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Greetings from the GPO President

Dear Members,

We have all been impacted by the pandemic but in a community as large as our membership, it's likely that there are some members who have actually contracted the virus. Our condolences to those who have lost loved ones.

This has become the year of the Zoom meeting for many of us in our work and even personal lives. It's no different for the GPO. Thanks to Zoom, in some ways we have been able to reach out to more people than in previous years. Ditto for this Zoom convention. We have more members registered than ever before now that travel is no longer a potential hurdle. There are other technical hurdles though so I would ask all of us to be patient and forgiving. With such a big group, no doubt there will be internet connections that become unstable for example.

Understandably, the pandemic has caused a drop in GPO donations. We have been able to partially offset that decline with a reduction in expenses. That, plus the fact that we came out of our last election debt free, mean that we are still on course to have more campaign waging resources to work with for 2022 than in any previous election.

Although premier Ford has stated that there will be no provincial election before the one scheduled for June 2, 2022, his majority party has the power to force an earlier election. The PC's have already nominated each and every one of their 72 incumbents. The Toronto Star has reported that they will have nominated candidates for the other 52 ridings by this March. Even if you are absolutely convinced there won't be an early election, candidate recruitment should be one of your riding's top two priorities in the coming months. Running a recruitment campaign to reach out to community leaders has its own benefits as does having a candidate in place early. It leaves more time for them to campaign and build their profile long before the writ drop.

The other riding priority should be local fundraising. There are only two end of calendar year fundraising opportunities left before the 2022 election, this year and next. Please make the most of November and December to get some money in the bank. There are materials in the campaign zone that can help you with both of these priorities.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the historic milestone our Federal cousins have reached by electing Annamie Paul as the new leader of the GPC. Most GPO members are also GPC members. We played a major role in that victory not only with our votes, but also through those GPO members that volunteered their energy and talent on her winning campaign team. Congratulations Annamie!

Ard Van Leeuwen

President, Green Party of Ontario

Welcome to the 2020 Green Party of Ontario convention, taking place wherever you are.

We've been through a lot in the last 8 months. As Ontario's Green MPP, not a day goes by that I don't hear from workers, families and businesses who are worried about how we will get through this.

If you have lost a loved one to this virus, my heart goes out to you. If you are up late fearing for the health of loved ones or unsure how you will pay the bills, I am sorry for the burden you are enduring. So much has been cancelled in 2020, but community spirit has not been.

I've been inspired to see people pull together while staying apart, from essential workers risking their health, to small businesses manufacturing PPE, to volunteers delivering food.

Before this pandemic hit, I had planned to use my seat at Queen's Park to talk about the climate emergency, the affordable housing crisis, and mental health. The pandemic has not changed the urgency of these issues, but it has introduced a new dimension to them.

That's why I spent the summer putting together a plan for a Green and Caring Recovery. Because moments like this give us a chance to rethink our lives and reimagine a better future. And the truth is, the path we were on was not sustainable and was not doing justice to elders, workers, or our planet.

That's why I'm proposing that we Build Back Smarter, using the hard lessons from the pandemic to make Ontario more resilient to the next emergency.

The way we listened to scientists and turned on a dime to fight COVID-19 leaves no doubt that we can do the same to fight climate change. Billions will be spent to reboot our economy and we must make green choices to flatten the curve on climate change.

The recovery must also be a caring one. The pandemic has made clear that no expense is too great to give our essential workers and our elders the dignity they deserve.

The impact of this pandemic has more people embracing Green values and ideas. I would have never anticipated that so many people would be talking about a basic income or the importance of locally grown food.

We don't know for sure when the next election will be called, but we must be ready in every community to put forward Green candidates with strong campaigns.

Ontario needs our ideas and our leadership right now to reimagine a greener and more caring province after COVID-19.

Through these challenging times, thank you for being part of our green movement.

Mike Schreiner
Leader, Green Party of Ontario



AGENDA

Saturday, November 7th

- 9:30 am Zoom opens
- 10:00 am Welcome & Greetings
- 10:15 am President's Address
Ard Van Leeuwen
- Approval of agenda
- Executive Director Report
Jaymini Bhikha
- CFO report
Mike Bumby
- 10:55 am Break
- 11:05 am Election Readiness update
Becky Smit
- 11:10 am Provincial Executive Election Results
- Volunteer Awards
- 11:20 am Leader's Address
Mike Schreiner
- 11:40 am Q&A with Green Party Leaders
Mike Schreiner and Annamie Paul
- 12:00 pm Lunch Break
- 1:00 pm Plenary
- 5:00 pm Closing of the AGM

INTRODUCTION TO GPO CONVENTIONS

Plenary and Voting

WHAT IS PLENARY?

Plenary is the part of the convention that is attended by all participants. 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 constitutional , policy and directive resolutions, in that order.

The resolutions will be ranked by members prior plenary.

We will discuss the top 10 ranked policy statements as the policy process lays out.

WHEN DO WE VOTE?

We will vote on resolutions during Plenary on Saturday afternoon.

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.

Because of the unusual nature of the Online Convention, plenary chairs will be lenient and allow for more pro/con speakers if there's increased demand. Anyone looking to be added to the speakers list will be asked to raise their hand using the 'raise hand' feature in zoom. The Chairs will ask for only pro or only con speakers to raise their hands at one time, to avoid confusion. If someone else has said something similar to your comment, please lower your hand and allow for others to speak. The plenary chairs may extend the debate at their discretion.

Vote

Once debate has been closed, the chairs will then move to test the will of the room. Click on the Participants tab at the bottom of your Zoom screen. A sidebar will pop out on the right, and at the bottom you will see buttons, including Yes and No.

To vote:

- a. Yes to support the resolution.
- b. No to oppose the resolution.

