

OUR THANKS TO SPECIAL PEOPLE

Thank you MLA Hannah Bell

Earlier this past month, Hannah Bell announced her decision to not re-offer as a candidate in the next Provincial Election. Many of us have had the privilege of working with Hannah since she became a Green Shadow Critic in 2016. As a strong member of a strong Opposition caucus, Hannah's clear vision and work for Islanders has been tireless and we have no doubt it will continue to be, wherever she chooses to contribute.

Thank you, Hannah, for being a strong voice for PEI and for helping to set the vision for the GPPEI.



Remembering John Andrew



It is with great sadness and immense respect that we, members of the Green Party of PEI, reflect on the passing of Dr. John Andrew. Our sincerest thoughts and condolences are with John's wife, Christine and their family and community at this time of loss.

Many of us first met, and worked with, John when he ran as the Green Party candidate in the 2019 deferred election.

John worked tirelessly to create a thriving environment around Wright's Creek including his historic family home. He has created an incredibly generous legacy for his community.

GPPEI Leader Peter Bevan-Baker shared: "John Andrew was a remarkable person. He was that rare combination of great intelligence and deep integrity manifest in a lifetime of generosity and community action. Like so many people on PEI and beyond, I shall miss him very much."

SAVE THE DATE

GPPEI ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING and POLICY
CONVENTION
17 JUNE 2023

Completion of
POLICY CONVENTION
24 JUNE 2023

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Council News

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been another busy month for your Provincial Council, our contracted service providers, Charles and Justin, the Electoral District Associations, and all who volunteer time and support to the Party.

We recently welcomed George Mason to the role of Interim Treasurer on Council as Sue Whitaker stepped off in order to provide valued, volunteer time to ready our 2022 financial records for review by the membership at our 2023 AGM. George brings key expertise and Board experience to this role that will assist Council in meeting its fiduciary responsibility to you, our members.

We also welcomed Derek Donohoe to the leadership team as our new Official Agent, as Matt MacFarlane wrapped up his time in this role. The Official Agent ensures that we meet our legal responsibilities as a political organization. A key role, especially in an election year.

Sue and Matt have contributed so much to the professionalism and smooth running of the GPPEI - Thank You!

The systems transition team has been meeting regularly and I am really pleased to report that our new financial, donor, and membership management system is extremely close to being launched.

In light of the recent news regarding the Green Party of Canada and breaches of confidential membership information, the GPPEI admin team and I recently reviewed all the ways we keep your membership information secure and confidential. While we're confident that our processes are strong, we've begun to implement even more ways to ensure your information is secure.

Your Council is excited to be partnering with our amazing Green Opposition Caucus for our 2023 series of Online Forums. With the title *Enhancing Well-Being in PEI: Acting on a Green Vision*, this series invites you to join others in conversations and share your ideas. For more information, and to register go to peigreens.ca/forums2023.

You will see calls for volunteers throughout this newsletter. Please consider how you might contribute your talents, skills, and passion to the Party during this important time. I'm highlighting two areas: Provincial Council and Election Campaign preparedness. As the AGM nears we will be inviting members to consider becoming a member of Provincial Council. If you are curious about this work, you can observe meetings by contacting me, or you are welcome to contact any one of us on Council and ask about our work.

As always, I'd like to hear from you.



Susan Hartley, President
Green Party of PEI

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Council meetings normally take place the 3rd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be on
Monday 20 February at 7pm

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

MONTHLY COMMITTEE UPDATE

For more on the roles of committees and caucuses visit
<https://www.peigreens.ca/committees>

STANDING COMMITTEES

Governance Committee

No activities reported

Contact: governance@peigreens.ca

Finance Committee

No activities reported

Contact: finance@peigreens.ca

Membership and Volunteer Committee

No activities reported

Contact: membershipcommittee@peigreens.ca

IDENTITY CAUCUSES

Diversity Caucus

No activities reported

Contact: diversitycaucus@peigreens.ca



Caucus News

MLAs IN ACTION

There are many ways to keep up with what Green MLAs are doing

[Videos of Assembly proceedings](#)

[Daily Debates in Hansard](#)

[Office of the Official Opposition](#)

[Green Caucus Blog](#)

You can also follow Green MLAs on

[Facebook](#)

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[Instagram](#)

[Youtube](#)

"The Green caucus has consistently called for Health PEI independence"

GLOBAL GREENS—LOCAL GREENS

Being Green means thinking globally and locally.

