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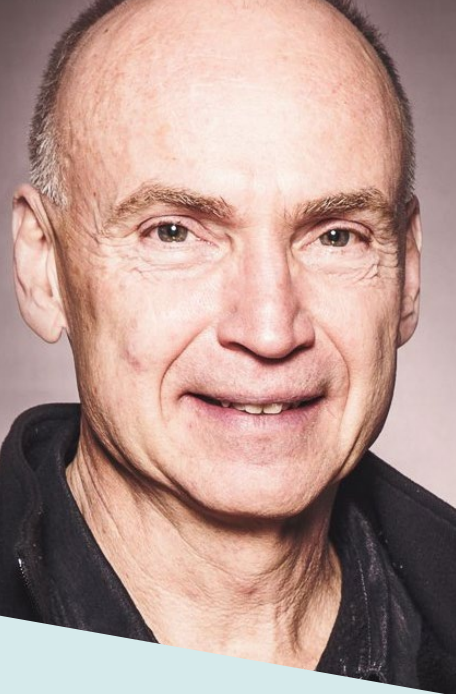
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Greetings from the GPO President

When we last came together we were still celebrating our all-in province wide effort that made our leader the first elected Green MPP in Ontario. At that meeting we were already working on our new highest priority: showing voters that we were worthy of their support. I am happy to conclude that we are well along the way to accomplishing that objective.

Mike Schreiner has done an excellent job of representing the party both provincially and locally in Guelph. As an MPP he has used his increased visibility and earned media wisely. He's been showing a broader electorate what we knew all along, that the GPO is an honest player with practical ideas that can punch above its weight. More than a few people have quipped to Mike that he has been the actual opposition at Queen's Park. Our track record over the last 2 years has helped fuel the record levels of fundraising and membership in the GPO that we are experiencing today.

We now have a second priority quickly ramping up. There are four years in between provincial elections and more than one and a half have already gone by since the last one; we now need to start preparing in earnest for the general election in 2022. Electing one MPP was just the start. We can elect more.

Preparations for 2022 are already well underway. By design, we came out of the last provincial election debt free. We've already been putting money aside in a war chest for the next campaign. We also have more staff than we did four years ago, staff that can help us to build the kind of organizational capacity we will need to elect more MPPs.

Without proportional representation, the rules of the game will all but force us once again to target our resources to ridings where we have the best chances of winning. Those will be the ridings whose local initiatives over the next two years will show that they are the best prepared and organized for a winning campaign in 2022. Once again we will need member support and understanding that this strategy, as one-sided as it may be, is the best way to move our party and policy directions forward.

The best thing all members can do between now and 2022 is to stay active and visible locally. Don't treat the abundant time in between elections as down time. Instead, run an issue campaign, build your CA with members and volunteers, engage in local fundraising and recruit potential candidates. Keep the motor running and enter 2022 with momentum!

Ard Van Leeuwen

President, Green Party of Ontario

Welcome message from the Leader of the GPO

Thank you for joining us in Scarborough on the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Anishnaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Métis, and the Mississaugas of the Scugog, Hiawatga, and Alderville First Nation for the 2019 Green Party of Ontario convention. We have an exciting weekend ahead of policy discussion, workshops and inspiring talks.

A green wave is growing across our country and I am honoured that you have chosen to be part of it in Ontario. Now more than ever we need Greens at every level of government to protect the people and places we love.

I have been the leader of this party for 10 years, and the highlight was undoubtedly being elected to the Ontario legislature in 2018 after years of hard work by so many Greens.

From the day I was sworn in as Ontario's first Green MPP, I have been working to bring our core Green values to Queen's Park: sustainability, ecological wisdom, social justice, non-violence, participatory democracy and respect for diversity.

Having a seat at the table has given us a stage to demonstrate how we do politics differently, putting collaboration over confrontation and solutions over slander.

We all know the serious damage the Premier is doing to our environment and public services. But I am grateful for the opportunity to show Green alternative - a vision to solve the climate emergency by embracing the \$26 trillion global clean economy.

Because I firmly believe Ontarians are problem solvers, not problem deniers.

As a single MPP, every day is a marathon of debates, meetings, and events - all focused on representing my constituency and building the Green Party of Ontario. It is the most rewarding experience I've ever had, but we need more Green MPPs to share in this work and to turn Ontario's Green ripple into a wave in 2022.

So this weekend, and as we approach the next election, I am asking you to help us build the Green Party in your community, and to support your local constituency association in the grassroots work they do.

Thank you for being here, and for being part of our mission to leave a livable planet for our children and grandchildren.

Mike Schreiner

Leader, Green Party of Ontario



AGENDA

Friday, November 1st

- 3:00 pm Registration
- 4:00 pm Tour of Centennial Culinary Dept. and Clean Energy Dept.
- 6:00 pm Welcome, introductions, & what to expect
Matt Chisholm & Maureen Balsillie
- 7:00 pm Dinner
- 7:45 pm **Speaker:** Community Engagement
Velma Morgan, Operation Black Vote
- 8:30 pm **Table talks:**
A series of short issue-based conversations
- 10:00 pm Drinks & Networking
(Cash bar)

Note: Events take place in Fall/Winter room unless otherwise noted.





Saturday, November 2nd

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 8:30 am Welcome & Greetings
- 8:50 am President's Address
Ard Van Leeuwen
- 9:00 am CFO report
Mike Bumby
- 9:15 am 2022 Campaign Strategy update (members only)
Election Readiness Committee
- 9:45 am **Safe Spaces:** Making anti-sexism, diversity and inclusion an absolute priority
Kathy Acheson, Eric Gilmour & Kevin Sutton
- 10:40 am Break
- 11:00 am **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (details on page 9)
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Leader's Address
Mike Schreiner
- 1:45 pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (details on page 10)
- 2:45 pm Break
- 3:00 pm The Island Green Wave: PEI's success story
Lynne Lund, MLA
- 3:40 pm Towards a Comprehensive Housing Strategy:
GPO Discussion Paper
Mike Schreiner
- 3:50 pm **Panel Discussion:**
Unlocking Affordable Housing in Ontario
Cherise Burda, Heather Tremain, Graham Cubitt, Mike Schreiner
- 5:00 pm **Caucuses:**
Youth and Francophone Caucus meet-ups
- GALA & DINNER**
- 6:00 pm Reception: remarks from MP-elect Jenica Atwin
- 8:45 pm Keynote address: Climate Changes Everything
Dr. Dianne Saxe
- 9:30 pm Drinks & Networking
(Cash bar)

AGENDA

Sunday, November 3rd

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Intro to plenary
- 9:20 am Plenary
Chairs: Andrew West & Marianne Workman
- 11:50 am Break
- 12:00 pm 2019 Federal election debrief
Jonathan Dickie, GPC National Campaign Director
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:25 pm Treaty and Treaty Relations
Deputy Grand Chief Gordon Peters
- 2:10 pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** *(details on page 11)*

Note: Events take place in Fall/Winter room unless otherwise noted.





