EDA
- a GPC staff member who was upset by interactions they had with a colleague

Submitted by Troy Frost.

2018 FEDERAL COUNCIL

President, Ken Melamed

Ken Melamed is a former two-term mayor of Whistler, British Columbia. He served during the planning and execution of the Winter Olympics. He has been an environmental activist, social justice campaigner, and sustainability champion for three decades. Ken retired from careers in stonemasonry and Ski Patrol in 2014. Ken is an avid mountain biker.

Ken served as the Green Party's candidate for West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea-to-Sky Country in 2015 and is now a member of his local EDA. He is currently President of the party, and has served in this role since 2016.

Vice President English, David Hunter

David Hunter became an active member of Green Party Canada in 2006 when Elizabeth May was elected leader. He's served as CEO of the North Vancouver EDA for the past three years. He also served as Financial Agent for the North Vancouver BC Greens candidate in the 2016 provincial election.

He is the Founder and Director of the Whale Interpretive Centre in Telegraph Cove and Chair of the IBM Canada Reunion Committee for BC. He graduated from the University of Victoria with a degree in Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science. His professional experience includes 31 years in software development at IBM in Canada, Australia and the Netherlands.

Vice President Francophone, Joey Leckman

Joey Leckman is a Prévost City Councillor and chair of the city's Environmental Advisory Committee. He's also an environmentalist, teacher at the Cégep de St-Jérôme, and father of two young children. He has two Master's degrees: one in environmental studies from the University of Sherbrooke and the other in Educational Psychology.

Joey ran as a Green Party of Canada candidate for the first time in the 2015 federal election. In the Rivière-du-Nord riding, he was responsible for a 47 percent increase in votes for the

Green Party. The Green Party then elected him to chair the Quebec Wing and, in 2016, appointed him to act as the Quebec spokesperson in the Shadow Cabinet.

In his free time, Joey cultivates a marvelous garden, runs marathons and plays the guitar. He enjoys going to the movies and is an avid reader. He firmly believes that environmental protection begins with teaching respect and love for nature.

Fund Representative, Kate Storey

Kate Storey has extensive experience with the Green Party as past Party Chair, director of the GPC Fund, CEO of her local riding association, and as a candidate. She also led the team that brought the Greens from small beginnings to become one of Canada's four national parties in the House of Commons.

She manages and operates an organic farm business and has served on many boards, including the Manitoba Organic Alliance, the Rural Adaptation Council, the Organic Marketplace Association and Grandview Chamber of Commerce. She appreciates the Green Party's strong commitment to build a sustainable future for our families.

Alberta Representative, Thana Boonlert

Thana Boonlert is currently the CEO of the Calgary Centre EDA. He also served as the Calgary Centre Green Party Candidate during the 2015 federal election. His background in Environmental Engineering and community engagement has earned him a positive reputation in Alberta. As a young and ambitious professional, he often seeks to combine his technical and social skills to holistically approach sensitive issues. He is a graduate of the Next Up Climate Leadership Program and is currently enrolled in the local Next Up Leadership Program.

Thana is also an Ambassador of the Canadian Geothermal Energy Association, the Director of Sustainability for his Community Association, and a past candidate for the Green Party of Alberta. He has close connections with several elected officials across municipal, provincial and federal levels. Born in Quebec and raised in Ottawa, Thana is fluent in both official languages as well as Thai.

British Columbia Representative, Wes Regan

Wes Regan has been a member of Shadow Cabinet since 2015. He has extensive board governance experience in the nonprofit sector. He's served as Chair, Treasurer, Advisor and Executive Director of mission and membership based organizations. In these various roles he led strategic planning processes and campaigns, making sure to always exercise good governance and communication with members and stakeholders.

He holds a Masters in Urban Studies, two undergraduate degrees in Geography, and a professional certificate in Community Economic Development. He currently serves as the Community Economic Development (CED) Planner for the City of Vancouver and leads work on CED, poverty reduction, and social policy development. He also served as Director of Simon Fraser University's Community Economic Development Programs from 2017-2018. His work combines aspects of economic empowerment, de-stigmatization, social justice, reconciliation and sustainability.

Manitoba Representative, Beverley Eert

Eight years ago, Beverly Eert's husband and she returned to Manitoba to realize their retirement dream: design and build a self-sufficient home, powered and heated by the sun, and protected by the earth. The house performed well above expectation. Its organic garden, greenhouse and orchard already produce a large percentage of their food.

