

CONSTITUTION OF THE SUDBURY GREEN PARTY OF ONTARIO CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION

1. The body being constituted is the Sudbury Green Party of Ontario Constituency Association (the “Sudbury GPO CA”; the "CA").
2. The CA is a subsection of the Green Party of Ontario (the "Party") and is bound by the constitution and bylaws of the Party.
3. The CA is formed pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Elections Act and the Ontario Election Finances Act or any Act or Acts that replace them. The boundaries of the CA are the boundaries of the electoral district of Sudbury, as those boundaries are set from time to time by the Government of Ontario in the Representation Act or any Act that replaces it.
4. The CA will continue to exist as an association of the Party as long as the Sudbury electoral district exists or until such time as the members of the CA vote to deregister the CA. The CA may not change its name nor merge with or join any other political party.
5. All members in good standing with the Party who reside within the boundaries of the CA of Sudbury are members of the CA.
6. The CA shall hold an annual general meeting (“AGM”) once per calendar year and not more than 15 months following the previous AGM. It is the responsibility of the Executive to set the date for the meeting. Failure to hold an AGM within this time period allows the Party, if they so choose, to deregister the CA with Elections Ontario. The CFO of the CA at the time of such deregistration will continue to be responsible for fulfilling their duties with Elections Ontario.
7. The executive will notify all members of the AGM, by regular mail or email according to the member’s preference, no later than 30 days before the proposed date of the meeting. The notice will be sent to at least all members of the CA in good standing and to past members of the CA whose membership has been lapsed for no more than two years. The notice will include the following the date, time and location of the general meeting
 - A description of who is entitled to vote at the meeting
 - A proposed agenda for the meeting
 - A call for Constitutional Amendments
 - A call for candidates for the CA Executive

The minutes of the previous AGM and the Constitution of the CA will be made available to members online and by mail upon a member’s request.

8. Quorum for a general meeting of the CA shall be 10% of the members in good standing as of two weeks before the date of the meeting.

9. Only a member of the CA who has been a member for at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting is entitled to vote at a meeting of the CA.
10. A lapsed member who renews their membership at a meeting of the CA is entitled to vote at the meeting provided that the membership has not been lapsed for more than 15 months. Otherwise, the membership must be renewed at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting for the member to be entitled to vote at the meeting.
11. The business of the AGM shall include the election of the Executive of the CA. The Executive shall be the governing body of the CA between general meetings.
12. The Executive of the CA shall be comprised of at least the following:
 - President: Organizes regular meetings builds the executive where needed and oversees the operation of the Constituency Association, is responsible for candidate recruitment.
 - Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”): Maintains the books, issues tax receipts, and files the annual financial report.
13. The Executive may also have the following:
 - Secretary : Takes and distributes the minutes from the meetings.
 - Membership Chair : Maintains relationships with members, updates membership list and increases membership. Is responsible for the membership list.
 - Fundraising/Events Chair: Is responsible for organizing fundraising events and other events
 - Communications Chair: Builds relationships with media and maintains C.A visibility. Ensures CA press releases are sent to appropriate media and that constituents hear about and see the GPO in their constituency (riding). Create and promote information materials, electronically and in print
 - Organizing Chair: Prepares for upcoming elections, coordinates with campaign team.
 - 3 Members at large
14. In the event of a vacancy on the Executive, the Executive may appoint a replacement who shall hold office until the position can be filled by election at the next AGM of the CA.
15. The accounts of the CA shall be audited as required by the Ontario Election Finances Act. The Executive will appoint the auditor.

16. The CA shall hold a nomination meeting to select a candidate to stand for the Party in the electoral district. The Executive shall provide notice of the nomination meeting by regular mail or email (as per member's preference) no later than 30 days prior to the nomination meeting, to all members of the CA in good standing and to past members of the CA whose membership has been lapsed for no more than two years. The notice of the nomination will include:
 - The date, time and location of the nomination meeting
 - A description of the nomination process
 - A description of who is entitled to vote at the meeting
 - A proposed agenda for the meeting
17. Members of the CA who have been members in good standing with the Party for at least two weeks before the nomination meeting may vote at the nomination meeting.
18. A lapsed member who renews their membership at the nomination meeting is entitled to vote at the nomination meeting provided that the membership has not been lapsed for more than 15 months. Otherwise, the membership must be renewed at least two weeks prior to the date of the nomination meeting for the member to be entitled to vote at the nomination meeting.
19. Quorum for a nomination meeting shall be 10% of the members in good standing as of two weeks before the date of the meeting.
20. Candidates seeking the nomination must be nominated, in writing, by at least two members of the Constituency Association and must deliver that written nomination to the President of the CA at least 14 days before the date of the nominating meeting.
21. If no nominations for candidate are received 14 days prior to the nomination meeting, nominations for candidate can be made from the floor at the nomination meeting.
22. In the event that only one candidate is duly nominated, a vote by the members present will be held between the candidate and "None Of The Above" [NOTA]. In the event that two or more candidates are duly nominated, voting at the nomination meeting will be by preferential ballot. A candidate shall be declared nominated as the Party's candidate for the election when he or she receives at least 50% + 1 of the total number of the first votes or, if there is no clear majority on the first vote, at least 50% + 1 of the sum total of first votes and preferential second or subsequent votes.

23. In the event that a provincial election is called before the date of a nomination meeting has been set, the Executive may set a date for the nomination meeting as soon as possible after the election call. Notice of the meeting must be given by telephone or email no less than 48 hours prior to the date of the nomination meeting to all members of the CA in good standing and to past members of the CA whose membership has been lapsed for no more than two years. In this event, candidates seeking the Party nomination may be nominated from the floor.
24. Amendments to this constitution may be considered by the members present at a general meeting provided that the proposed change has been sent by regular mail no less than two weeks before the date of the general meeting to all members of the CA in good standing and to past members of the CA whose membership has been lapsed for no more than two years.
25. Amendments to this constitution can be proposed only by a member of the CA in good standing and must be submitted along with the endorsement of at least one other member of the CA in good standing not less than three weeks before the date for the AGM.

Amendments to this constitution which are considered by the members at a general meeting require the support of 75% of the members present at the general meeting to pass.

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