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Welcome and Overview

Section 1: Welcome and Overview

Thank you for your interest in the Green Party of New Brunswick (GPNB). Applications are now open to find candidates to run for the GPNB in the next provincial election or by-election. The first stage is to find and approve people to be nomination contestants.

We encourage everyone interested to be a GPNB candidate to apply early to ensure you are eligible to present in a nomination contest and to receive information that will help support your nomination.

The process to be a GPNB nomination contestant is explained briefly below. For a fuller description, see the "Candidate Nomination Procedures" section of this application package. Overview of the process:

1. Ensure you are qualified to be a candidate for provincial election, info on the Elections NB website:

<https://www.electionsnb.ca/content/enb/en/representatives/provincial-candidates/pci.html#1>

2. Consult with a member of your local Registered District Association (RDA). The RDA list is at the link below. If you cannot contact an RDA member, contact the GPNB office.

<https://www.electionsnb.ca/content/dam/enb/pdf/registries/DISTRICTASSOCIATIONS-ASSOCIATIONSDECIRCONSCRIPTION-PVNBGP.pdf>

3. Complete the application Form A. Include an attachment sheet with details of responses to the numbered questions, as required, and complete Form B, candidate agreement, with signatures.

4 Write a biography of no more than 300 words and source a photo of yourself suitable for publication on the Party website. If you succeed to be the candidate after your RDA nomination selection process, these will be featured on the GPNB website.

5 Submit the completed Forms A and B and attachment(s), with your biography and photo, to the GPNB office.

6 The GPNB Provincial Council will vet your application using the following process, which may be stopped at any stage if the applicant is deemed ineligible:

a) Review the nomination contestant application Form A and Form B.

b) Conduct a phone or zoom (online video) interview with the applicant.

c) Check the applicant's references.

d) Conduct a deep review of the applicant's online activities and other published writing.

e) Applicant submits a copy of a criminal record check completed in the previous six months, to be paid for by the applicant or their riding Registered District Association (RDA).

7 If you are vetted successfully, the GPNB will register you as a nomination contestant with Elections New Brunswick. At this point, you must follow the legal procedures related to being a nomination contestant outlined by Elections New Brunswick:

<https://www.electionsnb.ca/content/enb/en/representatives/provincial-candidates.html>



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8 At a date to be determined, the GPNB will close applications for nomination, for the province as a whole or for individual ridings.

9 After nominations have closed, the local RDA or the GPNB executive will hold a nomination meeting with the approved nomination contestants. All registered members of the GPNB in that RDA may vote in the nomination meeting, if they have been a member for 14 days prior to the contest.

10 If you win the nomination, you will become the GPNB candidate in the next provincial election or by-election for that riding.

When you have completed your application, you must sign the Declaration on the last page of Form B and send both forms A and B, and your biography and photo, to the GPNB office. You can send paper copies by mail or digital copies by email (signed and scanned Word or pdf documents).

If you have any questions about this process before submitting your application, contact your local RDA representative, or the GPNB Executive Director Marco Morency as below.

Contact information for the Green Party of New Brunswick office

Green Party of New Brunswick
403 Regent Street, Suite 102
Fredericton, NB E3B 3X6

Telephone: 506-447-8499

Email: info@greenpartynb.ca



Form A

Section 2: Form A

1 Identification and personal information

Type your responses in the unshaded boxes. If you require more room, use your attachment sheet.

1.1 Family name (surname)	
1.2 Legal given names (first name)	
1.3 Other names you commonly use	
1.4 Please indicate if you have preferred personal pronouns	
1.5 Full postal address	
1.6 How long have you lived at this address?	
1.7 Home / personal telephone number	
1.8 Work phone number	
1.9 Email address for correspondence	
1.10 Other email addresses you use	
1.11 Date of birth (day, month, year)	
1.12 Place of birth	
1.13 Name of partner / spouse	
1.14 Number of dependants	



Form A

2 Applicant eligibility and diversity

Note that in order to be a candidate for the GPNB you must be a member of the Party, and you must support the GPNB policies contained within the policy manual.

