

Sam Cosentino

Federal Council - Ontario

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His campaign bio can be found [here](#) & [ici](#) en français.

My name is Adrian Currie and I am running for the Ontario Representative for the Federal Council.

As you know, the lack of diversity within our party structures and the absence of a diversity strategy, is a serious impediment to our growth as a party and compromises the quality of the Council's work.

I plan to lead by example and help attract other diverse candidates to the Council and the Green Party. I want to work with the Council to identify and eliminate the systemic barriers to the participation of equity-seeking groups and to proactively seek out their participation in the governance of the party.

If we don't address this issue in this Federal election, when will we? Do we as a Party have the courage to put our money where our mouth is and elect diverse candidates and people of colour to Federal Council?

If so, then we should lead by example and start now.

Last week I was part of a webinar on Federal Council policy put on by Dave Bagler. We did an exercise to identify End Goals for the election. Curiously enough, the number one priority on the list was Diversity. Diversity on the Federal Council and having a diverse membership from which we can draw diverse candidates.

There are many people in the GPC who want to see the Party grow. If one of our goals is growing the Party, then this is an obvious weakness that we have to address.

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The Party is at a decisive moment. The 2019 election, despite being billed as the "climate change election", was not a great success for us. We managed to election 3 MPs, and while this tripled the size of our caucus, I know many of us realize we should have done much better. This year provides a great opportunity for us with both a leadership race, and the preparations we'll need to do for the next election (which may happen as early as 2021).

I believe my blend of governance experience and campaign experience will be a great asset to the Federal Council in navigating the challenges ahead. I sat on the Green Party of Ontario's Provincial Executive, equivalent to the Federal Council for the GPC, for two 1-year terms from 2017 to 2019. I remain the chair of the Conduct Committee for the GPO, and I've also sat on two different EDA executives, including spending a 1-year term as CEO of the Ottawa Centre EDA. I've also just finished serving as Field Director in the Ottawa-Vanier and Orleans byelections, and I also joined the Guelph team in October as the a GOTV Lead in charge of the phone operations for election day. You can find my full Green Party CV on my website.

The challenges and opportunities ahead of the Party requires a strong and engaged Federal Council, and I'm ready to be a part of that.

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Andrew Hazen

For Ontario Representative Green Party of Canada Federal Council Election - 2020

I am part of a group of candidates with numerous ideals in common regarding the need for reform and renewal of the party from the ground up. You can find these shared perspectives at www.greensforcouncil.ca. You can also find a recording of an All Candidates Zoom session at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj4GvsFnNDCdDJNIA59Gd5Q>. And you can find additional perspectives from me at <https://www.facebook.com/AndrewHazenGPCFederalCouncil>. Please feel free to contact me at andrew.hazen@greenparty.ca or in Slack @Andrew Hazen – Markham.

Communication – I will use Zoom, Slack, Facebook and Email for two-way communication with Ontario EDA executives and the general membership to bridge the gap that currently exists between members and the national office.

Support for EDAs – I will support the development of tools, templates, training and funding to enhance the ability of local EDAs to wage winning campaigns.

National level volunteer opportunities – I will champion the creation/expansion of committees and task forces, overseen by the Federal Council, which will:

- Work directly with national staff to strengthen and deploy the tools, templates, training and funding necessary to enhance local EDAs.
- Work directly with Shadow Cabinet members to research, refine and promote policy positions and responses relevant to each Shadow Cabinet position.

Staying Engaged – Federal Council must stay engaged even during a general election.

- I will NOT stand as a candidate in a federal or provincial election during my term on Federal Council so that I can stay focused on the governance of the party.
- If I do not win the seat, I will support the person who does by taking on whatever committee or organizing role they need.

Eric Larouche, candidat pour le poste de Représentant de l'Ontario

Pour exercer une plus grande influence à Ottawa, le PVC doit gagner plus de sièges.

Notre message vert actuellement transmis aux Canadiens ne récolte pas assez d'appui. Le PVC doit obtenir plus de soutien pour se développer. La manière d'aborder cette question est très importante. Sinon, nous n'améliorerons pas le niveau de soutien au Parti.