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

If there is less than 90% support, or if someone calls for a vote, then we will go to a recorded vote. Members carrying proxies, more than one members sharing a screen and members phoning in will all be sent to breakout rooms to vote. Everyone else will remain in the main room and a poll will be launched for members to vote Yes, No, or Workshop.

The motion passes if more than 60% of the votes cast are Yes, and is defeated if more than 60% of the votes cast are No. 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 4 resolutions are voted to go to workshop, the chair calls for breakout workshop sessions to begin. In each workshop, a resolution is discussed and amended, and recommendations to the assembly may also be prepared.

You will be randomly assigned to a breakout room. If you do not like the breakout room you have been put in, come back to the main room and you can be reassigned to another.

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 first by testing the will of the room, using the Yes and No buttons in the participant window. If a recorded vote is needed, we will launch another poll and breakout rooms. In this final vote, only votes in favour (Yes) or opposed (No) are permitted. If 60% of the votes are Yes, 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).PO:

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

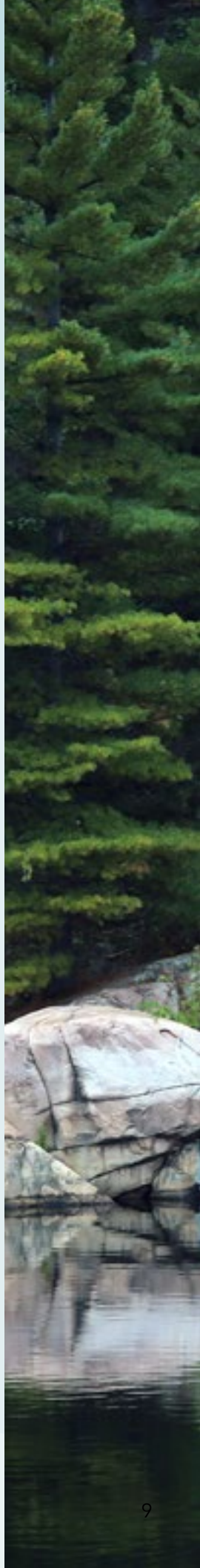
Applies only after question is stated; mover can accept an amendment without obtaining the floor.

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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AGM20C01

Policy Development Process: Constitutional Updates

Submitted by: Provincial Executive and Policy Development Committee

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS: Constitutional and Bylaw updates passed by the GPO Membership at the 2019 Scarborough Convention created a Policy Development Process

WHEREAS: The 2020 Policy Development Process requires adjustments to two bylaws

WHEREAS: The Provincial Executive approved the following adjustments on Feb 2, 2020 in order to launch the new Policy Development Process

WHEREAS: All constitutional and bylaw adjustments approved by the PE must be ratified by members

MAIN MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Constitution is updated as follows:

Update the third sentence in Bylaw C 1.1.1

FROM:

Policy statement motions will be subject to rules set out in the Policy Development Process.

TO:

Policy statement motions will be subject to review by an individual or a committee designated by the Policy Development Process.

And Update Bylaw C 1.1.3

FROM:

(1.1.3) Where the mover does not comply with a request under section 1.1.2, upon presentation of the motion to the plenary of the General Meeting, the motion may be ruled out of order by the Chair based on the findings of the review described in section 1.1.1.

TO:

(1.1.3) Where the mover does not comply with a request under section 1.1.2, in exceptional circumstances based on the findings of the review described in section 1.1.1., the motion may be ruled out of order by:

- a) an individual or a committee designated by the Policy Development Process for Policy Statements; or
- b) the President and Secretary for Constitutional, Bylaw and Directive motions.

And update Bylaw I.2.C

FROM:

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

TO:

(c) Appoint Issue Advocates

AGM20C02

Leadership Confidence Vote

Submitted by: Bill Hewitt (Simcoe-Grey)

Sponsored by: Bonnie North, Stefan Wiesen, Jesseca Perry, Norbert D'Costa, Hannah Conover-Arthurs, Katherine Acheson, Nira Dookeran, Maureen Balsillie, Matthew Casselman, Arleigh Lockett, Jason Hammond, Ard Van Leeuwen, Stacey Danckert, Trish Long, Trina Berlo, Marie-Josée Yelle, Sherri Jackson, Kendra Marr, Janina Lapp

(8.3.2.2.1) A Leadership Confidence Vote shall be conducted in the same manner as elections for Provincial Executive members in either of the following conditions;

(a) at the first AGM following a provincial general election where the Party does not form the government of Ontario or a part of a coalition government; or

(b) if a written request is moved by more than one third of registered CA Presidents, co-signed by the registered CA CFO, within any three month period.

(i) In the case of (8.3.2.2.1.b) The request to hold a Leadership Confidence vote will be submitted to the Party president requesting that the Party hold a Leadership Confidence vote at the next General Meeting, as long as notice of the meeting has not been given.

PREAMBLE

Historically when the party was much smaller and more loosely organized a few checks and balances were created in the constitution to empower the grassroots of the party.

Currently, the Green Party of Ontario has one elected MPP, tens of active CAs and over 5,000 members. We have developed comprehensive rules for governance allowing members to participate in all levels of the party with minimal barriers and have their say both in their home ridings and at the provincial level. Our unique parliamentary system governing AGMs gives individual members the right to have their say in party business and policy development. A sound leadership review method has been developed and used within the party to allow members to have their say on the performance of the leader of the GPO. Finally, an Ombuds appeal mechanism has been put in place to hear formal complaints within the rules governing the party and how the members interact with the rules and various levels of officials within the party.

WHEREAS;

Sufficient checks and balances exist within the party to ensure that members have an opportunity to review the performance of the Leader and have their say during the Leadership review vote.