Link to become a member of the Party: http://www.greenpartynb.ca/become_a_member

Link to the GPNB policy manual: http://www.greenpartynb.ca/policy_manual

The following questions must be indicated X yes or X no.

Questions	Yes	No
2.1 Are you a member in good standing of the Green Party of New Brunswick? If your response is no, you must join the Party before submitting your application		
2.2 Are there any Green Party policies that you do not support? If your response is yes, explain on the attachment sheet		
2.3 Are you a member of a group that is under-represented in the NB Legislature and/or marginalized or a minority in NB society? If yes, explain on the attachment sheet		
2.4 Are you comfortable communicating in more than one language? If yes, explain on the attachment sheet		



Form A

3 Electoral district information and political engagement

Type your responses in the unshaded boxes. If you require more room, use your attachment sheet.

<p>3.1 Name of electoral district you live in</p>	
<p>3.2 Name of electoral district in which you are seeking to be nominated If this district is different from the one in which you live, please explain why you want to run for office here</p>	
<p>3.3 Is there currently a Registered District Association (RDA)? (yes/no/unsure) If yes, provide the name of your RDA representative and indicate if you have been in contact</p>	
<p>3.4 Have you ever been a candidate, or nominated as a candidate, for a political party, or have you ever been an independent candidate (yes/no) If yes, provide details (dates, districts)</p>	
<p>3.5 Have you ever worked on a political campaign (yes/no) If yes, provide details (dates, districts)</p>	
<p>3.6 Have you ever been a member of another provincial political party (yes/no) If yes, list the party, dates of membership, and any positions you held or sought</p>	
<p>3.7 Have you ever been a member of a federal political party (yes/no) If yes, list the party, the dates of membership, and any positions you held or sought and those dates</p>	



Form A

4 Citizenship and other legal information

Type your responses in the unshaded boxes. If you require more room, use your attachment sheet.

4.1 Are you a Canadian citizen? (yes/no)	
4.2 List any other country for which you are currently a citizen, or for which you were previously and are no longer a citizen. If not, write no.	
4.3 Have you ever used or been known by any name other than the names you provided in the identification questions on this form (yes/no) If yes, provide details of previous names and years you were known by those names (from year / to year)	
4.4 Have you been a resident of NB for at least 40 days prior to submitting this application? (yes/no)	
4.5 List the civic address of all real estate / properties for which you are sole or part owner, in NB or elsewhere	
4.6 List the names of all companies or partnerships for which you are sole or part owner, in NB or elsewhere	
4.7 List the names of all companies or organizations for which you sit on the board of directors or governing body, in NB or elsewhere	



Form A

5 Involvement with organizations

List below all the groups or organizations you have been a member of during the past 10 years. Include environmental, social, recreational, cultural, community or other organizations. If you have held a position in the organization, name the position and the years you held that position (from/to), and contact information for the organization. Use attachment sheet if necessary.



Form A

6 Offences, bankruptcies, civil proceedings

The following questions must be indicated X yes or X no.

For any 'yes' response, full details must be provided in the attachment sheet.

Questions	Yes	No
6.1 Have you ever been the subject of a disciplinary proceeding?		
6.2 Have you ever been suspended, expelled, or required to withdraw from a post-secondary institution?		
6.3 Have you ever been suspended, fired, or asked to resign from any employment?		
6.4 In your employment or volunteer activities, have you been involved in lawsuits, dismissal for cause, unfair or illegal labour practices, been charged with sexual or other harassment, been involved with fraud, breached any tax or immigration statutes or had any improper dealing with governments?		
6.5 If you served as a member of a police force or armed forces, have any charges ever been brought against you, have you been a defendant in a court martial, or have you ever been discharged?		
6.6 Have you been the subject of any legal proceeding or investigation by a government agency or a regulatory body?		
6.7 Have you been charged or convicted of plagiarism, cheating on examinations, or other conduct that was the subject of academic discipline?		
6.8 Have you or any company you've been involved in been convicted of fraud?		
6.9 Are there any civil proceedings pending in which fraud or similar conduct on the part of you or a company in which you are/were involved is alleged?		
6.10 Are you involved in any litigation, which, if publicized before or during an election campaign, could adversely affect your campaign or the campaign of the Green Party of New Brunswick?		
6.11 Have you ever been declared bankrupt, made an assignment in bankruptcy or gone out of business leaving debts outstanding or has a receiver ever assumed control of your assets? If yes, explain if you have been discharged		
6.12 Do you have a judgment or garnishment outstanding for damages for fraud or any other reason?		