Nous avons clairement vu en 2019 que les votes des électeurs verts ne suffisent pas. Nous avons besoin du soutien des électeurs bleus, rouges et oranges. Malgré la prise de conscience actuelle mondiale sur le changement climatique, le mouvement jeunesse de Greta Thunberg, le message d'Elizabeth May et le fait que 94 % des Canadiens qui croient aux changements climatiques, la majorité des gens ne soutient pas les mesures drastiques et audacieuses que nous proposons. Les Canadiens sont inquiets et veulent que les choses aient plus de sens. Ils veulent de la justice et de l'équité.

Militer pour le PVC à quelque niveau que ce soit constitue un défi si nous voulons sérieusement mettre en œuvre les changements que nous savons nécessaires pour un avenir meilleur. Les élus doivent mieux informer les Canadiens sur la plateforme du PVC et démontrer qu'elle ne représente pas une menace. Le Parti a besoin que ses membres se concentrent sur la manière d'impliquer électeurs, et de mettre l'accent sur les points importants. Les Canadiens ont les mêmes objectifs et le PVC peut ouvrir la voie sans nuire à l'économie s'il est bien organisé. Et ceci, le Parti doit le démontrer et le prouver afin de gagner la confiance des Canadiens.

Même avec un programme clair, un intérêt qui vient du cœur et une vision audacieuse, le PVC doit être réaliste : même s'ils partagent certaines valeurs communes, les électeurs ont des idées qui peuvent différer. Le travail du Conseil

Éric Larouche, CEO, Bay of Quinte Electoral District Association, GPC

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fédéral consiste à découvrir ce qui fait vibrer les gens, à aider les Verts à utiliser ces informations en s'assurant que les Canadiens comprennent notre projet.

RESPONSE FROM ERIC LAROUCHE TO QUESTION: “Federal Council is responsible for the governance, strategic, and financial oversight of our Party. What does this mean to you?”

In order to have a voice in Ottawa, GPC needs to gain more seats.

Our Green message currently transmitted to Canadians isn't catching traction. GPC needs to get more support to grow. How to approach this is very important, or we won't improve GPC support.

We clearly saw in 2019 that Greens, moderate and independent votes aren't enough; we need support from blue, red and orange voters. Even with current global Climate Change awareness, Greta Thunberg youth movement, Elizabeth May and 94% of Canadians believing in CC, the majority of this 94% isn't supporting drastic, bold moves. Canadians are concerned and want things to make more sense. They look for more fairness, things more just.

Being part of GPC in any capacity is challenging if we are serious about implementing the changes we know are necessary for a better future. Leaders need to better inform Canadians the GPC platform isn't a threat. GPC needs its members to focus on how to engage other voters, sell the points that count. Canadians have same goals, similarities and GPC can lead the way without hurting the economy – if well planned and organized. GPC needs to show, demonstrate and prove this to gain Canadians' trust.

Even with a clear platform, best interest at heart, bold vision, GPC must be realistic: although hearing same things; voters aren't driven by the same views. Federal Council job is to find out what makes people click, help Greens use this information ensuring Canadians understand what Greens mean.

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My Five Point Plan for Council

A new commitment to **transparency**. Far too often in recent years council has resorted to in-camera sessions to do much of their most important decision making, such as the development of the oft-criticized leadership rules this year. As a councillor i am committed to reversing this. Very few matters actually require going in camera, and if and when they do, council must put down their specific reasons that justify doing so.

Ongoing **consultation** with a council of EDA executives. Both in Ontario and nationally, I will act to bring EDA executives into the loop on decision-making.

A grassroots push for more **diversity**. We have to dramatically step up our game in terms of connecting, engaging and promoting members of diverse demographic groups. The best way to do this is to bring more diverse people in as members and help all members thrive and grow their participation. Quota systems, co-leadership and special diversity reps if approved by our membership, may speed this up but the best long term approach is doing this from the grassroots up.

Innovation in how we do things. Greens should be flexible and innovative in their approaches to growing EDA's, finding new members, enabling collaboration on policy and engaging the public. We need to maintain a "startup" attitude, and let "1000 flowers bloom" We need to encourage and let new ideas and ways of doing politics prove their effectiveness in regions, provincial parties and EDA's and then they should be reproduced in larger scale. Not all good ideas are going to come from the center.