And WHEREAS;

The clause for CA Presidents to request a leadership contest has no structure for how such motions are to take place, no regard for timing within an election cycle, no timelines for such actions or when said motions would be received by the party President and also has a very low threshold for approval;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

Article 8.3.2.2.1.b and its sub clause 8.3.2.2.1.b.i be removed from the constitution.

AGM20C03

Leadership Contest Rules

Submitted by: Bill Hewitt (Simcoe-Grey)

Sponsored by: Bonnie North, Stefan Wiesen, Jesseca Perry, Hannah Conover-Arthurs, Katherine Acheson, Nira Dookeran, Maureen Balsillie, Matthew Casselman, Arleigh Lockett, Jason Hammond, Ard Van Leeuwen, Stacey Danckert, Trish Long, Trina Berlo, Marie-Josée Yelle, Sherri Jackson, Kendra Marr, Janina Lapp

PREAMBLE

Current rules require that a candidate for any Provincial Executive position must be a member in good standing for three months prior to being nominated and that a candidate for Leader or President shall be a member in good standing for six months.

Current rules also require that a General Meeting be held to elect a Leader no shorter than four months and no longer than six months from the time the motion to have a Leadership Contest is passed by the Provincial Executive and Party President.

It could very well be beneficial to the party to have the option to conduct a leadership contest over the course of more than six months and to be able to nominate Leader candidates that have not been members of the party for at least six months. The combination of current requirements means that someone who is not a member of the GPO at the time a Leadership Contest is announced, cannot become a Leader candidate.

These motions therefore potentially lengthen the time frame in which a Leadership contest would be conducted and shorten the six month period for which Leader and President candidates must be members in good standing prior to their nomination. Instead, Leader and presidential candidates would be required to be members in good standing for three months prior to their nomination, the same period as for other Provincial Executive candidates.

WHEREAS the GPO constitution requires that a General Meeting be held to elect a Leader no shorter than four months and no longer than six months from the initiating action (8.4.4) (c)

And WHEREAS the requirement that President and Leader candidates must be members in good standing for six months prior to their nomination could rule out qualified and desirable candidates

BE IT RESOLVED that bylaw D (2.6.2) be deleted.

And BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Constitution Section 8.4.4 (c) be changed to read
"Hold a General Meeting to elect a Leader no shorter than four (4) months and no longer than twelve (12) months from the initiating action."

AGM20C04

Safe Spaces Constitutional Changes

Sponsored by: Provincial Executive, Safe Spaces committee and Conduct committee

PREAMBLE

These proposed constitutional changes are being presented in response to an emergency directive resolution from members at our Guelph convention. In part that resolution directed the Provincial Executive to:

Review Green Party policies and statement of values, including but not limited to the Code of Conduct and Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment Policy, to ensure that Green Party policies and statement of values affirm the importance of

- *proactively addressing the issue of systemic sexism and harassment,*
- *creating safe space, and*
- *taking immediate and appropriate action in response to any and all allegations of sexism and harassment;*

The Safe Spaces standing committee chaired by Kathy Acheson was set up to respond to the directive. The Conduct standing committee chaired by Eric Gilmour became an equal partner in the gathering of feedback, discussions and final formulation of the new Article 13, additions to bylaw A and replacement of bylaw K.

The PE participated at various stages of the process and unanimously approved the final versions presented here at the January 2020 PE Retreat.

MOTION

New Article 13 of the Constitution

Promotion and Protection of Diverse, Equitable, Inclusive, and Safe Spaces

1. The Green Party of Ontario (the Party) is committed to providing an environment free of discrimination and harassment, where all individuals are treated with respect and dignity, can contribute fully, and have equal opportunities.
2. Under the Ontario Human Rights Code, every person has the right to be free from harassment and discrimination. Harassment and discrimination will not be tolerated, condoned or ignored at the GPO.
3. The Party also recognizes that harassment and discrimination limit the ability of people to participate fully in organizations such as ours and therefore in the practice of the democratic values that our organization endorses. Concomitant with its mission to elect Members of Provincial Parliament and impact Ontario politics, then, the GPO pro-actively supports building awareness of harassment and discrimination and providing for the equitable participation of all Ontarians in the political process.
4. The Party is committed to a comprehensive strategy to address harassment and discrimination in the organization, including:
 - 4.1. Establishing, publicizing, and regularly revisiting this article;
 - 4.2. Providing training and education to ensure that all Party members and staff know the rights that are provided to them and to visitors at GPO events, the responsibilities they have under this article and Human Rights legislation, and the processes and procedures to follow in the event of a complaint;
 - 4.3. Monitoring organizational systems to help ensure their design and function minimizes opportunities for harassment or discrimination and maximizes safety and inclusivity;
 - 4.4. Providing an effective, accessible, and fair complaints procedure for both complainant and respondent;
 - 4.5. Promoting appropriate standards of conduct at all times;
 - 4.6. Ensuring that disciplinary or restorative measures are imposed, as necessary and as determined by process;
 - 4.7. Promoting diversity on all committees and in all decision-making bodies.
5. To achieve the goals and commitments in this Article of the Party's Constitution, the Party shall have:

- 5.1. The Safe Spaces Committee which shall be responsible for addressing institutional matters as they relate to this Article
- 5.2. The Conduct Committee which shall be responsible for investigative processes, disciplinary matters and enforcement of this Constitution, Party Bylaws, Member Code of Conduct, and the Ontario Human Rights Code

Additions to Bylaw A

Complainant is the person making a complaint of harassment or discrimination. The complainant may allege harassment or discrimination either as a victim or as a witness.

Office is an elected position within the Party

Reporter is the person depositing a record in which discrimination or harassment is alleged.