With degrees in Music and Fine Arts from the University of Manitoba, and a later degree in Architecture from UBC, Beverly has enjoyed careers in music and construction. She created a private music studio and design-build company that specialized in energy-efficient timber-framed homes. A Green Party member since 1987, she has been the Green candidate in four elections and presently serves the Portage Lisgar EDA as Communications Director. She dedicates much of her free time to advocacy on environmental issues. She is currently fighting the expansion of a gas pipeline into south central Manitoba.

New Brunswick Representative, Stephanie Coburn

Stephanie Coburn has been the New Brunswick representative on the Federal Council for the past two years, and has served on the New Brunswick Green Party Provincial Council since its founding in 2008. She has extensive campaign experience having run provincially and federally in four elections.

She has been on the Board of the Conservation Council of New Brunswick for seventeen years, and served as its President for ten. She also ran Winterwood Natural Foods in Sussex for twenty-five years, and raised three children on Spring Meadows Farm in Head of Millstream. She enjoys growing a big garden in the summer and quilting when it's cold outside.

Newfoundland and Labrador Representative, David Peters

David Peters has been active in the party for a several years now. He is CEO of the St. John's East EDA and ran for the party in that district in the 2015 general election. He currently teaches undergraduate sociology at a community college in Carbonear. He previously worked with Bell Canada and predecessor companies for 30 years.

He has a B. Comm, a BA and MA. He is an active musician and activist and has therefore decided to dedicate the rest of his labour to peace, environmental sustainability, and social justice.

Nova Scotia Representative, Camille Davidson

Camille Davidson had the great pleasure of volunteering on Elizabeth Mays' campaign in 2008. She found that Elizabeth was such an inspiring and refreshing politician that Camille began to believe in a better way of doing politics. The more she researched Green Party policies and vision, the more she realized that this was the party for her. She has since represented Nova Scotia for the last two years on the Federal Council, and is excited to continue in this role as Election 2019 approaches.

Ontario Representative, Bruce Hyer

Bruce Hyer is a biologist, forester, environmental lobbyist, activist, and entrepreneur. He's passionate about biodiversity and democracy, and has protected millions of hectares of parks and ecologically sensitive areas. Born in Connecticut, he was a Senior Environmental Analyst for that state. He played a key role in the creation of the first Department of Environmental Protection in the USA, the banning of DDT and the "Dirty Dozen" pesticides, and the drafting of the Agricultural Lands Act. After moving to Ontario, he served as the President of Environment North, consulting on pesticides and forestry for Pollution Probe. He was also a member of the Boreal West Round Table, and an Adjudicator for the Ontario Environmental Appeals Board.

Bruce was elected as an MP to the House of Commons in 2008, and was re-elected in 2011 with 49% of the vote. He introduced more bills and motions to the House than all the previous Members of Thunder Bay-Superior North combined. One of his included Bill C-311, the Climate Change Accountability Act. He served as Deputy Leader of the GPC until recently.

He is committed to the growth and influence of the Green Party. He hopes to help to make Canada cleaner, greener, safer, more sustainable, and truly democratic.

Prince Edward Island Representative, Darcie Lintier

Darcie Lanthier has volunteered for the Green Party both provincially and federally since 2011. She is the current Financial Agent of three of the Island's four EDAs and the PEI Representative on Federal Council. Darcie is a two-time provincial candidate herself, and most recently attained 18.8% of the the vote in Charlottetown-Victoria Park. She was awarded the Green Party of Canada Community Involvement Award in 2014 for her work with numerous local community groups.

Darcie is an Energy Systems Engineering Technologist who specializes in Solar Photo Voltaics. She performs site assessments and gives presentations on renewable energy across the Island. She can often be seen driving her Smart car with Lexi, her Aussie pup, in the back.

Quebec Representative, William Gagnon

William started his involvement in grassroots democracy with the Concordia University Young Greens, first as VP Communications and then Leader (2015-2016). He then joined the Young Greens Council as VP Communications (2016-2017), and is now the Quebec representative on Federal Council. He strongly believes in Quebec's potential for Green votes.

William holds a building engineering degree and is currently pursuing graduate studies in sustainable carbon management. He studied bioclimatic architecture in Mexico and wind energy in Ireland, and has two LEED professional accreditations. He is also a Living Future Accredited Professional, and an Environmental Professional in training. He is fluent in French, English and Spanish.

