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GREEN PARTY OF PEI
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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INTRODUCING CHARLES SANDERSON

The GPPEI Provincial Council is pleased to introduce **Charles Sanderson as the newest member of the Green Organizational Team!** Charles brings enthusiasm and dedication to the Green movement and a background in business, education, and not-for-profit work to his role as Manager of Operations for the Party. Please welcome Charles!



Charles Sanderson
Manager of Operations

Charles has asked to share the following message with all of you:

"I am happy to be taking on the role of Operations Manager with the provincial party. I have been involved with the party for more than a decade. Throughout that time, I've had the privilege to witness the party grow from a fledgling movement to Official Opposition, now verging on the formation of a historic Green government.

I bring a knack for interpersonal skills, communication, and project management to this role. I will help the party hone our message and build a consistent brand of communication across various platforms.

As the party has grown over the last decade, our need for a more user-friendly information management system is critical. Along with other duties, I will be part of the transition team, making a seamless shift into this new, more functional information management system. I will be your go-to contact if you need help navigating this platform.

You can expect regular outreach, communication, and engagement from me. I look forward to reconnecting and meeting new faces at upcoming Green Party events!"



Council News

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'd like to start by thanking Elizabeth Schoales for re-igniting our communications to members and supporters through this newsletter! I'd encourage everyone to read it thoroughly and explore our website, www.peigreens.ca, to find opportunities for engaging with the Island Greens throughout the next month and into the New Year (an Election year!).



Susan Hartley, President
Green Party of PEI

Over the past month I have had the privilege of working with Charles Sanderson as he takes on the task of managing the operations of the Party. Please welcome Charles to the Green Team!

About a year ago, and after months of member input, the Provincial Council released an updated Strategic Plan. The Plan identifies three strategic themes: Building our Human Resources, Building our Brand and Messaging, and Building our Community. Over the past few months and in keeping with the strategic actions identified in the plan we have been focused on increasing our committee work, governance oversight, and election readiness efforts. This is where you come in!

Key to the Green success is the involvement of our members and volunteers. We have many tasks and much work ahead of us. Whether you are able to contribute time, expertise, or funds all members and supporters are important members of the Green Team. Help us expand our base by inviting Green curious friends and families to a Green Social; or, help us ensure we are continuing to be responsible to our members and donors by volunteering for a Standing Committee; or help us win more seats in the 2023 Election by contributing your expertise to a Election Readiness working group; or help us to meet our goals by making a year-end donation.

You can also help by keeping your membership active (or becoming a member!). Please check the status of your membership by going to the Member's Area at www.peigreens.ca, or contacting us at info@peigreens.ca. If it is time to renew, this can be done with a simple donation of \$10 or more.

I wish you all warmth and love as we take this holiday time to celebrate friends, family, and community. It hasn't been an easy time for many these past many months. With Green values and a Green Vision we will make it a more equitable and peaceful Island - for all.

See you at a Green Social!

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings normally take place the 3rd Monday of each month.
The next meeting will be on
Wednesday 19 December at 7pm

Members are welcome to join meetings as observers or presenters. To request to join a meeting, please contact
info@greenparty.pe.ca

MONTHLY UPDATE

STANDING COMMITTEES

Governance Committee

No activities reported

Contact: governance@peigreens.ca

Finance Committee

We continue maintaining the records of account, depositing donations, and paying bills. The first draft of the budget for 2023 is nearing completion. We are also preparing the party's accounting and finance for the next election.

Contact: finance@peigreens.ca

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Membership and Volunteer Committee

No activities reported

Contact: membershipcommittee@peigreens.ca

IDENTITY CAUCUSES

Diversity Caucus

No activities reported

Contact: diversitycaucus@peigreens.ca

For more on the roles of committees and caucuses visit

https://www.peigreens.ca/committee_s



Caucus News

MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER

The fall sitting of the Legislative Assembly concluded this week. It demonstrated the ineffectiveness of the King government, with Premier King and his Cabinet struggling to address the serious issues facing Islanders and our Island home.

This sitting the Official Opposition Green caucus presented legislation to give workers 10 paid sick days. Unfortunately all PC and Liberal MLAs said no to any paid sick days and denied workers job protection. By denying this to Island workers, these PC and Liberal MLAs – who enjoy paid sick days themselves – are jeopardising the health of workers and their workplaces.

Under the leadership of Premier King, PEI’s shorelines—including Point DeRoche—have

been under attack by reckless development in environmentally sensitive areas. This government has not only turned a blind eye to destructive development on our beaches and in buffer zones but it also seems Premier King’s Conservatives have actually approved such development. A last minute policy to create a moratorium on buffer zone activity is too little too late. What we have been calling for, and what needs to be done is a comprehensive review of all laws related to shoreline development and an Island-wide land use plan as recommended in numerous studies going back 50 years.

