

Parti Vert NB Green Party Constitution

Adopted November 15, 2008 and Amended by the AGM April 25, 2015

Article 1 The Body Constituted

The body constituted is the Parti Vert NB Green Party, also known as Le Parti Vert du Nouveau-Brunswick and the New Brunswick Green Party. Hereafter in this document it is referred to as The Party. The Party operates in both official languages.

Article 2 Scope of the Constitution

- 2.1 This constitution shall govern the activities of The Party, all persons operating on behalf of The Party, and the rights, responsibilities and duties of its recognized entities, committees and membership.
- 2.2 The constitution shall have precedence over any bylaws duly passed at an annual general meeting of members, and any bylaw that is inconsistent with the constitution shall be null and void to the extent of the inconsistency.

Article 3 Purpose

It is the purpose of The Party to advance The Party's platform, policies, and principles; and to contribute to the well-being of the people of New Brunswick, the sustainability and resilience of community life, the interests of future generations, and the restoration and protection of ecosystems on which these depend, by:

- 3.1 Fielding and electing candidates in provincial elections;
- 3.2 Once elected, serving as Members of the Legislative Assembly maintaining the highest standard of conduct and in accordance with the principles of The Party;
- 3.3 Building a constituency for Green policy in New Brunswick;
- 3.4 Establishing and maintaining such party structures and bodies as required to meet this purpose.

Article 4 Principles

The Party recognizes and promotes these principles, elaborated in a Charter of Principles, as the basis for policies and election platforms:

- 4.1 Living within our ecological means
- 4.2 Local self-reliance
- 4.3 Social justice and equity
- 4.4 Participatory democracy
- 4.5 Self-determination and citizenship
- 4.6 Non-violence

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Article 5 Accountability

All entities and individuals within The Party are accountable to:

- 5.1 The membership through meetings of members as specified in By-law No. 1.
- 5.2 The Provincial Council when the membership is not in meeting as specified in By-law No. 1.

Article 6 Standing

The following have official standing under the constitution:

- 6.1 Member: An individual meeting The Party's membership criteria as specified in By-law No. 1.
- 6.2 Riding District Association: An association to which all Party members residing within an electoral district belong, as constituted under the New Brunswick Elections Act.
- 6.3 Provincial Council: The governing body of the party as described in Article 7, elected or appointed in accordance with By-law No. 1.
- 6.4 Official Representative: as recognized under the New Brunswick Elections Act.
- 6.5 Leader: as recognized under the New Brunswick Elections Act.

Article 7 Provincial Council

7.1 Authority

- 7.1.1 The Provincial Council shall have full authority and discretion to act on behalf of The Party between meetings of the members, subject to direction from and review by members at Annual General Meetings and Special Meetings of Members (SMM).

7.2 Composition of Provincial Council

- 7.2.1 The Party shall strive to ensure that the composition of the Provincial Council reflects the linguistic, gender, cultural, age and regional diversity of the province.
- 7.2.2 The Provincial Council shall be composed of:
 - 7.2.2.1 President
 - 7.2.2.2 Leader
 - 7.2.2.3 Anglophone Vice-President
 - 7.2.2.4 Francophone Vice-President

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7.2.2.5 Secretary

7.2.2.6 Treasurer

7.2.2.7 Members-at-large to a maximum of eight (8)

7.2.2.8 ~~A youth member between the ages of 16 and 22~~

A youth member in good standing, of 14 to 25 years of age at the time of election.

7.2.2.9 Deputy Leaders, if appointed

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Executive Director, who shall be a non-voting member

Article 8 Amendments to Constitution

This Constitution shall be amended according to provisions set out in By-law No. 1.

Article 9 Dissolution or Merger

The Party shall be dissolved or merged according to provisions set out in By-law No. 1.

Be it resolved that this Constitution as amended at the Annual General Meeting of Members on April 25, 2015 is now in force.