

### **7.3.4 FC-2010.01.22 (Motion # to be added)**

**Title:** Leadership Contest

**Sponsor:** Dan Murray, Federal Council

#### **Background:**

1. The current Constitution clearly states that a leader must be elected in 2010 (Bylaw 2.1.4.5).
2. Council has already approved the date and location of the 2010 BGM.
3. The location and facilities in the BGM plan are ideal for the media and members in relation to a Leadership Contest.
4. Council has already approved a budget that provides for the Leadership Contest, including the voting at no extra cost.
5. Although Council may be drafting a motion for submission at the 2010 BGM, Council cannot accurately predict the outcome of said motion and even if this Motion is presented and passed, it does not preclude the holding of a Leadership Contest simultaneously.
6. Even though a minority government is in power, recent polling and historical precedent suggest the likelihood of a spring / summer general election is fairly low.
7. The current Leader and the membership that elected the current Leader understood and expected that the Leader was to enjoy a 4 year term.
8. Council is compelled to act in a responsible manner respecting the currently in effect Constitution and Bylaws of the Green Party of Canada,

#### **MOTION:**

1. The Federal Council announce immediately using all reasonable means to all units of the party and to the media that the Green Party of Canada will hold a Leadership Contest to select the Leader of the Green Party of Canada to conclude with the final results being announced at the BGM in Toronto on Sunday, August 22nd 2010.
2. The party will open nominations and receive applications for the leadership race starting March 29, 2010 and close nominations on April 30, 2010.
3. The Federal Council task the Party Leadership Campaign Fairness and Compliance Committee to bring forward a draft set of rules for the leadership race, to be reviewed by Federal Council, no later than March 7, 2010.
4. The Staff be directed to make preparations to handle the administration of a leadership race (membership sales, transfers to campaigns, ballots, etc.) and to report back to Federal Council any concerns/suggestions/

considerations by March 7, 2010.

5. In the event of the 41st General Election Campaign being called at any time before August 22, 2010, that the Leadership Contest will be suspended and will be restarted with a new timeline and schedule to be determined immediately following the 41st General Election Campaign.