A gay, northern vegetarian (eats local happy meat, once in a while), William practices yoga, cross-country skis to the office, and is a carbon-neutral individual.

Saskatchewan Representative, Dave Abbey

Dave Abbey has been an active GPC member since 2014. He served as Official Agent for five Green Party of Canada candidates in 2015 and one in the 2017 by-election. He is on the executive board of four EDAs (three in Saskatoon and one in Regina). He is the treasurer and chief Official Agent for the provincial party in Saskatchewan.

His part time tax preparation business has made him an ideal FA for EDAs. In the 1990s Dave sat on the board of the Saskatchewan Safety Council and served two years as President. In his pre-GPC days he was active in local NDP associations. He worked in the Saskatchewan public service for 29 years, retiring in 2001, and has canvassed for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Territories Representative, Nancy Zimmerman

Nancy Zimmerman was born and raised in the Northwest Territories. She received a BA in Honors History from UBC and then, after 20 years in Vancouver, returned home to the Yukon.

Nancy served on the Admin & Finance Committee of the Anglican diocese of New Westminster. She also spent three years on the Finance Committee of her Vancouver parish, three years on the Board of Directors of "Smart Communities" in Yellowknife and three years on the Board of the Vancouver A.M. Tourism Association. For the past several years she has worked for the Government of the Northwest Territories in both policy and communications, including a brief stint as Ministerial Special Advisory.

The daughter of a missionary/linguist, she spent much of her childhood immersed in Tlicho (Dene, First Nations) communities and culture in the NWT. She is fiercely loyal to the north and keenly aware of the impact climate change is already having on the land, and on traditional lifestyles of the Dene and Inuvialuit people. If ever the north needs strong representation in the Green community, it's now.

2018 YOUNG GREENS COUNCIL

Young Greens Co-Chair, Stuart Hunter

Stuart Hunter recognizes the extensive influence government has on every aspect of society. He wants to help the only party that wields that influence responsibly: Greens. Stuart has had an active role in the B.C. and federal Green Parties since 2015. He has served on his provincial riding association in Saanich North and the Islands, and volunteered on Andrew Weaver's and Adam Olsen's winning campaigns during the 2017 provincial election. He also gained experience managing communications support and data management on a campaign team when his friend and fellow Young Green Nathan ran for municipal council in View Royal last fall.

Stuart studies French and Classics at the University of Victoria, which informs his thinking about the world. In addition to being Young Greens Council Co-Chair, he serves on his campus club as the Communications Chair.

Young Greens Co-Chair, Avery Velez

Avery Velez is a non-binary trans, queer, indigenous, activist, feminist and Newfoundlander. They apply Indigenous/anti-colonial, trans*, and intersectional-feminist lenses to everything they do.

Avery has three years of experience with policy. They were part of the team that secured more than \$100 million for Northern housing in Budget 2016. Their work has included implementing land claims agreements and advocating for affordable housing in the North, as well as safe drinking water and infrastructure, First Nations education, Indigenous self government, international policy, the G7, gender inclusive language, trans* & queer inclusion, and research into human trafficking and gender based violence. They plan to use their voice on Council to advocate for greater engagement with communities — especially with queer and trans folks, people with disabilities, and BIPOC folks.

Alberta Representative, Max Stronge

Max Strong is a political science student at the University of Calgary. His focus is on sustainable policy development. He is new to the Green Party, both provincially and federally, but is excited to meet many like-minded changemakers. He is passionate about reducing Alberta's dependence on petroleum by incentivizing and exploring renewable energies.

Max's first official act within the GPA was to submit a motion to introduce an electric vehicle rebate in Alberta. He looks forward to continuing on the path to make Alberta — and Canada — a smarter, cleaner, greener place to live.

British Columbia Representative, Joel Woznow

Joel Woznow is a university student. He is a lover of the natural world around us and strong believer in the good in people and our political parties. He became an active Green Party member when he joined the North Vancouver EDA Board as a Young Green Representative in 2016. Since then he has volunteered in North Vancouver Community events such as Lynn Valley Days, Potlucks and other various Green Party events.

Joel got involved with the Green Party because he's tired of the political corruption, mistreatment, and hate happening in our country. He wants to do his part to create a better world for us, our children, and everything that lives on this irreplaceable planet. Soon after joining the Greens he realized how many of his peers share Green views yet choose not to get involved. Joel thinks this is where the problem lies, and his main goal on Council is to get more youth involved in politics.