Form A

Questions	Yes	No
<p>6.13 If a pardon under the Criminal Records Act has been granted and it has not been revoked, you do not need to disclose any such pardoned offence. In this case, the response to the following question would be: "Yes, pardon granted on [date]."</p> <p>Have you ever been charged with any crime, offence or delinquency under a statute or ordinance? If yes, please provide full details.</p>		
<p>6.14 Are you now the subject of a charge under the law for a criminal offence?</p>		
<p>6.15 Have you been involved with any company that has been charged or convicted of a criminal offence?</p>		
<p>6.16 Have you been involved in any breach of trust of a private organization?</p>		
<p>6.17 Have you been charged or convicted of any election financing offence, received illegal payments or gifts, violated any Green Party of New Brunswick (or any other party) rules or been charged with any abuse while holding public office?</p>		
<p>6.18 Have you ever resigned from public office?</p>		
<p>6.19 Have you ever been investigated respecting any public office or any campaign for public office?</p>		
<p>6.20 Have you ever been accused of sexual harassment, harassment or misconduct?</p>		
<p>6.21 Have you ever been blackmailed?</p>		



Form A

7 Social media use and other publications

Complete the chart below. If you need more room, use the attachment sheet. The vetting process may include a "deep dive" into all your social media and online activity. If you are aware of material potentially circulating online or elsewhere that could be damaging to you as a candidate or to the Green Party, you must fully disclose this information in the attachment sheet.

Social media / publications	Account name and URL (create clickable links)	Active since (month/year)
7.1 Facebook - personal page		
7.2 Facebook - groups or pages for which you are admin		
7.3 Twitter - personal account		
7.4 Twitter - accounts for which you are admin		
7.5 Website / blog - personal		
7.6 Websites / blogs - for which you are admin		
7.7 LinkedIn		
7.8 YouTube channel or videos you have posted or in which you appear		
7.8 Pinterest site - personal		
7.9 Pinterest site - others for which you are admin		
7.10 Instagram account		
7.11 Instagram - other accounts for which you are admin		
7.12 Other: list other social media accounts or online pages you have or administer		
7.13 On the attachment sheet, list all the publications, articles and stories for which you are author or co-author.		



Form A

8 Employment, volunteer and other activity history

8.1 In the box, list your professional designations and any professional associations to which you belong, along with contact information for each of them.

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8.2 For each year below, list all the organizations for which you worked or provided paid or unpaid services during all or part of that year, along with contact information to reach them. If you had external clients (for a consultancy for example) list your primary clients that year. If you did not work or provide services during a given year, provide a brief explanation (travel, study, family duties, health issues, etc.) If you worked for the same organization for multiple years, repeat the name for each year. If the organization is outside of New Brunswick, state the location.

2020	
2019	
2018	
2017	
2016	
2015	
2014	
2013	



Form A

9 Nomination contestant disclosure

The following question must be indicated X yes or X no.

Question	Yes	No
9.1 Are you aware of any other information, including information that can be found on the Internet, not otherwise disclosed in this form that, if made public, could damage your electoral chances or the electoral chances of the Green Party of New Brunswick, could compromise your effectiveness as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, or could be used by other candidates or parties against you or the Green Party of New Brunswick? (If your response is yes, provide details in the attachment sheet)		

10 References

Provide the name, address, phone numbers and email address of three (3) references. Do not include Green Party MLAs or members of the Green Party Provincial Council as references. If there is an RDA in the riding in which you are seeking nomination, you must ensure that one of your references is currently, or was previously, a member of the RDA Executive.

Reference 1

Reference 2

Reference 3

11 Attachment sheet details

Indicate below the number of pages you will attach to this application. If you have separate documents, list the name of the document and the number of pages in each document. Each page for all attachments must be initialled by the applicant.