Respondent is the person alleged to have committed harassment or discrimination.

Volunteer is any person doing work or performing tasks for or on behalf of the Party for which they are not being compensated

Replace Bylaw K

Conduct and Discipline

1. Scope
 - 1.1. This bylaw applies to any event, activity, workplace, and spaces both physical and digital in which the GPO is an organizer, sponsor, or employer, and to guests and volunteers of the Party
 - 1.2. This bylaw applies to any representative of the Party, including but not limited to:
 - 1.2.1. Members
 - 1.2.2. Volunteers
 - 1.2.3. Members of any committee of the Party
 - 1.3. This bylaw applies at every level of the organization, including but not limited to:
 - 1.3.1. Regional Organizations and Alliances
 - 1.3.2. Campaigns and Campaign Teams
 - 1.3.3. Committees of the Party
 - 1.4. This bylaw covers disciplinary and remedial action related to:
 - 1.4.1. The Party's Constitution
 - 1.4.2. The Party's Bylaws
 - 1.4.3. The Party's Code of Conduct
 - 1.4.4. Harassment and Discrimination as defined in the Ontario Human Rights Code
2. The Conduct Committee
 - 2.1. The Conduct Committee shall be responsible for enforcing and carrying out this bylaw
 - 2.2. Members of the committee shall be appointed by the Provincial Executive except:
 - 2.2.1. A position on the Conduct Committee which shall be reserved for a person whose appointment is recommended by the Safe Spaces Committee
 - 2.3. The members of the Committee shall elect from among themselves a Chair
 - 2.4. The Conduct Committee shall be responsible for the collection of reports as specified in this bylaw
 - 2.5. The Conduct Committee is empowered by this bylaw to investigate complaints
 - 2.5.1. The Committee or a member of the Committee shall conduct the investigation, or the committee may delegate this responsibility to a member of the Party or qualified professional they deem to have appropriate skills and expertise

- 2.6. In the course of its duties the Committee may:
 - 2.6.1. Require cooperation of any official in the Party
 - 2.6.2. Institute temporary measures for the duration of the investigation including:
 - 2.6.2.1. Requiring a respondent to have no contact with a complainant or witnesses involved in the investigation
 - 2.6.2.2. Prohibit participation in events, meetings, campaigns, or digital forums
 - 2.6.3. Request contact details of any person covered by this bylaw
 - 2.7. Disciplinary action may be taken against anyone who victimizes or retaliates against a complainant or a respondent. Likewise, disciplinary action may be taken against a complainant who makes false claims of discrimination or harassment under this bylaw.
 - 2.8. Managers, supervisors, and others in leadership positions (such as members of the PE or executives in Constituency Associations) who fail to respond to a complaint or to impose penalties duly determined by this by-law may be subject to disciplinary action.
 - 2.9. Failure to cooperate with the Committee in an investigation may be considered an actionable offense under these bylaws.
3. Recognizing the therapeutic role of providing contemporaneous documentation of events and to provide evidentiary value in the future for complainants, this bylaw offers the option of depositing a record.
 - 3.1. A person (**reporter**) may deposit a written personal account of their alleged experience of harassment or discrimination
 - 3.2. A person (**reporter**) may also deposit an account of events they witness of harassment, discrimination, or other member misconduct
 - 3.3. All information recorded under this bylaw shall be kept secure and confidential
 - 3.4. No action shall be taken on these reports unless a complaint is initiated by the reporter within which the record has evidentiary value
 - 3.5. A reporter may withdraw a deposited record unless and until it is included or referred to in a complaint initiated by the reporter
 - 3.6. Records deposited shall be destroyed according to the schedule of records retention observed by the GPO and in compliance with all laws and regulations to which the Party may be subject
 4. Complaints
 - 4.1. Any person who considers they have experienced or witnessed an incident or course of incidents of discrimination, harassment, or other misconduct within this bylaw's scope may make a complaint
 - 4.2. In a complaint, the complainant and the respondent shall both have the option of engaging personal support and/or legal representation through the complaint process at their own expense.
 - 4.3. The complainant has the right to discontinue a complaint at any stage of the process without repercussions except any that may arise under K2.8
 - 4.4. The respondent has the right to respond fully to any allegations made in a complaint
 - 4.5. Complaints and responses will be considered confidential to the degree possible; information shall only be conveyed to others where it is necessary that the process can be carried out, to carry out any other step as requested by the complainant, or to ensure the safety of others
 - 4.6. There shall be no presumption of guilt and no determination made in relation to any complaint until a full investigation has been completed
 - 4.7. All complaints will be dealt with according to the principles of natural justice, which obliges those making decisions to be free of bias in the matter in which they are deciding, and requires a fair hearing in which both respondent and complainant have the right to be heard and to have equal and fair access to the process.

5. Making a Complaint

- 5.1. To initiate the complaint process, the complainant should contact:
 - 5.1.1. The Chair of the Conduct Committee
 - 5.1.2. The Executive Director of the Party or any member of the Provincial Executive should any member of the Committee be implicated in the complaint in any way
- 5.2. The complainant will submit, orally, in writing, or through an intermediary:
 - 5.2.1. a statement of complaint which includes details of any relevant actions or events, including dates, times, and places;
 - 5.2.2. the names of potential witnesses;
 - 5.2.3. the impact of the actions and events on them.
 - 5.2.4. supporting documentation
- 5.3. The respondent will be informed that a complaint has been made and will be given the statement of complaint and referred to this bylaw.
- 5.4. Both the complainant and the respondent will be given an explanation of the processes used to address complaints under this bylaw.
- 5.5. Both the complainant and respondent will be advised of their right to seek support services at their own cost.
- 5.6. The respondent will have opportunity to respond, orally, in writing, or through an intermediary, to the allegations made and this response will be made available to the complainant.
- 5.7. The complainant will meet with representatives of the Conduct Committee to decide if they wish to persist in the complaint and, if so, if they wish to pursue an informal or a formal resolution to the complaint.