Manitoba Representative, Bryanne Lamoureux

Bryanne Lamoureux is a proud Franco-Manitoban and university student currently completing a double major in Environmental Studies and Sociology. She is an environmentalist at heart and takes actions every day to reduce her impact on the environment. She joined the Green Party to learn more about local and global issues, and worked with the Green candidate for the Provencher riding in the 2015 federal election. She is also heavily involved in Winnipeg's downtown community.

New Brunswick Representative, Delaney Crawford

Delaney Crawford is a voice for youth, women and sexual and mental health minorities. She wants to advocate for these underrepresented groups and ensure that their concerns are heard. Delaney is passionate about the health of Canada's environment and is dedicated to New Brunswick's reduction of plastic waste and pollution. She is an active member of the Fredericton Young Greens, and was a participant in the Fredericton Young Greens' expert panel on mental health.

Newfoundland and Labrador Representative, Alexandra Hayward

Alexandra Hayward wants a world where caring for each other and the living planet are our top priorities. Born and raised on Beothuk and Mi'kmaq lands in Newfoundland, she now studies biology (ecology and conservation) and geography at Memorial University of Newfoundland. She was the inaugural recipient of the Conservation Corps NL's Adele Poynter Memorial Award for her contributions to the province's environmental and cultural resources.

Alexandra currently serves as a Regional Blue Dot Movement Ambassador. She also helped lead the Mount Pearl movement, which resulted in a municipal declaration for the right to a healthy environment. She is an Undergraduate Representative on the NL chapter of the Wildlife Society. This year she has become more involved with the Green Party and was fortunate enough to meet Elizabeth May when she last visited Newfoundland. She is in the early stages of organizing a Green Party campus club and is eager to increase this province's involvement with the Greens!

Nova Scotia Representative, Karyn MacPherson

Karyn MacPherson is an enthusiastic queer woman who is passionate about the environment! She has served as a digital ambassador for the Young Greens since December 2017 and has enjoyed meeting new YGs and promoting the Green message through digital content. During the 2015 election, she volunteered with the Green Party in Fredericton, New Brunswick. She canvassed door-to-door, helped with a local festival, and worked on a team to promote the YG's film screening. She was also part of a group of young women concerned about climate change

and the Energy East pipeline who created a video titled “Youth for Climate Action” that was presented to the New Brunswick Climate Change Select Committee.

During her academic studies at St. Thomas University she held several leadership roles, such as Residence Advisor, member of Students for Sustainability, Grad Class Committee member and Treasurer/Secretary for the Anthropology Society. She is excited to get started with the Young Greens Council team.

Ontario Representative, Jeremy Leite

Jeremy Leite is in his final year of a Public Administration degree at the University of Ottawa. He serves as a Junior Analyst at the Treasury Board of Canada and is the longest-serving student volunteer at Elizabeth May’s Hill office! He is the co-president of the University of Ottawa Greens, a member of the Ottawa-Vanier EDA, and worked in the GPC Info Centre during the 2015 Federal Election. He hopes to work with Green leaders from across the province to increase the party’s visibility and engage more young people. He is keen to expand on the progress made by the 2017-2018 Young Greens Council, especially the development of youth-led policy.

Prince Edward Island Representative, Jonathan Williams

Jonathan Williams is an open and welcoming person who strongly advocates for social justice causes. Already active in Island communities, he joined the PEI Green Party in January and loved what he saw: people working for current and long-term change for the interests of all. He hopes to encourage more young people to participate in Green politics in order to ensure that party platforms really do work for everyone.

Quebec Representative, Grace Tarabey

Grace Tarabey is a volunteer and representative of the Young Greens of Quebec. She is passionate about political mobilization and organization, especially when it comes to like-minded young people. She studies political science at the University of Montreal and has worked in sales, marketing, and recruiting. Her time as a student ambassador on campus and

in her current internship on Daniel Green's communications team will help her bring the voices of young Quebec Greens to the Council.

Saskatchewan Representative, Tracey Moody

Tracey Moody is new to the world of politics, but will strive to bring wider attention to forward-thinking Green Party platforms. She is passionate about environmental protection and championing local, sustainable projects. She is an administrative assistant at the Moose Jaw radio station and a member of both the City's Environmental Advisory Committee and Public Library Board.