PLAN YOUR WEEKEND

What to expect at the breakout sessions

SATURDAY – 11 AM

workshop

FALL/WINTER ROOM

CREATING SAFE SPACES IN OUR PARTY

Led by Kevin Sutton

An update on the GPO's ongoing work to strengthen our anti-sexism policies to ensure that everyone in the party is protected from harm.

workshop

SPRING ROOM

EYEING UP TO 2022

Led by GPO Executive Director, Jaymini Bhikha

A brainstorming session for you to have input on the GPO's strategy heading into the next election, from mobilization to money to messaging.

workshop

SUMMER ROOM

ORGANIZING FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Hosted by Climate Justice Toronto

An introductory workshop by young climate organizers on how we can create a movement for climate action by effectively organizing and building alliances at the local level.

policy

SOUTH BOARDROOM

BUILDING A COMPREHENSIVE GPO HOUSING POLICY

Led by GPO Policy Coordinator, Stacey Danckert

A policy brainstorm on how the GPO can advocate for a comprehensive evidence-based solutions to solve the housing affordability crisis touching every corner of Ontario.

PLAN YOUR WEEKEND

What to expect at the breakout sessions

SATURDAY – 1:45 PM

workshop

FALL/WINTER ROOM

KEYS TO VICTORY: WHAT WORKED IN NANAIMO'S BY-ELECTION

Led by Melissa Vincett

Lessons learned from Paul Manly's successful federal by-election campaign and how we can use them in upcoming by-elections in Ontario and beyond.

training

SOUTH BOARDROOM

HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO)

Led by GPO Organizers, Matt Chisholm and Maureen Balsillie

A training session for current and aspiring Chief Financial Officers on how to run their constituency associations and meet all the requirements of Elections Ontario.

policy

SUMMER ROOM

BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Led by Stacey Danckert, Becky Smit & Dave Bagler

workshop

SPRING ROOM

COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY

Led by Andrew Craig

SUNDAY – 2:10 PM

workshop

FALL/WINTER ROOM

REGIONAL ORGANIZING

Led by Matthew Piggott, Jason Hammond & Stacey Danckert

A strategy session on how the party can increase its profile across all regions in Ontario.

policy

SUMMER ROOM

BUILDING A COMPREHENSIVE GPO HOUSING POLICY

Led by GPO Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic, Priyan De Silva

A policy brainstorm on how the GPO can advocate for a comprehensive evidence-based solutions to solve the housing affordability crisis touching every corner of Ontario.

training

SPRING ROOM

LEADING WITH STORIES AND VALUES

Led by GPO Press Secretary, Jason LaChappelle

A workshop for hopeful candidates on how to sharpen your communications skills with traditional and social media through the power of storytelling.



MEET THE SPEAKERS



VELMA MORGAN

Operation Black Vote

Velma Morgan is a leader with proven experience in creating and implementing policies and programs in the provincial government for over 10 years. As Chair of Operation Black Vote Canada, Velma is the architect of the first-ever Black Community provincial leaders debate, Black Women’s Political Summit and Next Generation Political Summit. Velma is involved in a myriad of community and not-for-profit associations. Through her positions in the provincial government and work in education, she ensured that the voices of marginalized communities were reflected in policies and government’s communications. She also helped to strengthen collaborative ties between racialized communities, youth and government in new and innovative ways.



MIKE SCHREINER

MPP for Guelph and GPO Leader

Mike Schreiner is the leader of the Green Party of Ontario and the MPP for Guelph, the first ever Green MPP elected to the Ontario Legislature. He was elected in the 2018 provincial election with a resounding 45% of the vote as the Green Party of Ontario won its first ever seat at Queen’s Park. Mike Schreiner was elected leader of the Green Party of Ontario on November 14, 2009. Under Mike’s leadership, the GPO has experienced substantial growth in its voters, fundraising, staff, volunteers and media exposure, reaching its highest support levels in the 2018 election. A successful entrepreneur and small business owner, Mike is a leading advocate for small businesses, local food and sustainable communities.



LYNNE LUND

Deputy Leader of the Green Party of PEI and MLA for Summerside-Wilmot

Lynne Lund is the Deputy Leader of the Green Party of Prince Edward Island and the MLA for Summerside-Wilmot. She was elected in 2019 when the party quadrupled their seat share and formed Official Opposition, the biggest Green breakthrough in Canada’s history. Lynne is also the Opposition critic for the Environment, Water and Climate Change. Lynne is an avid volunteer with numerous environmental and social justice groups and owned her own cloth diaper business prior to getting elected.

CHERISE BURDA

Ryerson City Building Institute

As Executive Director of Ryerson University's City Building Institute, Cherise leads research, engagement and communications strategies to advance urban sustainability solutions. Her previous roles include Pembina Institute's Ontario Director, Program Director with the David Suzuki Foundation in Vancouver and senior researcher with the Polis Institute at University of Victoria. She holds an M.A. in environmental legislation and policy, a BSc. in environmental science and a B.Ed. Over her career, Cherise has developed expertise as a thought leader on many public policy issues including energy and climate, transportation, housing, urban and regional planning and forest policy.



GRAHAM CUBITT

Indwell

Graham Cubitt is the director of projects & development at Indwell, a Hamilton-based Christian charity that creates affordable housing communities that support people seeking health, wellness, and belonging. Graham has overseen development of housing for over 600 households in southern Ontario, with another 1,000 apartments in construction and various planning phases. Indwell's approach to affordable housing focuses on creating vibrant, livable communities - sometimes through adaptive-reuse of derelict buildings, or by new construction. Indwell has adopted Passive House design strategies for all projects since 2016, becoming a Canadian leader in demonstrating the economic and environmental benefits of energy-efficient and accessible buildings.



HEATHER TREMAIN

Options for Homes

Heather Tremain is the CEO of Options for Homes, an organization that uses an innovative financial model to help low- and moderate-income families become homeowners. Under Heather's leadership, Options, Canada's largest developer of affordable ownership housing, has grown to have over \$800 million in its development pipeline. Since joining Options for Homes Heather has become a tireless champion and the national voice of affordable home ownership and its value. She has helped achieve beneficial changes to both public policy and funding in support of this segment of the Canadian housing spectrum.