Despite an unwilling and uninspired government, the Official Opposition Green caucus was able to accomplish some important things for Islanders, including pressuring government to finally bring forward and pass the often promised and perpetually delayed Residential Tenancy Act.

This sitting our caucus also unanimously passed motions to provide voting rights to permanent residents for municipal and school board elections, increase access to ovarian cancer drugs, and access to contraceptives for Islanders.

Finally, it was good to see a full carbon rebate will be returned to Islanders. This is something our Party has called on for years. While I am glad this is happening, I am frustrated that it had to come from the federal government because the Premier would not give up his fossil fuel subsidies.

This fall sitting showed clearly that there are two visions for PEI. One is of self-interest and politicking championed by both the PCs and Liberals. The other is a Green vision based on fairness, responsibility, safety and health, one where the well-being of Islanders and our Island home are at the centre of everything we do.



Peter Bevan-Baker
Leader of the Official Opposition

“a Green vision based on fairness, responsibility, safety and health”

DONATION REMINDER

There’s still time to make year end donations for a 2022 tax credit.

2023 is an election year. Your financial support is more important than ever.

To donate, visit
<https://www.peigreens.ca/donate>



Members' Corner

TOPIC OF THE MONTH: *Trees, plants and our relationship with nature*

This month **Roy Johnstone** discusses the need to protect and preserve our forests, and why it is so important for the GPPEI to have its new Ecological Forestry Policy for PEI.

The devastation of PEI's forested areas by hurricane Fiona is a timely reminder of the need for a comprehensive forestry policy on PEI. So while we find ourselves unable to walk in the woods because it isn't safe, the full impact of events like Fiona reveal issues that go much deeper.

If we can get into the woods what do we see? Shallow rooted and short lived species like white spruce, poplar, white birch and white pine toppled by the thousands. Monoculture planting and clear cutting practices have contributed to this vulnerability. Unfortunately, we have also removed many of our more resilient and long lived native species such red oak, hemlock and red spruce which could reseed the forest. If we want to create more resilient forests, we need a broader viewpoint than simply seeing forests as a resource to be harvested. We need to recognize the critical role that forests and the wildlife they support play in sustaining the planet's well being.

Forestry science has evolved considerably in the past few decades to include a more comprehensive understanding of the ecology of forests but unfortunately, forestry policies and practices have been slow to implement this knowledge.

The ethical and holistic approach, "all our relations" of indigenous peoples should be a key part of developing just and sustainable forestry policies and practices. This is an important aspect of the intent for reconciliation and will bring valuable principles to a forest policy.

It is critical that larger institutions whether government, private corporations, community groups or political parties have clearly defined policies and objectives that directly address the climate crisis and the diminishing diversity of our wildlife.

Healthy and resilient woodlands and forests will better serve Islanders now and for future generations.



At our last AGM, members proposed a motion to support plant-based initiatives. While it did not pass, it introduced this important issue to many members for the first time. Here, **Olivier Pagni** continues the discussion.



'Where do you get your proteins from?'

On the first day of COP27, the World Meteorological Organization announced that our planet's temperature has risen by 1.15 degrees since the pre-industrial era. According to UNESCO, a third of glaciers listed as World Heritage sites will disappear by the year 2050. Yet, when discussing the benefits of a plant-based diet both for the planet's health as well as ours, I am more often than not met with the same recurring question: 'Where do you get your proteins from?' This is closely followed by the sorrowful lamentation: 'What about cheese?'

The science is clear. Adopting a plant-based diet is the single most powerful way to reduce our footprint on the planet – ahead of cutting down on our air travel or driving an electric car. Not only does a plant-based diet help tackle the emission of greenhouse gases, it also relieves global acidification, eutrophication, and offers a much more sustainable way to use land and water. The high acidity of animal products has also been proven to wreak havoc not only on the planet's health, but on our own health as well.

It is worth noting that 100 grams of protein from beef produce up to 105 kg of greenhouse gases, compared to 3.5 kg for 100 grams of protein from tofu.

For the season's festivities, my spouse and I will be cooking a dish of 'Beet and Potatoes' topped up with homemade onion chutney, as well as a lentil loaf providing us with 15 grams of protein per slice.

The planet is on fire; what's in your refrigerator?



Members' Corner

THE CAT'S PYJAMAS!

On November 19th, Greens and friends dressed up and danced the night away at the first ever Green Speakeasy!

Embracing the music and ambience of a 1920s secret social club, guests were entertained by the exceptional talents of Hamorama, Catherine O'Brien and Groove Company.

Food, prepared by Chef Jesse MacDonald and his Culinary students, was delicious and so was some of the chat!

Thank you to the many volunteers who contributed to the success of the Speakeasy, and to all who supported the Green Party through ticket purchases and donations.