It means embracing the principles that guide Green parties around the world.

These principles underlie the

[Charter of the Global Greens](#)

and are enshrined as the values of the

Green Party of PEI in its

[Constitution](#).

MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER

As Leader, I get to hear a lot of stories from Islanders. One of the most common topics I've been hearing lately is healthcare. Each story is unique, but there are some very common threads. People tell me about incredibly long wait times - waiting hours, sometimes days, sometimes weeks - for their turn to get seen. I hear about the hardworking, dedicated healthcare staff who are desperately trying to hold it all together and take care of Islanders. I also hear pleas for change.



Peter Bevan-Baker
Leader of the Official Opposition

Recently, Islanders learned that the Chair of the Health PEI Board, Derek Key, resigned. In his resignation letter to the Premier, Mr. Key outlined his frustrations and concerns about Health PEI's lack of independence from government. He said Health PEI, not the Department of Health, should be in charge of hiring and retaining healthcare workers.

The Green caucus has consistently called for Health PEI independence for years dating back to 2018. Having a healthcare system independent of politics is good governance - and it's the best model for providing good healthcare to citizens. Three years ago Trish Altass, Green MLA for Tyne Valley-Sherbrooke, tried to improve the legislation governing Health PEI by giving them more independence. Premier King and his government said no. Every PC MLA voted against almost all of the improvements Trish put forward.

For the last four years Premier King has been warned about this - by healthcare workers, unions, patients, and the Green caucus. Even now, as we watch our healthcare workers burn out, leaders resign, and Islanders' healthcare access decline, he refuses to give Health PEI proper autonomy.

For decades successive governments on PEI have recognised that the trajectory of health care was deeply worrisome. For decades each one has sat on their hands and watched the system unravel.

We need a government that places Islanders' healthcare above their own political gain. Islanders need leadership that looks beyond four year election cycles and does the hard work to fix our system. We need a government and a healthcare system that works for Islanders.



Members' Corner

TOPIC OF THE MONTH: *Voting rights for permanent residents*

At the 2022 GPPEI Annual General Meeting, members voted in support of the motion Extend Voting Rights to Permanent Residents in Municipal Elections, which was later ratified as policy by the membership. On 24 November 2022 it became the first member-driven motion to not only reach the legislature—but pass! MLAs voted unanimously to support it as Extending Voting Rights to Permanent Residents in Municipal and School Board Elections.

*This motion was created by District 11 Charlottetown–Belvedere Electoral District Association during last year’s policy development process. This month, District 11 Chair **Bethany Collicutt-NcNab** shares her experience with newcomers and the importance of this motion in providing permanent residents with a voice in our communities.*

It was my honour to be able to present the motion Extend Voting Rights to Permanent Residents in Municipal Elections during the 2022 GPPEI AGM. I was able to come to this motion from a somewhat unique perspective as I have been working exclusively with permanent residents for almost 15 years.

I know why they choose to come here, and unfortunately, I know why they leave. If you ask a newcomer, why they are here they will give you any number of answers but often you will hear “for my children”. They want their children to enjoy a life of peace, safety, opportunity, and prosperity. They also want to make a community here, make Prince Edward Island their home, and create a sense of belonging for themselves and for those that are coming next.

But how can you feel like you belong somewhere if your voice is not being heard? How can you feel confidence in the education system if no one asks you what you need? It is such a simple answer. Let them have a voice.

PRs own property, run businesses, pay taxes, and create wonderfully diverse school environments. Many come to



Canada and live here for the rest of their lives, and municipal and school board representation is often the first step to political engagement.

When this motion came to the floor of the Legislative Assembly, I was thrilled to hear many members (of all parties) speak so passionately about it. It gives me hope that someday (hopefully soon) it will come back to the floor as a bill.