MEET THE SPEAKERS



DAVE MESLIN

Political Entrepreneur & Community Organizer

A passionate transpartisan political disruptor, Dave has spent the last twenty years as a political biologist, exploring the strange and mysterious worlds of protest movements, party politics and non-profit organizations. An urbanist, community organiser, trainer and political entrepreneur, Dave has left a trail of campaigns and organisations in his path, including the Toronto Public Space Committee, Ranked Ballot Initiative of Toronto, Unlock Democracy Canada, Dandyhorse Magazine, FairDebates.ca and Cycle Toronto. Dave also co-founded Spacing magazine, in 2003. Dave's new bestselling book, *Teardown: Rebuilding Democracy from the Ground Up* offers a recipe for change and a cure for cynicism.



DR. DIANNE SAXE

Saxe Facts

Dr. Dianne Saxe is one of Canada's most respected environmental lawyers, and was the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario 2015 to 2019. She was appointed unanimously by all MPPs to report to the Legislature on Ontario's environmental, energy and climate performance, and to be the guardian of the Environmental Bill of Rights. Now heading Saxe Facts, a business providing strategic advice and presentations on climate, energy and environment.



DEPUTY GRAND CHIEF GORDON PETERS

Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians

Deputy Grand Chief Gordon Peters is Lunapeew, from Eelunaapèewii Lakhèewiit (Delaware Nation). He is a proud member of the Turtle Clan. Gord has worked with First Nations in both political and non-political roles for 40 years. He currently holds the position of Deputy Grand Chief, an elected position with the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians. Gord served as Ontario Regional Chief for 12 years and the Grand Chief of AIAI for four years. In his free time, Gord participates in family, cultural activities, and enjoys engaging in public discussion and education. Golfing remains high on his list of free time activities.

INTRODUCTION TO GPO CONVENTIONS

Plenary and Voting

WHAT IS PLENARY?

Plenary is the part of the convention that is attended by all participants (as opposed to the other breakout sessions throughout the weekend). In the GPO, we use the term plenary to refer to the parts of our convention where we consider and vote on constitutional, policy and directive resolutions.

WHAT ARE RESOLUTIONS?

During the conference, we will consider 3 types of resolutions that set a particular direction for the GPO:

- Policy resolutions that set a position for the GPO on a specific issue, ie The GPO supports Trees and Birds.
- Constitutional resolutions that modify our constitution, and
- Directive resolutions that request a particular course of action for operations of the party.

WHAT ORDER WILL WE REVIEW RESOLUTIONS?

We'll look at policy, constitutional and directive resolutions, in that order.

The resolutions will be ranked by convention delegates prior to the Policy Workshops that we are holding on Saturday morning. If you have yet to rank your policy selections online, please visit the registration desk and rank your selections on Friday evening.

We will discuss the top ranked policies during the Policy Workshops on Saturday morning before voting at Plenary on Sunday.

WHEN DO WE VOTE?

We will vote on resolutions during Plenary on Sunday morning.

HOW DO WE VOTE?

We use a voting method called the Bonser Method to consider resolutions. For our general convention process, or where the Bonser Method is silent, we use Robert's Rules of Order.

Here is a brief introduction to the Bonser Method of voting. More information is available in the Bylaw F of the GPO constitution. If there is a discrepancy between these instructions and the bylaw, the bylaw is the authority.

Presentation

The sponsor of the resolutions or a designate presents the resolution and explains its merits for a maximum of 2 minutes.

Questions of clarification

Delegates (that's you!) can ask up to a total of 3 short questions of clarification of 30 seconds maximum (3 total per resolution, not per delegate). This is not a presentation of arguments for or against the resolution, rather an explanation of a point that may not be clear.

At this point, only minor wording changes ('friendly amendments') that clarify the resolution in response to the questions asked shall be allowed - no opinions, amendments, or speaking to the content of the resolution.

Debate

Delegates can next speak in favour or in opposition to a resolution: up to 2 people with supporting arguments, and 2 people with opposing arguments. Maximum 30 seconds per person.

Two microphones will be set up on the plenary floor for this purpose (a “pro” mic and a “con” mic). If there are more than 2 people at a mic, it’s good to consult with each other to ensure the best arguments are put forward. The plenary chairs may extend the debate for up to 5 minutes.

Vote

Once debate has been closed, the chairs will then move to a vote. To vote for the motion, show your voting card:

- a. Green to support the resolution.
- b. Red to oppose the resolution.
- c. Yellow to send the resolution to workshop. This means that you could support the motion, given changes that would be suggested during a break out workshop.

Note: some delegates may carry proxy votes on behalf of members who aren’t able to be present at the meeting.

The motion passes if more than 60% of the votes cast are green, and is defeated if more than 60% of the votes cast are red. Any other outcome means the resolution will be sent to a workshop session for possible amendment.

You do not have to vote on every resolution.

Workshops

At an appropriate time in the agenda, generally after 3 resolutions are voted to go to workshop, the chair calls a breakout workshop session. In each workshop, a resolution is discussed and amended, and recommendations to the assembly may also be prepared.

You can choose whichever workshop is of most interest to you.

At the workshop, the resolution is debated in more detail, and amendments are proposed to address any concerns raised. Final wording of the resolution is brought back to the plenary for a final vote.

Final Vote

At the close of the workshops, plenary resumes and the updated resolution is provided for consideration. The workshop leader is given time to explain the reasons behind the changes (if any). 3 questions of clarification are permitted. Friendly amendments (wording changes that don’t affect the meaning of the resolution) are allowed, but there is no further debate on the resolution.

A second vote on the resolution is held. In this final vote, only votes in favour (green) or opposed (red) are permitted. If 60% of the cards displayed are green, the resolution passes. The resolution is defeated with any other outcome.

GUIDELINES FOR PLENARY

It is extremely important to attend plenary sessions on time: each year, several resolutions are not considered because time runs out. You can help ensure that we get through all resolutions submitted this year by arriving to plenary on time.

We use rules of order to make sure our convention runs smoothly, fairly, and on time. With cooperation and agreement from delegates in plenary, we may from time to time turn from formal process to achieve these objectives. We look forward to your active participation. We also ask that you remember to be respectful of others at all times. Participatory democracy always demands polite discourse.

TERMS YOU MAY HEAR (OR USE!) DURING PLENARY

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

Point of Privilege

Used if a delegate has an issue relating to noise, personal comfort (ie it's too hot!) etc. Please interrupt proceedings only if necessary!

Point of Information

Generally, applies to information desired from the speaker: "I should like to ask the (speaker) a question."