6. Decision to Start a Complaint

- 6.1. The Chair of the Committee shall determine if a complaint is within the jurisdiction of the Committee and if the complaint is an actionable offense
- 6.2. Should the Respondent not be a member of the Party nor hold any title, function, or role within the Party, the Committee, or Chair of the Committee, has the authority to prohibit the Respondent from participation in any Party event, activity, or space both physical or digital and bypass a formal or informal resolution process.

7. Investigation of a Complaint

- 7.1. The investigation of all complaints shall be impartial, timely, fair, and address all relevant issues
- 7.2. The investigation shall, whenever possible, be completed within 45 days of its beginning
 - 7.2.1. An investigation shall be considered started when an investigator or investigators have been appointed
- 7.3. Notwithstanding K7.2:
 - 7.3.1. This timeframe may be extended with the agreement of the complainant and respondent, or if justifiable circumstances prevent the full process being satisfactorily completed within this time frame
 - 7.3.2. If the time frame is extended the complainant and respondent shall be informed of the revised time frame for a completion and the reasons for the extension
- 7.4. In the event that there is a substantive agreement between the complaint and the response and a willingness by the complainant to proceed to an informal resolution as defined by this bylaw, the investigation may be concluded
- 7.5. Should the complainant be unwilling to pursue an informal resolution, the investigation may continue after the response, however, and may include:
 - 7.5.1. interviews of the complainant(s), respondent(s), and relevant witnesses suggested by the complainant or respondent(s),
 - 7.5.2. the gathering of documents relevant to the matters in the complaint
- 7.6. As part of any investigation:

- 7.6.1. Both the complainant and the respondent will be given an explanation of the processes used to address complaints under this policy.
 - 7.6.2. The investigator(s) may conduct interviews with parties involved including the complainant, the respondent, and witnesses to obtain information regarding the complaint.
 - 7.6.3. Such interviews will take place with each party separately. Each party asked to participate in an investigation (including witnesses) is entitled to have a support person present if desired.
 - 7.6.4. The investigator(s) will comprehensively and accurately document all information obtained during the interviews including the parties involved, timing, location, and nature of conduct reported or witnessed.
 - 7.6.5. The investigator(s) will also document the time, nature, parties present, and information given of the interviews themselves.
 - 7.6.6. If the investigator(s) considers it appropriate for the safe and efficient conduct of an investigation, workplace participants, party members, or volunteers, may be removed from their duties, or provided with alternative duties.
 - 7.6.7. The investigator(s) or Chair of the Committee may order respondents to have no contact with a complainant
 - 7.6.8. An investigation can be considered complete when it has collected sufficient evidence on which to base a conclusion, or when the committee determine that such evidence does not exist.
 - 7.6.9. The findings of the investigation will be reported to the Conduct Committee.
 - 7.6.10. The Conduct Committee's conclusion as to whether violation of conduct has occurred will be based on the evidence and on the balance of probabilities
- 7.7. The investigator(s) will prepare a report for the Conduct Committee summarizing the allegations, the steps taken during the investigation, and the evidence gathered. The report may make findings of fact and recommendations for further action.

8. Informal Resolution Process

- 8.1. It is up to the complainant to determine whether or not they wish to pursue an informal resolution. The respondent has no rights under this bylaw to insist upon an informal resolution.
- 8.2. An informal resolution has been achieved when:
 - 8.2.1. A common understanding of the factual circumstances surrounding the complaint has been established; and at least one of the following:
 - 8.2.1.1. The respondent has taken responsibility for the offending behavior and a behavior management plan has been established to prevent further offending behavior to the satisfaction of the Conduct Committee; and/or
 - 8.2.1.2. The respondent has undertaken any additional measures agreed to in the process (e.g., education, training, or restorative action); and/or
 - 8.2.1.3. An apology has been given by the respondent; and/or
 - 8.2.1.4. The complainant is satisfied that their complaint has been resolved.
 - 8.2.2. The complainant withdraws their complaint.
- 8.3. To achieve an informal resolution, the Conduct Committee will appoint a mediator. The mediator will be familiar with this bylaw, have no conflict of interest, and be agreeable to both parties. If both parties and the Conduct Committee cannot agree on a mediator after reasonable efforts have been made, the matter will proceed to the formal resolution process, at which time the informal process will end.
- 8.4. The mediator will be provided with the statements of both complainant(s) and respondent(s) and any supporting documentation submitted by either.
- 8.5. Any communication between the complainant and the respondent proposed by the mediator must be approved by the complainant.
- 8.6. At any time the complainant may ask that the matter proceed to a formal resolution, at which time the informal process will end.
- 8.7. The mediator will make a report to the Conduct Committee of the terms of resolution, if reached, to which the complainant and respondent have agreed.

8.8. Resolutions arrived at through informal resolution are not findings of guilt. The terms of resolution are not, themselves, appealable. If new evidence is brought by either the complainant or the respondent, a new complaint may be initiated.

9. Formal Resolution Process

9.1. A complainant may choose to pursue a formal resolution to their complaint.

9.2. A formal resolution to a complaint includes:

9.2.1. An investigation which secures sufficient evidence so as to enable a finding of fact as to whether the alleged behavior occurred on the balance of probabilities; and

9.2.2. A determination regarding whether the behavior constitutes misconduct; and

9.2.3. A recommendation of disciplinary or other action to the president of the Provincial Executive; and

9.2.4. A comprehensive report which includes all evidence leading to the conclusions, a description of the process, and any recommendations, delivered by the Conduct Committee to the Provincial Executive.

