

7.3.1 FC-2010.01.27 (Motion # to be added)

Title: Bylaw 2.1.4.5 - Leader Term of Office

Sponsor: Steve Kisby, Federal Council

Background:

Whereas the notification time has passed to hold a Special General Meeting in February, 2010 to consider an amendment to the By-laws as planned by Federal Council (at the In-person Federal Council Meeting, November 28 & 29, 2009 Item No. 24 as recorded in the Minutes);

Whereas the Green Party of Canada's Bylaws were not drafted with an eye to the real world of Canadian elections and the Green Party as a serious political party, regarding the election of the Leader and does not contemplate the consequences of holding a leadership race in proximity to a Federal general election;

Whereas the cost of a leadership convention every four years puts undue pressure on Green Party finances;

Whereas the Elections Act has specific limitations and regulations on financing during a leadership race, which could prevent the party from having a leader whenever a leadership race takes place; and

Whereas a mandated leadership race every four years distracts the Leader, the Party, and its candidates from the job of presenting Canadians with a Green vision for our country and from the work that needs to be undertaken day in and day out to elect Green members of Parliament;

MOTION: That Federal Council present to the 2010 Biannual General Meeting in Toronto in August, a motion to amend Bylaw 2.1.4.5 for the members consideration at that meeting. If this motion or an amended version fails to receive the support of the membership at the BGM in August, a leadership convention will be convened before the end of 2010.

MOTION: A leadership review vote shall be held in conjunction with the BGM in Toronto in August.

MOTION: The motion to amend Bylaw 2.1.4.5 will ensure there will be a leadership review following every federal election or no less than every two years. A leadership review may be held at a BGM, at a special meeting of members, or may take place by on-line and mail in votes. The

proposed amendment to By-law 2.1.4.5 would require a leadership race be held in the event that the leader receives less than 50% support of the votes of eligible members.