Point of Order

Raises an issue relating to an infraction of the rules, or improper decorum in speaking. Must be raised immediately after the error is made.

Main Motion

Brings new business (the next item on the agenda) before the assembly.

Divide the Question: Divides a motion into two or more separate motions (must be able to stand on their own).

Amend

Inserting or striking out words or paragraphs, or substituting whole paragraphs or resolutions.

Withdraw/Modify Motion

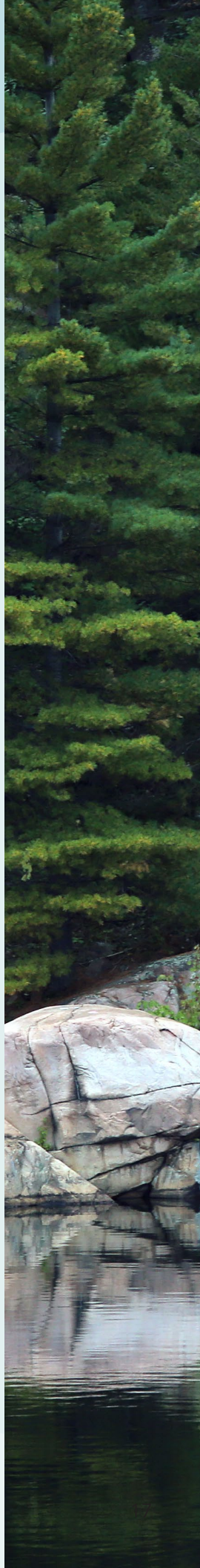
Applies only after question is stated; mover can accept an amendment without obtaining the floor.

Extend Debate

Applies only to the immediately pending question; extends until a certain time or for a certain period of time.

Limit Debate

Closing debate at a certain time, or limiting to a certain period of time. A member may do this by 'calling the question'.





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AGM19C01

Increasing Requirements for Motions and Running in Internal Elections

Submitted by: Eric Gilmour

Sponsored by: Bonnie North, James Mihaychuk, Lydia West, Casey Lalonde

WHEREAS the Party is growing and has more members than ever before; and
WHEREAS conventions typically don't get through the full list of submitted motions; and
WHEREAS increasing the number of sponsors needed will reduce the number of motions submitted and ensure the ones that are submitted enjoy higher levels of support in the Party; and
WHEREAS the requirement to run for an internal governance position should be raised to reflect the growing number of Party members;

BE IT RESOLVED that Article 6.5.3.1 of the Constitution be amended to the following:

"All motions for a General Meeting shall be:

- a. Authored by a member of the Party in good standing, and
- b. Be sponsored by at least 15 members in good standing"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article 6.5.3.2 of the Constitution be amended to the following:

"In addition to the requirements in 6.5.3.1, policy motions shall:

- a. Be sponsored by a member of Shadow Cabinet with the file relevant to the policy, or
- b. Be sponsored by the Leader of the Party, or
- c. Be sponsored by an additional 5 members in good standing of the Party"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article 8.4.2.1(b) of the Constitution be amended to the following:

"Be nominated by at least 5 members in good standing eligible to vote for the nominee"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article 8.4.2.3 of the Constitution be amended to the following:

"In addition to 8.4.2.1, members wishing to stand for election for certain positions that are province-wide and voted on by the entire membership shall:

- a. Be nominated by an additional 10 members in good standing for the position of President; and
- b. Be nominated by members from 3 of the 6 geographical regions recognized by the Party"

AGM19C02

Amendment to By-law J: Updating Quorum for a Growing Party

Submitted by: Ryan Phillips

Sponsored by: Jim O'Reilly, Tom McCavour, Christine Elwell, Bonnie North, David Noseworthy

WHEREAS the Green Party of Ontario is growing in membership, and whereas Constituency Association Annual General Meetings require a quorum (or, a minimum number or percentage of members being present) in order for meetings to officially take place, and whereas many large Constituency Associations face logistical problems with the existing quorum outlined in the GPO By-law J.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario amend By-law J in order to lower the existing quorum from 25% or 5 members to 10% or 5 members.

AGM19C03

GPO Policy Process amendments

Submitted by: Dave Bagler

Sponsored by: Ard Van Leeuwen, Abhijeet Manay, Stacey Danckert, James Mihaychuk

WHEREAS: We are a rapidly growing party and now have an elected member of provincial parliament.

WHEREAS: As a party, we celebrate diversity, but our policy submissions often don't reflect the diversity of our party.

WHEREAS: We should be actively encouraging participation in our policy development process.

WHEREAS: Party members should have a democratic way of ranking motions at annual general meetings.

WHEREAS: A policy statement model is more consistent with the process used by our federal cousins and provincial cousins in British Columbia, and their models include input from successfully international Green Parties, including Germany and New Zealand.

WHEREAS: Detailed policy proposals risk becoming out-of-date quickly as political realities change and new information, facts and evidence come to light.

WHEREAS: We value evidence-based decision making, intricacies of policy, and implementation details are best left to subject matter experts.

WHEREAS: A collection of policy statements provide a better guide for our elected representatives.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Constitution is updated as follows:

Update Article 2 of the constitution from:

(2.0) The purpose or mission of the Green Party of Ontario is to elect Green Party of Ontario candidates and implement Green Party of Ontario policy, utilizing all the resources at the Party's command.

To:

(2.0) The purpose or mission of the Green Party of Ontario is to elect Green Party of Ontario candidates and implement Green Party of Ontario principles through public policy, utilizing all the resources at the Party's command

Update Article 4.6 of the constitution, replacing its heading:

Policy development

With:

Develop policy statements

Update Article 6.1.2 of the constitution from:

(d) Policy Resolutions, and

To:

(d) Policy Statement Resolutions, and

Update Article 6.5.1 of the constitution from:

(c) Policy, and

To:

(c) Policy Statement, and

Replace Article 6.5.3.2 of the constitution:

(6.5.3.2) Policy resolutions shall meet all requirements in 6.5.3.1 and additionally:

(a) be sponsored by the Issue Advocate or Policy Coordinator, or

(b) be sponsored by 5 additional members in good standing of the Party

With:

(6.5.3.2) Policy statement resolutions shall meet all requirements of the Policy Development Process. The Policy Development Process must:

Encourage policy statements that uphold Party values.

Encourage diversity, collaboration and broad membership participation.

Encourage evidence-based policy statements.

Empower the membership to lead the development of policy statements.

Empower the membership to democratically order policy statement resolutions for General Meetings.

Empower Party Members of Provincial Parliament and Issue Advocates to maintain and update detailed party policies that follow the policy statements approved by the membership, the Party's values and the best available scientific evidence. Not conflict with the Constitution or By-Laws of the Party.

