

6 Green Principles

British Columbia's Green Party, filters decisions on policy through a set of six core principles. These principles are part of the Charter of Global Greens as adopted in Camberra in 2001 and updated in Dakar, 2012. The six principles are the basics of what we believe make good decisions, good government, and good quality of life.

1. Sustainability

This is the heart of British Columbia's Green Party thinking. We must use resources wisely and provide for the needs of future generations.

2. Social Justice

We believe that all British Columbians should be able to fulfill their potential regardless of gender, race, citizenship, or sexual identity.

3. Participatory Democracy

All British Columbians should have a say in the decisions that affect their lives. We will work to increase transparency and accountability of government and public participation at every level of decision-making.

Hints & Tips are given here for crafting a Policy Brief that will later form the basis for a comprehensive Policy Document

Green Party of BC Policy Brief (Draft)

Final versions of Policy Briefs are also intended to be compiled into an easy-to-use Reference Book for Candidates

What is the problem?

Give a concise description of the problem your policy addresses. Good policy identifies reasonably attainable goals to address a problem. It should give latitude for specific instruments to be identified in the Party platform.

What events prompted policy?

Provide some background information for why the policy is needed.

Policy Explanation

Your explanation of policy in terms of features and benefits must align with the 6 Green Principles (listed in the side-bars)

Feature (an aspect of the policy)	Benefit (for the citizens of BC)

Policy crafting is like writing a story or piece of music. The formulation and development is an intellectual effort that transforms into something that has emotional appeal—resonating with the voters.

Grassroots Support

Demonstrate that you have discussed your ideas widely with other members of the party and with your Regional Representative.

Examples of policy in other jurisdictions

Our credibility is enhanced when we can point to successful policy implementations (concrete examples) elsewhere in Canada or the World.

References used in researching policy

Web sites; Academic papers; Books; Conference Proceedings; etc. Please keep accurate records of your sources to facilitate fact-checking by other GPBC policy developers, journalists, and ultimately by voters

Submitted by:

Date:

4. Non-Violence

Greens will address the root causes of crime and other sources of societal unrest that affect the safety and security of British Columbians.

5. Respect for Diversity

We celebrate the biological diversity of the earth and the cultural, sexual, and spiritual diversity of the human race.

6. Ecological Wisdom

The earth sustains all life forms. We must live within the physical and biological limits of the earth and protect its life giving nature.

Two pages max.!
Please be concise and keep Policy Brief length to 2 pages so it only occupies one sheet in the Reference Book for Candidates. Reserve a lengthier exposition of details for the actual Policy Document.