**Form B****Section 3: Form B: Nomination Contestant Agreement, Parti Vert NB Green Party (PVNBGP), hereafter referred to as The Party**

In consideration of The Party reviewing me, the Applicant, for approval as a nomination contestant/candidate for the Electoral District of

Print name of your Electoral District

I, _____

Print name of Applicant

Agree:

To support the six founding principles of The Party (which are explained in The Party policy manual): Non-violence, Self-Determination and Citizenship, Social Justice and Equality, Participatory Democracy, Local Self-Reliance, Living within Our Ecological Means.

I further agree:

- To abide by the constitution, by-laws and procedures of The Party.
- To support policies and election platform of The Party (except as indicated on Form A).
- I am not a member or involved in another provincial political party.
- I will comply with the New Brunswick Elections Act.
- I will keep confidential all membership lists supplied by The Party.

Consent:

I authorize the collection by The Party or their designate, information (which may include personal, credit, criminal or military records or other information) from sources as permitted by law.

I will deliver to The Party or their designate further consents, whether verbal or in writing, requested of me.

All information collected and disclosed on this form may be used by The Party to evaluate my suitability as a nominated contestant and/or candidate. Information will be used in accordance with laws governing the use and disclosure of personal information in New Brunswick and for no other purpose.

All information will be retained in a secure location by The Party and accessible only to those persons responsible for processing the application. The information will be retained for one year after the Provincial election and then destroyed. The information for elected candidates will be retained on file.



Form B

Declaration:

I _____ have read and understand all questions and consent in this Form.

I understand that my approval as a Nomination Contestant/Candidate does not constitute an agreement by The Party or waive its rights to designate another person other than myself as a Candidate in the next general election or by-election.

I understand if I am declared a nomination contestant/candidate that I will not seek indemnity from The Party for any campaign debts.

If I am declared a candidate in a general election or a by-election, that it is my responsibility to appoint an official agent for the duration of the election campaign. If I do not appoint a qualified official agent (as approved by The Party) I will accept the appointment of the official agent from The Party as provided in the elections act.

I acknowledge that I have consented to a background check as indicated above by The Party. In the best interest of myself and The Party, I agree that the results of any background checks will be kept confidential by The Party.

I agree that if I am not approved as a nominated contestant/candidate and upon refusal of approval that I will cease to represent myself as a nominated contestant/candidate for The Party.

Should I be refused the nomination as a contestant/candidate, it will be based on reasons resulting from background checks and investigations of this application. The Party will keep private any reasons should this application not be approved. The reasons for this non-approval will be provided to the applicant by The Party and to the President of the RDA if the applicant approves it.

If my application is not approved, I have the right to appeal to the Provincial Council as per The Party by-laws.

The answers that I have given to the questions in this form and any attachments to this form are true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Name (Print)

Applicant Signature

Date

The Party Representative (Print)

Representative Signature

Date Rec'd



Candidate Nomination Procedures

Section 4: Candidate Nomination Procedures

(Revised by Provincial Council on February 26, 2020)

1 Objective

1.1 The Green Party of New Brunswick (GPNB) is committed to supporting our Registered District Associations (RDAs) in the important responsibility of candidate selection. RDA members work in partnership with the Leader and the head office to ensure a democratic selection process, excellent representation, and a rewarding campaign. This guide is intended to help meet these goals.

1.2 The Candidate for a RDA shall be the qualified Nomination Contestant who is acclaimed or chosen from the Nomination Contestants for that Registered District by a vote of eligible voting members of the RDA at a meeting held in accordance with these rules. These rules must conform to sections 43, 47, 48.1, and 48.2 "On Qualification of Candidate" of the Elections Act.

1.3 The following procedures for candidate nominations were adopted by the Provincial Council pursuant to Bylaw 5 - Candidates for Provincial Elections section of the GPNB Constitution, and all other rules provided by Elections New Brunswick.

2 Selection of candidates for provincial elections

(According to the By-Law 5 under the GPNB constitution)

2.1 The Provincial Council shall issue a Call for Nominations to all members for each riding, set the requirements for each candidate to meet in order to be considered for nomination, and set the deadline by which all candidates must have submitted their nomination papers.