Be easy for members to understand.

(6.5.3.3) The Provincial Executive will review the Policy Development Process within three months after each General Meeting and will

update the policy development process as necessary to adhere to the requirements of this constitution.

publish any changes to the Policy Development Process.

Update Article 6.5.4 from:

(6.5.4) Resolutions shall be considered in the order that they are received chronologically.

To:

(6.5.4) Resolutions shall be considered in the following order:

Constitution and Bylaw resolutions, then

Policy statement resolutions, then

Directive resolutions.

Update Article 8.0.2 of the constitution from:

(8.0.2) The Provincial Executive cannot produce Policy, but shall:

To:

(8.0.2) The Provincial Executive shall:

Update Article 8.0.2 of the constitution by adding:

(i) approve the Party's Policy Development Process.

Remove Article 12 of the constitution. The fact-based policy criteria will be detailed in the policy development process.

Update Article 9 to add:

(9.2.3) The Policy Development Process may be amended by the Provincial Executive providing that the changes are consistent with this constitution.

(9.2.4) All changes made under 9.2.3 shall be presented to the Party membership for confirmation at the next General Meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Constitution is updated as follows:

Update By-law A to add definition:

"Policy Statement" is defined as a principle based statement which does not contain any specific strategy or tactical statement, but provides direction to the Leader, Issue Advocates and Party Members of Provincial Parliament.

Update By-law B 6.1.1 from:

(6.1.1) Resolutions shall be considered as outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws. Their order may only be changed by recommendation of any of the following:

a. President; or

b. Secretary; or

c. Policy Coordinator; or

d. General Meeting Chair.

To:

(6.1.1) Resolutions shall be considered as outlined in the Constitution, Bylaws and any Policy Development Process approved by the Provincial Executive. Their order

may only be changed by recommendation of any of the following:

a. President; or

b. Secretary; or

c. An individual or a committee designated by the Policy Development Process; or

d. General Meeting Chair.

Update By-law B 6.2.2 c from:

c. Policy Coordinator; or

To:

c. An individual or a committee designated by the Policy Development Process; or

Update By-law B 6.3.1 c from:

c. Policy Coordinator; or

To:

c. An individual or a committee designated by the Policy Development Process; or

Update By-law B 6.3.3 from:

(6.3.3) Individual members "shall not submit more than" 5 resolutions to an AGM with the exception of:

- a. Members of the Provincial Executive
- b. Members of Shadow Cabinet
- c. The Policy Coordinator

To:

(6.3.3) Individual members shall be limited to bringing 1 Constitution and Bylaw or Directive resolution to an AGM with the exception of Members of the Provincial Executive.

Remove By-law B 7 Sunsetting Policy Resolutions. Sunsetting will be detailed in the policy development process.

Update By-law B 8.1 b from:

b. There will be a current account of those resolutions that are still in force, with annotations of the date and nature of any changes, whether additions or deletions, but without any commentary or explanation for the changes, and this record will be divided into Constitutional, directive, and policy categories;

To:

b. There will be a current account of those resolutions that are still in force, with annotations of the date and nature of any changes, whether additions or deletions, but without any commentary or explanation for the changes, and this record will be divided into Constitutional, directive, and policy statement categories;

Update By-law B 8.1 c from:

c. Separate listings of Constitutional, directive, and policy resolutions will be kept, each containing whatever identifiable introductory and explanatory notes, or commentary, the Provincial Executive sees fit; and

To:

c. Separate listings of Constitutional, directive, and policy statement resolutions will be kept, each containing whatever identifiable introductory and explanatory notes, or commentary, the Provincial Executive sees fit; and

Remove By-law B 9 Editing Text of New Policies. Editing will be detailed in the policy development process.

Update By-law B 10.4 from:

(10.4) Facilitators for Policy Workshops may be designated by the Chair or the AGM Organizing Committee.

To:

(10.4) Facilitators for Policy Statement Workshops may be designated by the Chair or the AGM Organizing Committee.

Update By-law C 1.1.1 from:

(1.1.1) Motions submitted on time for consideration at a General Meeting shall be subject to review. Constitutional, Bylaw, and Directive motions shall be reviewed by the Party President and Secretary. Policy motions shall be reviewed by the Policy Coordinator and the appropriate Issue Advocate(s).

To:

(1.1.1) Motions submitted on time for consideration at a General Meeting shall be subject to review. Constitutional, Bylaw, and Directive motions shall be reviewed by the Party President and Secretary. Policy statement motions will be subject to rules set out in the Policy Development Process.

Update By-Law I 1.1 m from:

(m) Liaise with and create relationships with provincial stakeholders, community organizations, and business associations to assist with GPO policy generation and fundraising opportunities.

To:

(m) Liaise with and create relationships with provincial stakeholders, community organizations, and business associations to assist with policy statement development and fundraising opportunities.

Update By-Law I 2.1 c from:

(c) appoint Issue Advocates in consultation with the Policy Coordinator;

To:

(c) Appoint Issue Advocates in consultation with an individual or a committee designated by the Policy Development Process;

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Updates to Bylaw D 4.2.d.

Submitted by: Ard Van Leeuwen

Sponsored by: Provincial Executive, Peter Varty

WHEREAS the GPO uses "Simply Voting" to manage online ballots and voting for the PE Elections;
WHEREAS due to limitations to the software Simply Voting allows for voters to rank candidates below NOTA;
WHEREAS this creates potential for an edge-case problem where a ballot may not be considered exhausted when NOTA is the top choice as required;
WHEREAS it is not feasible to modify the software to eliminate this issue;

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw D 4.2.d. be amended as follows:

original:

A ballot is considered exhausted once "NOTA" is selected as the first preference, or if all selected preferences on a given ballot are eliminated.

amended:

A ballot is considered exhausted once all selected preferences on a given ballot are eliminated.



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Note: For changes to existing resolutions, new text is in italics.