Fairness. It is essential as we grow our party that we need to avoid the kind of infighting that regularly tears other parties down and apart. It is always a temptation (and this has happened in the Green Party like any other) to play the Insiders and Outsiders game, where personal loyalties override the decision making process, divide our members, and turn the wisdom of consensus decision making into the dumbness of groupthink. Steady adherence to green political traditions, deep listening, transparency and respect for diversity of thought are needed to counter this.

Please support the candidates who are dedicated to reforming our council. GreensforCouncil.ca

I have roots in the party going back 20years, Including serving on Executive councils. See michaelpilling.ca

I am endorsed by current Ontario Rep Bruce Hyer, former GPC President Joe Foster, all my local riding execs, and many EDA execs and members across Ontario.

LORRAINE REKMANS

CANDIDATE FOR ONTARIO REPRESENTATIVE TO FEDERAL COUNCIL

I support a Federal Council that is diverse, inclusive, respectful, transparent, and representative of the membership. Federal Council must adhere to the six principles of the Green Party. It must embody the vision and mission of the Green Party and be responsible to provide central communications across various parts of the GPC. Communications must ensure we are conveying a clear message and vision, and that we all understand and stand by our mission statement.



Councillors must provide clear direction to staff and help facilitate expected outcomes when required to ensure that GPC is responsive to members.

Federal Council must be open and responsive to members and assist grassroots efforts to grow the GPC, including building an expanded membership and a wider volunteer base, as well as ensuring all Canadians are familiar with the Green Party of Canada.

The governance structures supporting Federal Council must be reviewed to ensure they allow for stable governance, financial surety, and election readiness. Federal council is ultimately responsible for setting strategy, budgets, and indicators to evaluate performance. As Federal Council holds a duty of care to protect the organization they must be accountable, however given the level of work required at this time, Federal Council will have to work closely to encourage membership participation to achieve success.

As a grass-roots party, member participation is essential. To do politics differently, this means inclusivity and member participation. The GPC must distinguish itself as a trusted party of people and we will need to demonstrate our people are engaged.

Lorraine has been the Indigenous Affairs Critic for the Green Party of Canada since 2008 and has been a five-time federal candidate. She lives in Osgoode Village, south of Ottawa.

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HENRY WRIGHT: Contestant for Ontario Representative, Green Party of Canada Federal Council

While other political parties have shown a recent interest in environmental policies they aren't delivering enough. It's the Green Party of Canada that has the comprehensive policies we need to tackle climate change - and we can deliver on them. That's why I joined the Green Party.

We know that we are best positioned to tackle the environmental issues that threaten our planet. But we need to prove to Canadians that we are ready and able to govern, that we have solid financial and social policies, and that we offer a more collaborative and effective way of governing.

I believe my political and work experience can help achieve this and would be an asset to the Federal Council. As your Ontario Representative I will commit my efforts to working with the EDA's to grow our party in Ontario. I ask for your support.



Get to know me

PERSONAL

Born and raised in Cobourg, Ontario.
Graduate, Bishop's University.
Currently residing in Ottawa.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior administrative roles in the non-profit and private sectors
Want to know more? Check out my profile on LinkedIn [[Henry Wright](#)]

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

Spans over 35 years at municipal, provincial & federal levels.
Held volunteer executive positions on EDA's.
Headed party field organizations and managed election campaigns.

SINCE JOINING THE GREEN PARTY OF CANADA:

2015, Campaign Manager, Claire Martin Campaign, North Vancouver
Member, Campaign Working Group, 2019 Green Party National Campaign
Deputy National Campaign Manager, 2019 Green Party National Campaign

“Henry has deep roots in politics – and political campaigns – and it shows. He is smart, honest and straightforward; he gets the job done with little fanfare and even fewer post-event accolades. Henry has been a valuable asset to the Green Party of Canada and I have no doubt that he can (and will) succeed in any position he desires.”

–Claire Martin, Candidate North Vancouver 2015, and former Climate Critic, Green Party of Canada