

Constitution of the Cowichan-Malahat-Langford Federal Green Party Association

1. The name of the association shall be the Cowichan-Malahat-Langford Federal Green Party Association herein after called "the EDA".
2. The Cowichan-Malahat-Langford Federal Green Party Association is a subsection of the Green Party of Canada (the "Party"), and is bound by the constitution and bylaws of the Party.
3. The purpose of the EDA is to:
 - 3.1 Support and promote the principles, objectives and policies of the Party and maintain an effective EDA for that purpose.
 - 3.2 Provide organizational and financial support to the Party's candidate in the EDA.
 - 3.3 Raise money to support the fundamental purposes of the Party and the purposes and activities of the EDA.
4. The EDA is formed pursuant to the provisions of the Canada Elections Act. The boundaries of the EDA are the boundaries of the Electoral District of Cowichan-Malahat-Langford, as those boundaries are set from time to time by the Government of Canada.
5. All members in good standing of the Party residing within the boundaries of the Cowichan-Malahat-Langford are members of the EDA. Only members of the EDA are entitled to vote at meetings of the EDA.
6. The EDA shall hold an annual general meeting (AGM) no later than fifteen (15) months following the previous AGM.
7. The business of the AGM shall include the election of the Executive of the EDA. The Executive shall be the governing body of the EDA between general meetings.
8. The Executive of the EDA shall be comprised of:
 1. Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
 2. Financial Agent (FA)

The Executive shall also endeavor to include at least one of the following:

1. Secretary
2. Membership Chair
3. Fundraising Chair
4. Organizing Chair
5. Communications Chair

9. The Executive will appoint an auditor as per the requirements of Elections Canada.

10. 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 AGM of the EDA.

11. The accounts of the EDA shall be audited as required by the Elections Act.

12. Notice of amendments to the constitution shall be included in the notice of a general meeting at which the amendments shall be considered.

13. Amendments shall be adopted by a majority of the votes cast at a general meeting and shall be ratified by a majority of the votes cast in an **email or mail-in vote** sent to all members in good standing of the EDA.

14. Unless it dissolves, the EDA will continue as long as the EDA exists with the boundaries as set by Elections Canada. The EDA may not change its name or merge or join with any other federal political party.

15. Motions shall be passed with a simple majority of those members present at meetings.

16. A quorum at general meetings shall be the lesser of five (5) percent of the membership or twenty-five members.

17. The quorum for all Executive meetings shall be more than fifty (50) percent of members of the Executive at the time the meeting is called to order.

18. Participation in any meeting of the EDA is subject to a minimum membership period of thirty (30) days unless specifically otherwise set by the Party.

19. Proxy voting is not permitted.

20. The Executive, on the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting, may remove an Executive member who has missed four (4) consecutive

regularly scheduled meetings of the Executive without reasonable explanation; or whose conduct is judged detrimental to the objectives of the EDA. The removal may only occur at a meeting called for that purpose.

21. The EDA Executive shall appoint a Candidate Nomination Committee for the purpose of recruiting potential nomination contestants. Prior to appointment, committee members must agree to maintain neutrality with respect to the nomination process and all potential nomination contestants and agree not to seek nomination themselves.

22. Any member of the Executive after filing nomination papers to seek the nomination as a candidate in an upcoming federal election or by-election shall take a leave of absence as an Executive member and may only resume duties when they are no longer a contender for the nomination or the election or by election, as the case may be.

23. The EDA shall hold a nomination meeting to select a candidate for the Party in the Electoral District in accordance with nomination contest rules provided by the party.

24. All approved nomination contestants shall be invited to attend meetings of the board of directors.

25. In the event the membership of an EDA and/or its Executive wish to replace a nominated candidate, a meeting of the membership may be called in accordance with rules provided by the Party.

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