AGM19P01

Consultation and Cooperation with Indigenous Peoples

Submitted by: James Mihaychuk

Sponsored by: Lorraine Rekmans, James O'Grady, Andrew Tomayer, Les Schram, Eric Gilmour, Marianne Workman, Grant Penton, Stacey Danckert

WHEREAS the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) refers not only to “consultation” with Indigenous peoples, but “consultation and cooperation”, and
WHEREAS far too often consultations with Indigenous peoples have been and continue to be lacking in the necessary sincere cooperation, and
WHEREAS the UNDRIP mandates the “free, prior, and informed consent” of Indigenous peoples in decisions affecting them;
Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the existing policies of the Green Party of Ontario shall be amended to accord with the UNDRIP, specifically that policies shall refer to decisions taken in “consultation and cooperation” with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples with the new text as follows:

3.14.1 Hunting and Fishing

...that the Green Party of Ontario endorses an eventual ban on hunting, trapping and fishing by non-Indigenous persons in all protected areas, including all classes of provincial parks, conservation areas and Crown game preserves, that would be subject to consultation and cooperation with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples;

3.14.1 Hunting and Fishing

...that the Green Party of Ontario endorses tight limits on hunting for sport by non-Indigenous persons (as distinguished from hunting for sustenance or cultural purposes) particularly the killing of wildlife for entertainment, recreation or trophies that would be subject to consultation and cooperation with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples.

3.14.2 Animals in Agriculture

...that the Green Party of Ontario does not support the use of furs on ornamental, as opposed to functional clothing, except:
- by First Nations, Métis, and Inuit persons, and
- where such use is protected by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

9.2.3 Free Trade Agreements

...that free trade agreements should include consultation and cooperation with, among others, local Governments and communities, including Indigenous peoples, and should favour local goods and services and should ensure the protection of the environment.

19.4 Labour Regulations for Teleworking

...that the Green Party of Ontario would support dedicated, stable, long-term funding for teleworking partnerships to be developed in consultation and cooperation with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples communities of Ontario.

13.8.2. Mining Regulation

...that the Green Party of Ontario would balance the negative and positive outcomes of mining through:

- Improved Environmental Assessment and impact studies;
- Improved regulation related to flora, fauna and water impacts;
- Consultation with local communities;
- Consultation and cooperation with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples, and
- Full life planning of the site, products, and by-products.

13.8.3. Aggregate Industry Regulation

...that the Green Party of Ontario would ensure consultation and cooperation with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples communities on all resource extraction projects.

AGM19P02

UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

Submitted by: James Mihaychuk

Supported by: Lorraine Rekmans, James O'Grady, Andrew Tomayer, Les Schram, Eric Gilmour, Marianne Workman, Grant Penton, Stacey Danckert

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in 2006; Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario endorses and affirms the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would advance only such laws, regulations, and policies that support and advance the full recognition of the inherent rights of Indigenous peoples, including the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples of Canada.

AGM19P03

Education for the Future - Curriculum and TRC

Submitted by: James Mihaychuk

Supported by: Lorraine Rekmans, James O'Grady, Andrew Tomayer, Les Schram, Eric Gilmour, Marianne Workman, Grant Penton, Stacey Danckert

WHEREAS the Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) demands certain changes to the manner in which all Canadians are educated therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would reform the Ontario curriculum to address the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), in a manner consistent with the TRC's Calls to Action directed at the federal government.

AGM19P04

Aboriginal Rights and the TRC

Submitted by: James Mihaychuk

Supported by: Lorraine Rekmans, James O'Grady, Andrew Tomayer, Les Schram, Eric Gilmour, Marianne Workman, Grant Penton

WHEREAS Section 35 of the Constitution Act (1867) recognizes and affirms Aboriginal Rights, and;

WHEREAS Section 91(24) of the Constitution Act (1867) provides that the federal government has the legislative jurisdiction for "Indians and lands reserved for the Indians," and;

WHEREAS Sections 92A and 93 and 93A the Constitution Act (1867) assign Provincial jurisdiction to Ontario for renewable and non-renewable natural resources and education; Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will ensure that all provincial responsibilities that Ontario holds under Sections 92A and 93 of the Constitution Act (1867) shall be carried out in a manner that:

- Includes provisions for adherence to shared responsibilities for Section 35 of the Constitution Act (1982) respecting rights "of the aboriginal peoples of Canada";
- Is consistent with the principles and provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP);
- Implements the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, and
- Implements the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).

AGM19P05

Saving Ontario Place from privatization

Submitted by: Bruce Van Dieten

Supported by: Bonnie North, Tim Grant, Debra Scott, David Stibbe, Jim O'Reilly, James Mihaychuk, Eva Sarenland, C. Christopher Simmons, Rob Corkum, Rita Bilerman

WHEREAS, Ontario Place is under threat to be privatized:

WHEREAS, Ontario Place belongs to all citizens of Ontario and is a resource for all:

WHEREAS, Ontario Place is located on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

WHEREAS, Ontario Place is located on unceded land of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation:

WHEREAS, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation has formally submitted, to the Governments of Canada and Ontario, an Aboriginal Title claim for all the waters in its' Treaty Lands and Territory:

WHEREAS, Ont. Place occupies some 152 acres (including land and water courses and heritage buildings like the Clnesphere and the so-called "Pods) on the shore of Lake Ontario anchoring the eastern end of the western beaches of the city of Toronto:

WHEREAS, the City of Toronto is, by some projections, to reach a population of some 5 million people in the next 25 years and is already facing unprecedented pressure for public access to the Lake:

WHEREAS, access to the lake for all forms of recreation, food and drinking water, is the best way to safeguard Lake Ontario as the precious resource it is, to the benefit of all Ontarians:

BE IT RESOLVED that the GPO, in consultation with the community, province and First Nation communities, create provincial park at the Ontario Place site and potentially including the western beaches from the Humber.

AGM19P06

Healthcare Amendments

Submitted by: Stacey Danckert

Supported by: Marianne Workman, Bonnie North, Kevin Shaw, Peter Kennedy and Grace Workman-Porecki

17.1. Improving Ontario's Health Care

Remove the last clause because it is redundant with 17.2. Universal Pharmacare,:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports a provincially funded Pharmacare program to assist low-income individuals who are unable to afford prescription drugs.

WHEREAS consultation with a medical professional has resulted in the suggestion of language edits;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following minor amendments are made (*italics denotes edits*):

17.2. Universal Pharmacare

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario government would create a provincial pharmacare program for all residents that would give universal drug coverage, encourage safe, evidence-based prescribing practices, prevent underuse, overuse and inappropriate use thereby promoting optimal health of Ontario residents and reducing workforce costs to employers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would create a healthcare professional oversight body mandated to identify the need for, fund, and oversee research with the aim of reducing pharmacare costs by reviewing and recommending funding of those pharmacological agents with clear benefits, producing demonstrated improvements in health and wellbeing.

Existing text:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would create a provincially funded Pharmacare program for all residents that would provide universal drug coverage, encourage safe prescribing practices, prevent underuse and overuse and reduce workforce costs for business.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would create a medical oversight body that would Identify the need for, fund, and oversee research and reduce pharmacare costs by supporting only evidence-based pharmacological practices with healthy outcomes.