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER

We welcome your comments, suggestions, and contributions.

Please contact us at newsletter@peigreens.ca

Deadline for submissions: **the last Friday of the month** for the next issue

YOUR OMBUDSPERSON

Did you know that the Green Party of PEI has an Ombudsperson and Appeals Committee? If any member feels that they have been treated unfairly or has a concern about Party governance, they can contact the Ombuds office in confidence.

See more at peigreens.ca/ombuds



Members' Corner

ONLINE COMMUNITY SERIES

Join us for this engaging series as we continue to gear up for the next provincial election.



Enhancing Well-Being on PEI Acting on the Green Vision

A series of four online community conversations

January 29 ~ Physical, Mental, and Social Health

February 12 ~ Land, Water, and Environmental Stewardship

February 26 ~ Economic Equity and Sustainability

March 12 ~ Good Governance: Building Stability and Trust

JOIN US! www.peigreens.ca/forums2023

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The Green Party is hosting a series of four online community forums that will explore the Green vision for PEI and what we can do to get there.

These forums are designed to take us out of the artificial siloes of government departments and encourage conversations about how we really live, and how we can continue building an approach to governing that truly reflects the reality of our lives.

These forums are open to everyone. We encourage you to save the dates and take this opportunity to bring your voice to these important conversations.

Our next forum takes place on Sunday 12 February 2023 where we'll be joined by host Susan Hartley and Green MLAs Hannah Bell, Peter-Bevan-Baker and Steve Howard to explore the Green vision for caring for our natural environment. Please see our Events page for more information and how to register.

We hope to see you there!





Members' Corner

EYE ON THE ELECTION

NOMINATIONS

There are lots of ways to get in touch if you're considering running as a Green candidate, have someone else in mind, or would like to get more information.

You can contact our leader Peter Bevan-Baker, one of the other MLAs, or a member of our Candidate Search Committee at candidatesearch@peigreens.ca.

You can contact GPPEI President Susan Hartley at info@peigreens.ca.

Go to www.peigreens.ca/nominations to learn more.



Nominations are Open!

- ☒ Do you want to help form a historic Green government in 2023?
- ☒ Do you want to contribute to making positive change in PEI?
- ☒ Are you forward thinking? A community leader?
- ☒ Are you curious?
If so, find out more at peigreens.ca/nominations or contact us at info@peigreens.ca



POLICIES

Green policy ideas come from members like you!

Is there a policy you'd like to see the GPPEI adopt?

If you're interested in putting forward a policy to be considered at this year's Policy Convention, contact Maria at maria.rodriguez@peigreens.ca.

TOPICS AND ISSUES

Our *Topic of the Month* has been focussing on motions passed at last year's AGM. But there are so many more issues to cover!

Is there a topic you'd like us to feature? An issue you'd like members to think about? A policy area you're thinking of proposing as a motion yourself?

Let us know what you'd like us to feature—we'd love to include it!
Contact us at newsletter@peigreens.ca



CAMPAIGN TEAM

Election 2023

CAMPAIGN TEAM

Provincial Council has appointed Katie Rankin and Patrick Lévêque to head up the 2023 election campaign team. The team is looking for people with a variety of skills, including communications, policy, organizing, logistics, event planning, translation, financial management and office administration.

If you're interested in being part of the 2023 team, please contact Patrick at patrick.leveque@greenparty.pe.ca or Katie at katie.rankin@greenparty.pe.ca



Members' Corner

HELP WANTED—VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COUNCIL NOTE TAKER

Council invites a member to join them for monthly Council meetings (the third Monday of every month) and for extraordinary meetings that occur on occasion. Being a Council note taker will give you the opportunity to learn more about the work of the Provincial Council.

Contact Susan at president@greenparty.pe.ca

D5 and D6 REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

The Stratford Regional Association is eager to support our MLA Michele Beaton and our future candidate in D6. We've love to hear from members in the area who'd be interested in volunteering.

Contact Darlene at darlene.doiron@greenparty.pe.ca

COUNCIL CLEAN-UP

Council is seeking a person with experience in redesigning a digital space who can help provide a new approach and organization for our files and folders.