10. Disciplinary Action

10.1. Possible outcomes of the investigation may include but are not limited to:

10.1.1. Disciplinary action against the respondent including but not limited to:

10.1.2. suspension of volunteer duties and/or membership rights,

10.1.3. revocation of candidacy for election or for GPO office,

10.1.4. exclusion from participation in any events, activities, or spaces both physical and digital in which the Party has jurisdiction,

10.1.5. probation,

10.1.6. expulsion;

10.1.7. A formal apology and undertaking that the behavior will cease;

10.1.8. Conciliation or mediation conducted by an impartial third party where the parties to the complaint agree to a mutually acceptable resolution; and

10.1.9. Restrictions on a member volunteering or working on a campaign or attending meetings or social events for a defined period.



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AGM20P01

Encouraging natural infrastructure development

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the design, construction process, and materials used to build and renovate homes, buildings and communities affect and are affected by the environment;

WHEREAS the design, construction process, and materials used to build and renovate homes, buildings and communities are continuously being improved to minimize any negative effects.

WHEREAS the short term costs of implementing such improved designs, processes and materials may exceed the long term costs of not doing so;

WHEREAS the Global Green Charter's sustainability principle requires "ensuring that market prices of goods and services fully incorporate the environmental costs of their production and consumption" and "achieving greater resource and energy efficiency and development and use of environmentally sustainable technologies.";

MAIN MOTION

Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports incentivizing, through appropriate financing and tax mechanisms, the use and development of environmentally sustainable and resilient approaches to build design, construction process, and materials used to build and renovate homes, buildings and communities.

AGM20P02

Phasing out Fracked - Gas

Submitted by: Anita Payne

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS Ontario is supplied by - gas from western Canada and central United States production,

WHEREAS conventional sources of natural gas in North America are in decline and are increasingly replaced by unconventional sources requiring methods such as hydraulic fracturing that have high fugitive emissions of methane, and these emissions have measured at much higher levels than those provided by industry to government agencies responsible for emissions inventories and accounting practices;

WHEREAS the COP 21 Agreement calls for every effort to be made to avoid exceeding 1.5°C temperature rise;

WHEREAS a coalition of 39 groups (and counting) including the GPO is calling for 100% phase out of Ontario gas-fired power plants by 2030. See more here: <https://www.cleanairalliance.org/gasgoneby2030/>

WHEREAS methane is now known to have a 105-times greater global warming potential (GWP) compared with carbon dioxide per unit mass while both gases are in the atmosphere;

WHEREAS climate models predict that the 1.5°C rise will occur within a decade unless the current level of methane emissions are aggressively curtailed;

WHEREAS -fossil gas is the major source of Ontario`s greenhouse gas emissions when upstream emissions are included and properly accounted for;

WHEREAS the primary usage of fossil gas is for heating and electricity generation, and cost-effective measures such as comprehensive retrofits; energy storage; increasing hydro-electricity, wind, and solar generation; and biogas production from organic waste and sustainably harvested biomass can reduce demand for fossil gas; Therefore,

MAIN MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED that Policy 12.6 be amended to state:

The Green Party of Ontario will adopt the global standard of greenhouse gas usage protocols, develop a transition plan that moves away from fracked - gas and addresses fugitive methane emissions as quickly as possible while focusing on low cost, sustainable solutions.

CURRENT POLICY

12.6. Moratorium of Hydraulic Fracking for Natural Gas in Ontario

BE IT RESOLVED that due to the enormous threat to our water, our food security, global warming and human health, the Green Party of Ontario would impose a moratorium on the process of hydraulic fracturing for natural gas in the province of Ontario until it is proven beyond any reasonable doubt that it has no detrimental effect on our watersheds, our farm lands, our air quality, on human health, or that is adds to global warming.

AGM20P03

Expanding forest and natural vegetation

Submitted by: Tim Grant

Supported by: Scott Ball, Dara Kennedy, Renate Manthei, Adam Temple, Hans Martin, Ph.D., Dobrila Ciric, Gordon MacDonald, Bruce Van Dleten, Glenn Gibson, Stephanie Marcil, Lea Wiljer, Gabija Petrauskas, Peter Stubbins, Gianne Broughton, Marianne Workman, Stacey Danckert, Grace Workman-Porecki, Cat Mercer

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS research shows that a 40% forest cover is required for a forest ecosystem to maintain its health.

WHEREAS Currently, central/southern Ontario has an average of 26% forest cover with some areas as low as 5%.

MAIN MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would require and support municipalities to develop and adopt a strategic plan to protect and enhance their tree canopy and natural vegetation to scientifically recommended levels.

AGM20P04

Bluebelt expansion

Submitted by: Policy Committee

Sponsored by: Chris Nagy, Scott Ball, Simon Beckett, Shel Goldstein, Glenn Gibson, Dara Kennedy, Allan Grose, Tim Redmann, Adam Temple, Bruce Van Dieten, Stephanie Marcil, Danielle Valiquette, Lea Wiljer, Peter Stubbins, Grace Workman-Porecki, Stacey Danckert, James Danckert, Cat Mercer, Wanda Dickey

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS water is an essential resource that should be protected.

WHEREAS protection should extend to include the upstream water sources.

MAIN MOTION

Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would expand the Greenbelt to include a comprehensive "Bluebelt" in order to protect vulnerable water resources. Adequate protection would be meaningful, enforceable, and not subject to unreasonable exemptions.