16.2. Health Care: Treatment

WHEREAS the function of health care practitioners should be to help us maintain our health, which should be given increased emphasis in our healthcare system.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario health care policy will focus on providing timely access to a full range of proven health care systems and programs, and on providing treatment facilities that are human-scale, community-centred places of healing with increased emphasis on promoting optimal health and wellbeing within our healthcare system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will fund Ontario residents who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening or severely debilitating disorder where there is reasonable evidence to believe that a potentially successful treatment or procedure is available either in another province or out-of-country and an equivalent treatment or procedure is either not available in Ontario or the wait-time to receive the treatment or procedure is excessive.

Existing policy:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario health care policy focuses on providing greater access to a full range of proven health care systems, and on providing treatment facilities that are human-scale, community-centred places of healing to increase the emphasis on maintaining health in our healthcare system.

17.3. Health Care: Health Promotion

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario government would establish health promotion as a strategic priority, investing in community level education campaigns and resources to promote healthy behaviours and reduction of risk factors, including but not limited to: increasing nutrition literacy, exercise, self-care, coping skills and stress management, avoiding substance misuse;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that public health programs designed to promote healthy behaviours and reduce risk factors, such as smoking, alcohol consumption and substance abuse would be fully funded if shown to be cost-effective;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that research and application of healthy workplaces best practices, e.g., ergonomic interventions, will be funded with the goal of reducing instances and severity of workplace injuries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that "social determinants of health" framework will be applied in the review and recommendation(s) of major multi-year government investments, i.e., those found to be most impactful on the health and wellbeing of Ontario residents, such as, income and social status, employment and working conditions, education and literacy, environmental conditions, social supports, healthy behaviours, access to health services.

Existing text:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would promote healthy lifestyle changes through educational campaigns and incentives to encourage better nutrition, exercise, avoidance of drugs, and techniques such as stress management;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adaptation tools for other health factors such as poor air, soil and water quality and environmentally induced diseases will be provided; (REMOVED)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that programs for the cessation of smoking, drinking alcohol, or using other addictive drugs would be fully funded through OHIP provided they are reasonably cost-effective in comparison to similar programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that research and application of ergonomics will be encouraged to reduce the incidence of injury in the workplace and the home;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the use of a "social determinants of health" lens to review major government spending and planning that impacts personal health and well-being, especially those programs which affect the social safety net, community planning, health, environmental protection, education, work and equity.

17.4. Health Care: Accountability

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario government would undertake a restructuring of healthcare spending to prioritize the funding of those programs and services which provide Ontario residents with the greatest value, i.e., proven to optimize health and wellbeing and are most cost-effective;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would increase funding to the Ministry of Health Promotion and grant funding to agencies and organizations providing community-based health programs that have had demonstrated success in introducing primary prevention and early intervention strategies, thereby improving and maintaining the health and wellbeing of Ontario residents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as long as Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) are in existence, that LHIN executives would be hired through open and public competition;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports executive compensation reform within healthcare facilities and agencies, such as hospitals, establishing a new provincial formula that ensures equity and appropriateness of compensation across equivalent positions within the public sector.

Existing text:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would undertake a restructuring of health care spending to prioritize funds to areas which have been shown to support an increase in human health for lower costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would increase funding to the Ministry of Health Promotion and grant funding to agencies and organizations that provide community-based health programs that show results in improving and maintaining personal health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as long as Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) are in existence, that LHIN senior management should be hired through open and public competition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports Nurse Practitioners and Extended Class Nurses to fall entirely under the Regulations and Scope of Practice that the College of Nurses of Ontario approves, and that Physicians no longer are required to also assume responsibility for the nurses' practice. (REMOVED BECAUSE NOT NEEDED)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports senior executive salary reform in healthcare settings, such as hospitals, with a new provincial formula that includes considerations of similar public sector position salaries, ability to pay and performance.

17.6. Mental Health Strategy

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would undertake to provide a comprehensive mental health strategy for Ontario residents across the lifespan with the aim of promoting prevention and early intervention as well as prompt access to specialized assessment and treatment services as required;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario's strategy would focus on public education, healthy behaviours, reducing stigma, eliminating, where possible, risk factors, building system capacity and effectiveness through implementation of proven approaches at the individual, family and community levels.

Existing text:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would undertake a comprehensive mental health strategy for Ontario with an aim to increase support for those affected, reduce societal stigma and increase personal health;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the strategy would focus on public education, increasing service delivery and decreasing underlying causes, through the use of strategies known to be effective.

17.7. Drug Abuse Treatment Services

BE IT RESOLVED that a Green Party of Ontario government would treat drug addiction through a variety of individualized, evidence-based and OHIP-funded treatment programs based on the assessed needs of the patient and level of care required, i.e., outpatient, residential and inpatient;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Green Party of Ontario will commit to appropriately resourcing the aforementioned continuum of addiction services such that persons with addictions will have timely access to the services required within their respective communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Green Party of Ontario will commit to additional investments in addiction treatment services to increase the availability of and access to appropriately trained and credentialed addictions educators, counsellors and health care professionals to promote prevention, early identification and intervention;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that self-identified addictive drug using students seeking treatment will be offered prompt access to treatment services before any disciplinary action, if applicable, occurs. (unchanged)

17.12. Dying with Dignity

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would bring forth legislation that states that the will of an adult with the capacity to consent must be respected, principally by his right to autonomy. This rule applies even if refusal or cessation of treatment leads to death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that eligible patients will have an incurable illness and be in an advanced state of a clinically irreversible decline;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that eligible patients will also have to be in continuous and severe physical and/or psychological pain that is unresponsive to currently available treatment modalities.

Existing Text:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would bring forth legislation that states that the will of an adult with the capacity to consent must be respected, principally by his right to autonomy. This rule applies even if refusal or cessation of treatment leads to death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that patients would need to have an incurable illness and be in an advanced state of irreversible decline in capacities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they would also have to be in constant and unbearable physical and/or psychological pain that doctors would view as impossible to relieve through medication.

17.13. Support for Long term Care

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following clause be added to 17.13:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will ensure that each long term care facility will have sufficient resources to support appropriate staffing of such facilities recognizing the complexity and vulnerability of the persons served. The Party is committed to establishing appropriate safeguards to protect the safety and wellbeing of persons served.

Existing Text:

17.13. Increased Support for Long Term Care

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide more resources towards improved availability and quality of home care; and.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would monitor and improve the quality of care in long-term care homes and reduce wait times for care; and .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that feedback mechanisms and strict standards for residential care would be improved; and.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would improve supports for caregivers .