Contact Charles at charles.sanderson@greenparty.pe.ca

CAMPAIGN TEAM

The campaign team is looking for people with skills and energy to help put together the Green 2023 election campaign. Whatever your time or skills, we probably have a role for you!

Contact Patrick at patrick.leveque@greenparty.pe.ca or Katie at katie.rankin@greenparty.pe.ca

COUNCIL MEMBERS

If you're interested in becoming a Party Council member, or would like to learn more about what Council does, please reach out to any of us to ask about the work we do.

Contact provincial-council@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 are reforming in the new year. If you or anyone you know would like to join:

Contact Charles at charles.sanderson@greenparty.pe.ca

MEMBERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Our committee is looking for members to help in a variety of areas that support our work of recruiting and retaining members.

Contact Darlene at darlene.doiron@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 at charles.sanderson@greenparty.pe.ca

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

PHOTOGRAPHERS and VIDEOGRAPHERS

We are seeking people to provide photographs and videos for the website, the newsletter, and other communications. If you can attend a few events and are handy with a camera, get in touch.

Contact Susan at president@greenparty.pe.ca

YOUR PHOTOS WANTED

Our new website is almost ready! We'd love to include photos taken by our members.

Do you have any photos you'd like to share?

Just get in touch with Susan at president@greenparty.pe.ca





Party Roundup

DISTRICT AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

D5 and D6 Regional Association is gearing up for 2023 and would like to hear from members in the area who may be interested in volunteering and supporting the efforts of MLA Michele Beaton and our future candidate in D6.

Interested members can send a note to Darlene at darlene.doiron@greenparty.pe.ca.

D17 welcomes new members to its executive. Following our January AGM, Maureen Blake is chair of the executive association, Mari Basiletti is communications coordinator and Sue Williams is data coordinator, with Morgan Palmer and Roy Johnstone as members at large. The Association is looking for a new financial person.

We had an online executive meeting January 23rd and are planning a musical fundraising event for Saturday 11 February, 3 :00 to 4:30 with proceeds going to the Afton community fridge. Please see the Events page for more details.

D21 and D23 held its election readiness meeting on 7 January at the Summerside Library with Lynne Lund, Trish Altass and the members of the RA in attendance. We were also introduced to the district's upcoming campaign manager, Michelle Patterson.

On 21 January, Our RA met at Heather Ford's house to share a meal and to discuss the upcoming campaign, fundraising and other election-related duties.



Heather Ford hosts the Election Readiness Committee



Green Drinks with Trish and Lynne

Green Drinks were held on the second Thursday of the month as per usual with a good attendance and where Lynne and Trish were available to take any questions.

We continue to hold Green Drinks at Dooly's in Summerside on the second Thursday of each month where Trish and Lynne make themselves available to answer questions and concerns from the general public.

D22 is holding Green Drinks every two weeks along with D21 and D23. Please see the Events page for more details, and please contact us for more information.

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

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

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

Be sure to check the Upcoming Events and the Help Wanted pages for ways to get involved in your District Association.



HAVE YOU RECEIVED OUR MEMBERSHIP SURVEY?

We've recently sent out our annual membership survey. Please check your email box. The survey is available in English and French.

If you haven't yet, please take a moment to fill it out. The information that you provide is important to Council.

It will help us to work on behalf of members and the party in the coming year.

Completing the survey is much appreciated!



Upcoming events

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FEBRUARY

Join the Summerside Green Team

the second Thursday of every month from 7-9 PM
Dooly's, 298 Water Street
Chat with Trish Altass and Lynne Lund
Next gathering: Thursday 9 February at 7:00 PM



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FEBRUARY

Musical Fundraiser

Saturday 11 February 2023, 3-4:30pm
Afton Community Centre
1552 Route 19, New Dominion
All proceeds go to the Afton Hall community fridge



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FEBRUARY

Enhancing Well-being on PEI

Sunday 12 February 2023, 3-4:30pm
Online

Join us for a community conversation

Register: www.peigreens.ca/forums2023



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



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and financial means

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ship, and self-determination

A just society

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