

**Annual General Meeting of Parti Vert New Brunswick Green Party  
March 20, 2021, via Zoom**

Attendance >90

1,2. Quorum reached and meeting called to order at 1:01pm

President Tom McLean acknowledged the land and treaty relationships. He welcomed Jenica Atwin, Green MP and member of PVNBGP.

3. Marco Morency, executive director, outlined the procedures for the online AGM.

4. Jody Middleton ***moved*** the adoption of the agenda as presented. Marie Lariviere seconded. Passed.

5. Ann McAllister noted that the minutes of the 2020 AGM required a correction: the vote for youth representative was held after both candidates had the opportunity to introduce themselves to the attendees. Mitchell Simon was voted in as youth representative.

Luke Randall ***moved*** to accept the minutes of the 2020 AGM with amendment, and those of the 2020 Special Meeting of Members; seconded by Dave Wagner. Passed.

6. Report from the President was presented by Tom McLean, highlighting the growth in both members and finance in the past year. The snap election in August saw the re-election of all 3 Green MLA's, and 18 candidates came second in their ridings, with a large increase in popular vote also. A monthly newsletter is now sent out, led by Susan O'Donnell. The Provincial Council met regularly online, with one in-person planning session in July (with pandemic precautions). Among new Council initiatives were a human resources policy, diversity policy and amendments to bylaws and constitution, to be presented at this AGM for member approval. The Ombud process has been restarted, and a new membership renewal process is now in place. Two new volunteers will continue lead the Policy Working Group as co-chairs. Many thanks are due to volunteers in many positions, with special mention given to volunteer translators.

7. Treasurer's report was presented by Jody Middleton. It was a good year financially, and the party was able to fund the last election without incurring new debt. Overhead was little changed, except for the increase in Stripe fees, which system enables more fundraising. The income increase last year was largely used to cover previous debts (from the 2018 election). Questions were entertained re donations and member fees.

8. Executive Director's report was given by Marco Morency. The past year included a general election and he noted that we learn and improve processes with each election. There were challenges in office staffing this year, with some changes and resulting training requirements. He has monthly meetings with staff in other Canadian Green Parties. This past

1 year saw increases in our capacity, membership, volunteers, RDA activity and election teams  
2 as well as the initiation of a monthly newsletter. Vote increases were clustered in  
3 Restigouche, Southeast and Fredericton. The push to increase the number of women  
4 candidates was very successful, with 61% in the 2019 election, and in the Moncton area all  
5 candidates were female. Megan Mitton continues to work at removing barriers to women in  
6 the Legislature itself. Marco thanked candidates, Council, MLA's, members and donors for  
7 their contributions to our ongoing success.

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9 9. Leader's Address. David Coon started by acknowledging what a challenging and unusual  
10 year it had been, with a pandemic and a snap election, the latter resulting in a Conservative  
11 majority. He thanked the RDA's, which are critical for party growth, Marco for his work in a  
12 difficult year, and the candidates. He felt there was a great team for this election, and  
13 appreciated their commitment, energy and ideas. Many candidates placed second. There was  
14 great momentum, which likely would have resulted in more Green MLA's if there had been  
15 a longer campaign period. This party is now at a solid 20% in polls. This level of Green  
16 support is unprecedented not only in Canada but also in the world, except for PEI which  
17 polls at 21%. We have room to strengthen support in many ridings, and particularly in rural  
18 areas. Significant increases were seen in, for instance, Restigouche, Beaubassin and Caraquet,  
19 and it's clear that when voters look for alternatives they turn to the Green Party. This is  
20 making the Liberals and Conservatives very nervous. People need to feel that a government  
21 will offer fairness and security and this is what we need to communicate. Storytelling is  
22 a very important tool for this. He asked that members share widely the party and caucus  
23 social media posts, including both press releases and weekly reports. The caucus is fortunate  
24 to have a great legislative staff to support them, including interns from the local universities.

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26 Camille Arsenault *moved*, and Gilles Cormier seconded, that the reports from the President,  
27 Treasurer, Executive Director and Leader be accepted. Passed.

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29 10. Nominations Committee report was presented by the president. The slate of nominees  
30 was shown on the screen; this and short biographical notes had been available to members in  
31 advance. He outlined who would be leaving positions, so that members could take into  
32 consideration the Council's makeup regarding regional and diversity considerations.  
33 Nominations from the floor were called three times. No new nominees came forward, so  
34 nominations were closed.