2.2 Where there is an active RDA, the RDA shall hold a nomination meeting at which an election is held to choose a candidate for that riding, or if the nomination is not contested, a motion is put before the members to acclaim a candidate.

2.3 Where there is no active RDA, at the close of nominations, the Provincial Council shall call a meeting of members in that riding at which an election of the candidate shall take place. If the nomination is not contested, the Provincial Council shall inform the members in the riding of the uncontested nomination and invite those members to hold a meeting to acclaim the candidate. In the event that no member takes the prerogative to organize such a meeting, the Provincial Council may acclaim the candidate.

2.4 Should there be no members in a riding, the Provincial Council may acclaim a candidate.

2.5 Civil Rights and equal rights need to be applied in the candidate search. RDAs shall conduct an acceptable search for nomination contestants, including women, First Nations, LGBTQA, and minorities reflective of the demographic and party values.



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2.6 Sitting MLAs are deemed to have passed the vetting process and will not require further vetting.

3 Nomination contestant qualification and application

3.1 The Nomination Contestant Application form allows screening of all nominees before the Nomination Contest Meeting. Nomination Contest applicants shall submit completed versions of Form A: Nomination Contestant Application, and Form B: Candidate Acceptance, a 300-word biography (in electronic form), and a photo, as early in the process as possible.

3.2 To qualify to be a Nomination Contestant, a person shall:

- 3.2.1 unless waived by the Campaign Committee, be a member in good standing with the GPNB.
- 3.2.2 have fully and truthfully completed Form A: Nomination Contestant Application, and Form B: Candidate Acceptance;
- 3.2.3 have submitted a biography of no more than 300 words and photo, suitable for publication on the Party website, sent by email to info@greenpartynb.ca.
- 3.2.4 be eligible for election to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick pursuant to all applicable provisions of the NB Elections Act.

3.3 Based on the submission of the items listed above, the Provincial Council will determine the suitability of the prospective Nomination Contestant. Approval may be denied or revoked at the Provincial Council's discretion and in the interests of the Party, based on information received subsequent to the initial approval.

3.4 If applicable, a nomination contestant is entitled to a prompt explanation of why their application was not approved, but may not contest the decision. The RDA will also be notified, provided the contestant has given consent (on Form A).

3.5 Nothing in these rules shall be construed as in any way precluding the Leader from subsequently expressing an intention, pursuant to (Elections Act, R.S.N.B. 1973, c.E-3, ss.51(3)), that it will not be his or her intention to endorse such person.

4 Nomination meetings

The timeline for the nomination is as follows:

4.1 The candidate selection process in any electoral district will begin when the Provincial Council declares nominations are open.

4.2 The head office will communicate with the RDAs to advise them, and the head office will send a notice to all members that nominations are open. The RDAs have a deadline of 120 days before the Election Day to hold the nomination contest.



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4.3. When they feel ready, an RDA must call the head office to close the nominations in their riding. The Provincial Council will approve closure of nominations.

4.4 Once the close of nominations is approved, the RDA and head office must send a notice to all members that nominations will close between 14 to 30 days after the notice.

4.5 At the close of nominations the head office will have up to 21 days to process applications. Criminal record checks must be received by head office prior to the end of the 21 day period. At the end of this period the head office will notify applicants and RDAs of approved nomination contestants.

4.6 Within 2 days of having been notified of the approved nomination contestants, the RDA will set the time and date for the nomination meeting, and the head office will notify members, giving between 14 to 30 days' notice of the nomination meeting.

4.7 If only one approved nomination contestant is put forward for the nomination contest, the contestant can be acclaimed by a unanimous vote of the executive of the RDA, in which case the RDA does not have to hold a nomination contest. RDAs should consider all of the potential benefits to the RDA and the Electoral District of holding a nomination contest before proceeding to an acclamation vote.

4.8 If an RDA does not secure a nomination by this process, the Provincial Council may take what measures it sees fit to convene a Nomination Contest and secure a Nominated Candidate.

4.9 In the event a writ is dropped before candidate selection has been completed, the RDA or the Party may call a nomination meeting with 48 hours' notice.