AGM19P07

Children's Mental Health

Submitted by: Peter Kennedy

Supported by: Stacey Danckert, Bonnie North, Marianne Workman, Grace Workman-Porecki, Matthew Piggott, Teresa Cornwell, Pauline Thornham, Valerie Powell, Kim Bradshaw, Patty Duffield

WHEREAS results of four decades of applied research in neurosciences, speech-language pathology and early childhood special education show that strategic early intervention programs improve lifetime outcomes for vulnerable and at-risk children and generate a range of benefits to society.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will ensure that each community has the capacity to meet the needs of local children and youth who require timely access to age appropriate mental health and addictions services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports providing timely assessment and evidence-based treatment of autism spectrum disorder (ASD), Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), speech and language as well as other disorders affecting a child's health and wellbeing.³

AGM19P08

Primary Care Services

Submitted by: Peter Kennedy

Sponsored by: Stacey Danckert, Bonnie North, Marianne Workman, Grace Workman-Porecki, Pauline Thornham, Teresa Cornwell, Valerie Powell, Kim Bradshaw, Patty Duffield

WHEREAS a one-size-fits-all approach can lead to practices that may be harmful to individuals who are already often marginalized within society

WHEREAS neglecting to build primary care practices that can address the diverse needs of individuals can be not only harmful to those individuals but more costly to our communities in the future.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will ensure that Ontario residents across the lifespan will have appropriate and timely access to primary care services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will ensure that primary care services are responsive to Ontario residents with diverse needs, including but not limited to: Indigenous peoples, LGBTQ2, immigrants, refugees, and other newcomers.

AGM19P09

Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Assault

Submitted by: Peter Kennedy

Sponsored by: Stacey Danckert, Bonnie North, Marianne Workman, Grace Workman-Porecki, Teresa Cornwell, Kim Bradshaw, Patty Duffield

WHEREAS according to data reported by police in Canada to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey, there were 23,834 victims of founded sexual assaults (level 1, 2 and 3 combined) in 2017. This translated to a rate of 65.5 victims of sexual assault per 100,000 population, a 13% increase from the previous year (58.0 per 100,000 population).

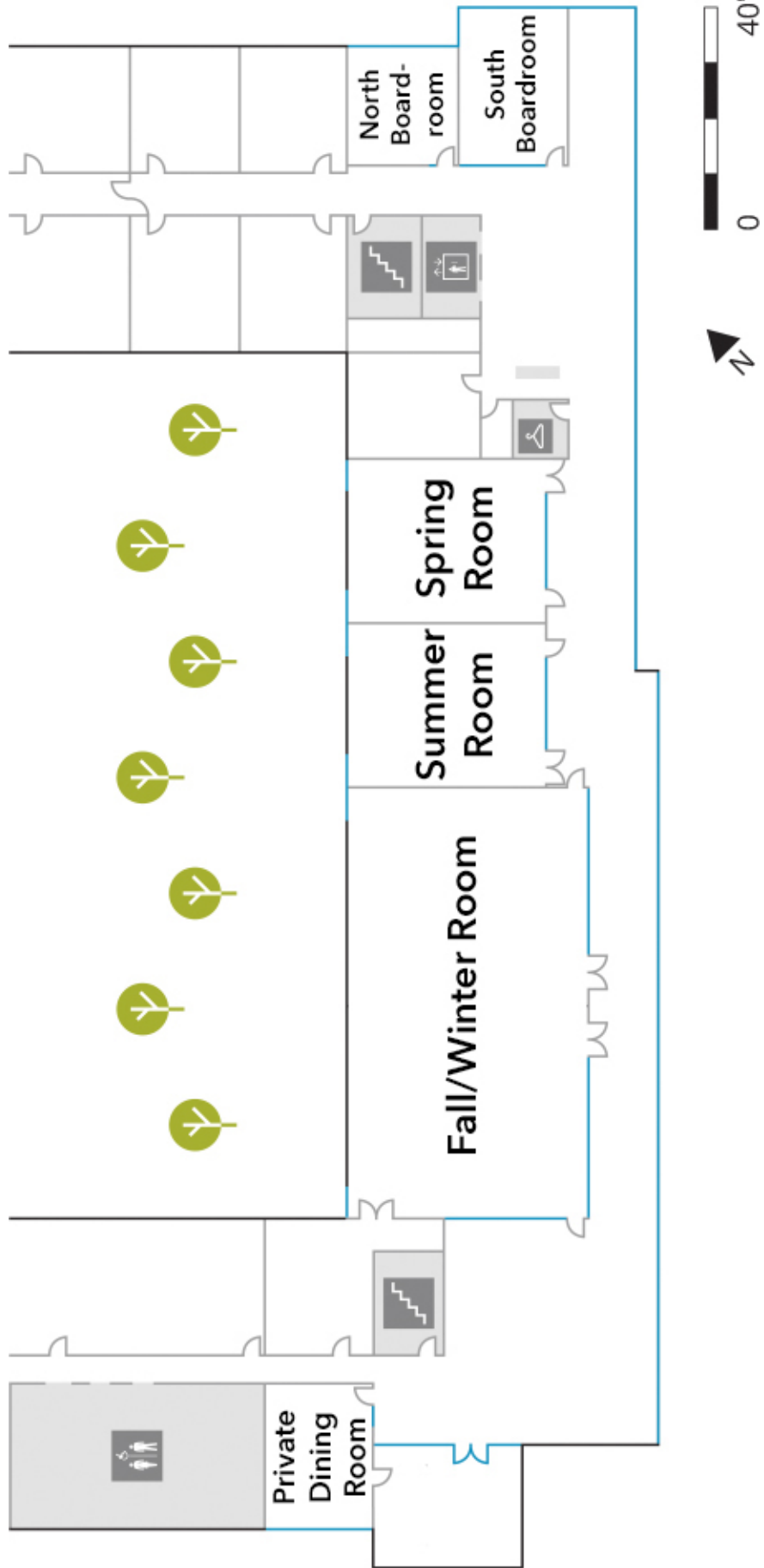
WHEREAS there is insufficient support currently available

WHEREAS the current wait time for individual counselling is, on average, three to six months. For survivors addressing childhood/historical sexual abuse, the wait can be as long as nine months.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will improve support and availability for individuals who require intimate partner violence and sexual assault services in accordance with standards set out by the Ontario Network of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres, including but not limited to: emergency and urgent care services, trauma psychotherapy/counselling and safe housing;⁴

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario is committed to the elimination of human trafficking in Ontario, as such, will invest in community-level awareness campaigns, promotion of early identification of vulnerable persons, providing rapid access to intervention, as well as treatment and case management services.

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