AGM20P05

Long Term Care

Submitted by: Valerie Powell

Supported by: Simon Beckett, Nicholas Wendler, Geoffrey Knight, Tim Redmann, Adam Temple, Dobrila Ciric, Eleanor Frost, Norbert D'Costa, Dara Kennedy, Stephanie Marcil, David Hitchcock, Danielle Valiquette, Diane Williamson, Gabija Petrauskas, Peter Stubbins, Glenn Gibson, Gord Trimble, Bonnie North, Wanda Dickey

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS we need to support aging in place and to consider housing policies on granny suites, garden suites, tiny houses, etc.

WHEREAS the current system is full of silos and in some cases competition for funding

WHEREAS systems need to take into account the increasing needs for dementia care

WHEREAS to improve and maintain an effective and efficient system, front line services need to be desirable and respected

MAIN MOTION

Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would create a coordinated system of care for people as they age to allow movement through the system for increasing, or decreasing, levels of care as needed. This would include a variety of innovative solutions that address specialized behaviour and care units and incorporate dementia friendly design.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would establish a process to continually assess the care provided by municipal, charitable, nonprofit and for-profit Long Term Care homes to ensure minimum standards of care and the ability for rapid response to emergency situations.

AGM20P06

Stable Funding for Public Health

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS higher populated urban communities currently receive more funding despite comparably less illness, while less populated rural communities struggle to afford public health initiatives despite comparably worse health.

WHEREAS wide variations and abrupt changes in healthcare funding adversely affect the implementation and success of healthcare programmes and health promotion,

MAIN MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED that Policy 17.5 be amended to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would establish health promotion as a strategic priority, delivering adequate equitable and predictable funding, investing in urban and rural 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, workplace safety and avoiding substance misuse;

CURRENT POLICY

17.5. 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.

AGM20P07

Charter for Ontario Cities

Submitted by: Tim Grant

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the existence of strong and local democratic processes is important to the people of Ontario and supports the Global Greens Charter principle of participatory democracy;

WHEREAS municipalities are essential governments in their own right, yet have no constitutional status in Canada, rendering them powerless "creatures of the province", unable to fully govern their own affairs

WHEREAS municipal governments retain only about 10 per cent of the taxes collected within their boundaries by all three levels of government; and municipalities in other OECD countries receive a greater share of all taxes than do municipalities in Canada.

WHEREAS healthy, empowered cities are vital to the economic and social success of the province and the country

AND WHEREAS a City Charter for large interested Ontario cities will:

- Ensure that important local decisions are made locally, and are respected by senior governments;
- Reduce cost, duplication, unnecessary oversight and friction between the city and province by establishing exclusive jurisdictions and roles for each in municipal affairs, thus clearing the decks for co-operation on matters of truly mutual interest.
- Establish an environment of clear and stable decision-making for taxpayers, businesses and other stakeholders;
- Free large cities up to consider innovative forms of local government and creative, local solutions to city issues, including congestion, density, affordability, livability and sustainability;
- Enable empowered cities to work with one another on regional interests such as transit, environmental issues, public health and others;
- Transfer control of predictable, progressive revenues to cities, ending their dependence on uncertain transfers from senior governments and allowing them to better plan for the future;
- Recognize the need for policies addressing access, equity and inclusion;
- Provide large cities an opportunity to enact policies and actions aimed at pursuing reconciliation with their Indigenous residents and neighbours, such as those recommended to municipalities by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports a fairer division of authority, revenue and constitutional status between the province and municipalities and supports assessing the use of City Charters as a means to achieve it.

AGM20P08

Anti-racism

Submitted by: Stacey Danckert

Sponsored by: Adam Temple, Bruce Van Dieten, Glenn Gibson, Sheila Nabigon-Howlett, Lea Wiljer, Marianne Workman, James Danckert, Teresa Cornwell, Bonnie North, Matthew Piggott, David Weber, Gillian Maurice, Grace Workman-Porecki, Pauline Thornham, Norbert D'Costa, Michael Bumby

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS systemic racism permeates society through lack of services, increased challenges

WHEREAS supporting everyone in our communities is not only ethical, but is economically and socially beneficial for us all.

WHEREAS the current government defunded the current Anti-Racism Directorate

MAIN MOTION

Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Policy 5.3 Support of Anti-Racism Directorate be amended to state:

The Green Party of Ontario would develop and invest in anti-racism initiatives that identify and address ongoing systemic injustices and inequalities.

CURRENT POLICY

5.3. Support of Anti-Racism Directorate

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports the Anti-Racism Directorate and supports continuous scrutiny and review of the three-year anti-racism strategic plan.

AGM20P09

Housing first

Submitted by: Gabriella Bouchard (Developed by Policy Committee)

Supported by: Louise Mauffette-Leenders, Guy Talevi, Eleanor Frost, Glenn Gibson, Dara Kennedy, Gord Trimble, Lea Wiljer, Stacey Danckert, David Robinson, Gillian Maurice, Mark Small, Cat Mercer, Grace Workman-Porecki, James Danckert, Marianne Workman, Wanda Dickey

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS housing is essential to so many other positive outcomes

WHEREAS without housing, it is challenging for people to succeed and move out of poverty

WHEREAS 'Housing First' is a recovery-oriented approach to ending homelessness that centers on quickly moving people experiencing homelessness into independent and permanent housing and then providing additional supports and services as needed.

WHEREAS this is as true for people experiencing homelessness and those with mental health and addictions issues as it is for anyone.

MAIN MOTION

Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would adopt a housing strategy in which we act as quickly as possible to first provide housing to those suffering from homelessness, mental health issues and drug addiction as a fundamental approach to supporting our most vulnerable populations.

