Steps to Becoming A Candidate for the Green Party of Ontario

The local Peterborough-Kawartha Green Party of Ontario Constituency Association has a Candidate Search Committee which can be reached at info AT ptbogreens DOT org. We are thrilled by your interest in becoming a contestant for the GPO candidacy.

Some practical considerations: The provincial election will be on June 2, 2022; a candidate is essentially a volunteer, but we have budgeted for an honorarium; your chances of improving the number of votes a candidate gets increase the earlier they start canvassing and making themselves known to the public; the amount of time you spend doing that before May 2022 is up to you; the month of May will be full-on campaigning; we have a team of volunteers ready to help with all of this. The local campaign planning committee is working on publicity and debate materials for the following headline issues: Housing Crisis; Climate Crisis; Health/Pandemic/Opioid Crisis.

There are only a few steps involved in the initial process:

1. Become or Renew of your membership with the Green Party of Ontario. You can do so here: [www.gpo.ca/renew](http://www.gpo.ca/renew)
2. Once you have done so, you can then fill out the form here <https://gpo.ca/elections/become-a-candidate/#nominate> to receive an Application Package via email.
3. After submitting that form, you will receive an email titled **Your candidate nomination package for the 2022 Election**from info AT gpo DOT ca, with instructions on how to sign in and access your application.
   * Please fill out the candidate application in full; it is quite thorough and will likely take at least an hour to complete. It will require academic/volunteer/employment history, contact information of references, and your signature on a number of items. (If you have Adobe Acrobat Reader or another similar program, you can sign the forms digitally. Otherwise you may print and sign them, and then scan/photograph them to attach to the application.) A witness (friend/family/co-worker) will also be required to sign a form acknowledging the information provided is accurate.
4. There will be a nomination process for all those running for the candidacy. If you have friends and family that are interested in joining the GPO as members, they can support you during the nomination meeting. They may join
5. via [GPO.ca](http://GPO.ca) (direct link to the form here: [www.gpo.ca/become-a-member](http://www.gpo.ca/become-a-member))

If necessary, the application can be paused so you may continue to fill it out when it's convenient for you; we'd encourage you to do so as soon as possible as time is of the essence. Once your application is approved, you are eligible to be a contestant at our nomination meeting, where an election will be held to select our candidate from the contestants. Our committee is ready to help you at any stage of the process, so please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions.   
  
Thank you again for your interest, and we look forward to supporting you.

~ GPO Candidate Search Committee