35 The voting system was outlined. Most attendees will receive an email ballot, and in cases  
36 where more than one member shares an email (or if there is another barrier to effective and  
37 secret voting), there will be a direct contact made.

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39 12. A leadership review is required this year. *Moved* by Brian Beaton, seconded by Mitchell  
40 Simon, that David Coon's leadership be endorsed. Vote was held by online poll (with a direct  
41 option available for those sharing an online link). Passed.

13. There was a break to allow voting for Council positions by email.

14. The meeting resumed at 2:44. Voting was not completed, so in the meanwhile the Policy Working Group report was given. Rebecca Blaevoet presented two resolutions. Resolution A is matters from the 2018 election platform which were not yet in the policy document, while resolution B is items that were left from the last (online) AGM, as time ran out.  
Policy\_Working\_Group\_Resolutions\_for\_the\_2021\_AGM\_.pdf

There was considerable discussion over the resolutions, both as groups and as separate proposals.

Norman Laverty **moved**, seconded by J. C. Bourque, to table Resolution A and send it back to the Policy Working Group for further work. This motion passed, so Resolution A is tabled.

Rebecca Blaevoet **moved**, seconded by Janice Harvey, that Resolution B be accepted. After discussion of the specificity of the wording, Marie Larivière **moved** that B2 be removed from Resolution B, seconded by Heather Fyffe. Passed.

The original motion to accept B being now altered (removal of B2), a vote was held, and this passed.

15. Results of the Council elections were presented.

President - Nicolas Jelic (by acclamation)

VP Francophone - Christelle Leger (by acclamation)

Secretary - Emerald Gibson (by acclamation)

Councillors-at-large - Eric Allain, Trevor Pinsonneault, Rachel Pletz, Tim Thompson

Policy Working Group Co-chairs - Rebecca Blaevoet and Trevor Pinsonneault (by acclamation)

Tom McLean noted that it was now 3:32 and it may not be possible to finish all of the remaining agenda by 4:00. Two alternatives were suggested for this possibility: we could either defer some of the matters, or lengthen the meeting. This will be decided if necessary close to 4:00.

16. Resolutions from the Governance Committee were presented as follows:

**Moved** by Dave Wagner, seconded by Burt Folkins: Be it resolved that the bylaw amendments described in the table *Annual and Special Meetings of Members* of the Parti Vert NB Green Party document *Amendments proposed to the Annual General Meeting 2021* be adopted. No discussion. Passed.

1 **Moved** by Janice Harvey, seconded by Emerald Gibson: Be it resolved that the bylaw  
2 amendments described in the table *Party Elections* of the Parti Vert NB Green Party  
3 document *Amendments proposed to the Annual General Meeting 2021* be adopted.  
4 No discussion; motion passed.

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6 **Moved** by Susan O'Donnell, seconded by K. Brookland:  
7 Be it resolved that the bylaw amendment for Article 1 described in the table *Leadership*  
8 *Candidate* of the Parti Vert NB Green Party document *Amendments proposed to the*  
9 *Annual General Meeting 2021* be adopted. During discussion an error was noted in this  
10 article, thus it was **moved** by Susan O'Donnell and seconded by K. Brookland that this  
11 item be returned to the Governance Committee for further work. The first motion was  
12 withdrawn, and the motion to return it to Committee was passed.

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15 17. At this point the chair noted that time was running short and he sought a motion re  
16 either extending the meeting or referring remaining business to a Special Meeting of  
17 Members.

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19 **Moved** by Brian Beaton, seconded by Leslie Chandler: that an SMM be called in order  
20 to deal with the unfinished business from this AGM.  
21 Janice Harvey proposed a friendly *amendment*: to stipulate that the SMM be called  
22 within 60 days. This amendment was accepted by mover and seconder. Motion passed,  
23 as amended.

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26 Attendees were thanked for their participation, and the meeting was closed at 4:05pm.

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28 The new Provincial Council will meet on the third Wednesday of April (April 21, 2021),  
29 via Zoom, at 7:30. Details will be sent to Council members.

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33 Respectfully submitted,  
34 Sarah Colwell