AGM20P10

Resilient Infrastructure: Amendment to 18.2

Submitted by: Policy Committee (from an idea submitted by a member)

Supported by: Simon Beckett, Dara Kennedy, Tim Redmann, Darcy Mclenaghan, Adam Temple, Gordon MacDonald, Bruce Van Dleten, Jason Hammond, Glenn Gibson, Preston Smith, Stephanie Marcil, Mark Wong, Lea Wiljer, Gord Trimble, Gianne Broughton, Stacey Danckert, Marianne Workman, Wanda Dickey

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS Ontario has an aging electric grid infrastructure;

WHEREAS climate change and predicted severe weather events could put our electric power supply and other infrastructure systems at risk,

MAIN MOTION

Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the first phrase of Policy 18.2. Green Planning would be amended as follows to be more clear and to include power supplies and a second phrase be added to addressing contingency planning:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide support for sustainable and resilient infrastructure projects including public transit, rail, power generation and transmission, ecological restoration and other projects which reduce dependence on fossil fuels, reduce greenhouse gases and foster sustainable, livable communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would promote contingency planning for existing and planned infrastructure, to mitigate risks of future disruptions, including but not limited to, extreme weather events.

CURRENT POLICY

18.2. Green Planning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would direct funding to sustainable infrastructure projects including public transit, rail, ecological restoration and other projects which reduce dependence on fossil fuels, reduce greenhouse gases and foster livable communities.

AGM20P11

Sunsetting Policy Motion

Submitted by: Policy Committee

Supported by: The Policy Committee (Stacey Danckert, Mike Bumby, Marianne Workman and David Robinson)

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS policies that are at least 3 years old are considered by the Policy Committee for removal.

WHEREAS those that are outdated or redundant with other policies are removed.

WHEREAS those policies or policy statements that are overly complex, or have redundant portions are amended.

WHEREAS the remaining policies or policy statements are kept untouched.

MAIN MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED That the following policies be sunsetted (removed):

- 9.2.1. Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)
- 9.2.2. Trans-Pacific Partnership
- 14.5. Green Tax Cut
- 17.04 Health Care: Treatment
- 17.8 Drug Abuse Treatment Services
- 20.1 Overhaul the Ontario Municipal Board

9.2.1. Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario is opposed to how CETA is being currently negotiated, because it restricts among others, Local Governments and communities from favouring local goods and services and from protecting our natural resources. The GPO is opposed to the Government of Ontario enacting enabling legislation for CETA.

9.2.2. Trans-Pacific Partnership

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario is opposed to how the Trans Pacific Partnership is being currently negotiated, because it is thought to restrict among others, Local Governments and communities from favouring local goods and services and from protecting our natural resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario is opposed to the Government of Ontario enacting enabling legislation for Trans Pacific Partnership.

Existing Policy:

14.5. Green Tax Cut

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario's Green Tax Cut would ensure that funds collected from new taxes will be balanced in the form of income, corporate, sales, and other tax cuts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all proposals would be analyzed for their effect on the provincial economy, and programs will be in place to mitigate any impacts of new taxes on persons with low incomes.

17.4. Health Care: Treatment

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 treatment for 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.

17.8. 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

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 self-identified addictive drug using students seeking treatment will be offered prompt access to treatment services before any disciplinary action, if applicable, occurs.

20.1. Overhaul the Ontario Municipal Board

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would significantly overhaul or abolish the Ontario Municipal Board, with public consultation.

And that it be further resolved that the following policies be amended:

- 3.1. Enhancing the Risk management program for farmers
- 13.6.1. Clean Soils
- 20.5. Zoning

3.1. Enhancing the Risk Management Program for Farmers

BE IT RESOLVED that policy 3.1 Enhancing the Risk Management for Farmers would be amended to state:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would ensure an adequate and predictable risk management program exists for farmers.

Existing Policy:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would:

1. Increase the Risk Management cap over three years to enable more adequate risk management capacity.
2. Continue to work with the federal government to ensure the sustainability of the Risk Management Program (RMP).

13.6.1. Clean Soils

BE IT RESOLVED that Policy 13.6.1. Clean soils be amended to state:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would create standards surrounding the use and storage of earth materials, requiring that earth materials be managed from a life-cycle perspective, with the full responsibility and costs of managing soil that is removed from one location to its final use on those who remove it;

Existing Policy:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would refine the Ministry of Environment standards, reconsider parking lot requirements, promote the Best Management Practice documents of the Ministry of the Environment, and encourage municipalities to increase fees on fill;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would require that earth materials be managed from a life-cycle perspective, with the full responsibility and costs of managing soil that is removed from one location to its final use on those who remove it;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would change the Municipal Act to require a materials management plan as part of development and change the Planning Act as required to manage storage and zoning considerations.

17.22. Active Play in Ontario Schools

WHEREAS the first clause of Policy 17.22 is redundant; therefore,

Be it resolved that Policy 17.22 will be amended to remove the first clause and will state:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would engage education, health and other experts to develop an effective plan for ensuring a sufficient amount of active play, based on evidence from research.

Existing Policy:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would ensure at least one hour of playful physical activity per day in the elementary and high school curriculum

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would engage education, health and other experts to develop an effective plan for ensuring a sufficient amount of active play, based on evidence from research.

20.5. Zoning

BE IT RESOLVED that Policy 20.5. Zoning be amended to state:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage infilling and intensification of our cities.

Existing policy:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would allow and encourage the zoning of current single family homes into multiple family units.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage infilling and intensification of our cities; discourage urban sprawl with Greenbelts around all urban centres in Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage the establishment of home based business, with the only zoning requirement being the approval of your immediate neighbours.

Note: the sunseting process is established by the Policy Statement Development Process_ AGM 2020, Article 4.

REFERENCE

Policies that will not be Sunsetted

3.02-3.12	8.4.	13.7.4.	17.20.-22
3.13.3	8.6.	14.1.	18.5.
3.13.5	9.4.	14.3-4	18.9.1.
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