4.10 The RDA or/ and head office shall provide a list of current and lapsed members to each Nomination Contestant within 24 hours of the Contestant's approval by the Campaign Committee.

4.11 This list may be used by each Nomination Contestant and their designee(s) solely for the purposes of contacting eligible voting members to seek support for the Contestant, and of evaluating and contesting membership numbers and accuracy.

4.12 Within 48 hours of the deadline for submitting new voting memberships (14 days prior to the Nomination Meeting), the RDA shall provide each nomination contestant with the final list of members eligible to vote at the Nomination Meeting.

4.13. In exceptional circumstances, including expectation of a snap election, the Provincial Council has the authority to modify the timelines stated in 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.9, 4.10, 4.12.

5 Voting members

(According to the By-Law 1.6 Rights of Members of the Constitution of the GPNB)



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A member's right to vote on all matters at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) or Special Meeting of Members (SMM) or a candidate nomination meeting shall commence fourteen (14) days following receipt in the Party office of an application for membership. It's important to note that a party member shall not be member of another provincial political party.

6 Conduct of the nomination contest meeting

All Meetings shall have the following parts, and may include additional parts:

6.1 Call to order by a member of the Executive of the RDA;

6.2 Introduction of the Meeting Chair;

6.3 Description by the Meeting Chair of the process to be followed at the Meeting, including:

6.3.1. time limits on nomination and seconding of Nomination Contestants;

6.3.2. time limits on speeches by Nomination Contestants;

6.3.3. restrictions on campaigning and campaign materials in the voting area;

6.3.4. official vote counting officer and

6.3.4. the voting procedures and time for voting.

6.4 Nomination and seconding of Nomination Contestants;

6.5 Speeches by Nomination Contestants;

6.6 Voting;

6.7 Announcement of the successful candidate, by the Meeting Chair;

6.8 Remarks by the successful Candidate; and

6.9 Adjournment.

7 Results of the nomination meeting

7.1 The RDA shall submit the name of the nominated candidate to the GPNB head office immediately upon completion of the meeting.

7.2 The RDA or the head office shall submit the form P 04 843- to Elections NB Application for Registration as a Nomination Contestant within 30 days of the nomination meeting in accordance with the Elections Act. Link:

https://electionsnb.ca/content/dam/enb/pdf/forms/P-04-843-L%26N_Contestants_Application_for_Registration_2017-11-07-1.pdf



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7.3 If the nomination meeting fails to nominate a candidate, the RDA shall apply to the Provincial Council for consent to call another Nomination Contest Meeting, and to determine the timeline in which to proceed.

8 Disclosure of contributions and expenses and sanctions if not completed

8.1 Each Nomination Contestant shall comply with the financial reporting requirements of the Elections Act of NB. See Chapter 4 of the [Provincial Political Financing Manual](#).

8.2 If a nomination contestant or RDA executive fails to comply with the Elections NB Act or these procedures, any disciplinary measures to be imposed will be, subject to applicable laws, at the discretion of the Provincial Council and will take into consideration both the severity of the violation and the best interests of the GPNB.

8.3 The disciplinary measures may include the disqualification of a successful Nomination Contestant, a declaration that another Nomination Contestant is to be the Candidate, the conduct of a new Nomination Meeting, and a prohibition against a person found to have been in violation of these rules being permitted to contest a new Nomination Meeting or a future Nomination Meeting in any Electoral District.

9 Endorsement and removal of candidates

(According to the Bylaw 5 under the GPNB constitution)

9.1 In all cases, successfully nominated or acclaimed candidates must have their nomination confirmed by the Provincial Council and receive the written endorsement of the Leader.

9.2 The Leader with the approval of a 2/3 majority vote of Provincial Council may withhold endorsement.

9.3 The Leader with approval of 2/3 majority vote of Provincial Council may remove a nominated candidate from that position should extenuating circumstances arise or incriminating information or behaviour become known that the Leader determines would be detrimental to The Party.

10 Support for the candidate

10.1 RDAs shall provide financial support to the Party's candidate. The RDA or / and head office shall provide organizational support to the candidate.

10.2 After the election or acclamation process, the nominee will receive from the head office information and materials that will assist the candidate to run an election campaign.