Perhaps we should make this an annual event!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We're pleased to welcome back former Treasurer **Maureen Blake!** We're always looking for financially minded people, or people comfortable with numbers to fill roles as Financial Coordinators with EDAs and RAs, and to help during the election period. Contact: finance@peigreens.ca

YOUNG GREENS

Are you under 35? Do you want to make sure the issues that matter to you are on the agenda? The Young Greens will be reforming in the new year. If you or anyone you know would like to join, contact: charles.sanderson@greenparty.pe.ca

DESIGNERS

If you're a graphic designer, we need you! There are lots of ways to put your talent and skill to good use. Posters, mailings, this newsletter—you name it! If you'd like to help, contact: charles.sanderson@greenparty.pe.ca

SOCIAL MEDIA GURUS

The election is coming! And that means there's going to be a lot to share. Are you good with the usual social media platforms, and whatever else might get invented in the next year? Contact: charles.sanderson@greenparty.pe.ca

GREEN PARTY MEMBERS

This is your newsletter. We welcome your comments, suggestions, and contributions.

Please contact us at newsletter@peigreens.ca



Party Roundup

DISTRICT AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Associations are the grassroots heart of the Green Party. Contact your local Association to be part of the action!

**Districts 5 & 6
Stratford RA**

Contact: stratfordchair@peigreens.ca

District 11

Charlottetown-Belvedere EDA

Contact: d11@peigreens.ca

Districts 12 & 13

Victoria Park-Brighton RA

Contact: d1213@peigreens.ca

District 17

New Haven-Rocky Point EDA

Contact: d17@greenparty.pe.ca

Districts 21 & 23

**Summerside-Wilmot and Tyne Valley
-Sherbrooke RA**

Contact: d2123@peigreens.ca

District 22

Summerside-South Drive EDA

Contact: d22@peigreens.ca

To learn more about Associations visit
https://www.peigreens.ca/edas_ras?

D11 is having a community social at the Farm Centre at 6:30pm to 8:30pm on Friday 9 December. Come and join us—all are welcome!



Barbara Dylla and Eddie Childs

D12 and 13 held its AGM on 24 November. Members thanked Barbara Dylla for all her efforts as Chair in establishing the Association and contributing to its success. Eddie Childs was voted in unanimously as new Chair. D13 MLA Ole Hammerlund and D12 MLA Karla Bernard shared inspiring words prompting discussion about the importance of dis-trict and regional grassroots work focus they pro- vide members for community en- gagement.



Ole Hammerlund, Barbara Dylla, Eddie Childs, Karla Bernard

D17 is creating its own Facebook page to share events and ideas. District members and supporters will be notified when it's up and running.

A small planning group has been established to prepare for the Association's AGM-social event. More details will be sent out as they come.

D22 is holding Green Drinks every two weeks along with D21 and D23. Please contact us for more information.

D21 and D23 held its AGM on 26 November. We also recently held our fundraiser at Backwoods Burger in Tyne Valley. Debbie Graham kindly made the door prize, and David Deschene was our grand winner. It sure looks like everyone had a good time!

David Deschene and Debbie Graham



EYE ON THE ELECTION

According to the *Election Act*, the next election should be October 2nd, 2023. But successive governments have used a legal loophole to call early snap elections if they feel it gives their party an advantage. So it is important that the Green Party be ready in case of a spring election.

The **Election Readiness Committee** has been busy preparing the nomination process to kick off at the beginning of January. It is crucial that potential candidates are well-vetted and that nomination processes are fair to applicants and members alike. We continue to provide Council with recommended updates to the party's Nomination Process Rules, and other related documents.

You will soon be receiving an email from the party calling for volunteers to join the 2023 Nomination Screening Committee and Appeals Tribunal. We hope that you will heed this call to be a part of one of these important committees.



Upcoming events

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DECEMBER

D11 Community Social—Come and join us!

Friday 9 December, 6:30-8:30 pm
PEI Farm Centre
420 University Avenue, Charlottetown



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DECEMBER

D3 Coffee and Chat with Michele Beaton

Tuesday 13 December, 7-8:30pm
Lucky Bean
576 Rue Main Street, Montague

RSVP at https://www.peigreens.ca/d3_social_2022



D11 Fundraising Raffle

Tickets are available for this beautiful framed original painting (30"x24") by Judith Bayliss
\$5 each or 3 for \$12—all proceeds to D11 EDA
Draw date December 17

Contact d11@greenparty.pe.ca for tickets



For more about all of our great events check out our calendar at www.peigreens.ca/event_calendar



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Our party is funded by grassroots supporters like you chipping in what they can, when they can

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As we head into an election, your support is more important than ever

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OUR CORE VALUES

Living within our ecological
and financial means

Local self-reliance

Grassroots democracy, active citizen-
ship, and self-determination

A just society

A culture of peace



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