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## **Yukon Green Party 2011 Election Platform**

We are a Green Party because we adhere to the following six core values...

**Sustainability  
Respect For Diversity  
Social Justice  
Ecological Wisdom  
Participatory Democracy  
Non-Violence**

Our Policies are broken down into four key priority areas...

**Transforming Our Economy  
Caring For One Another  
Respecting the Value of Our Resources  
Reforming Government**

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## 1. Transforming Our Economy

The Yukon Green Party will promote the value of **sustainability** by being fiscally responsible, socially progressive, and environmentally conscious. We are committed to a competitive and green economy. Creating a green economy will create new industries and new jobs. Greens seek to avoid the shocks of boom and bust cycles. We will build a resilient economy and a prosperous economy now and for the future, for *all* Yukoners.

Example: **Create Stable, Appropriately Scaled Wood Industry Employment in Yukon**

- Provide low interest start up loans to encourage small labour intensive, Eco-forestry logging companies and value added forest product firms. Improve local lumber grading system to allow for more use of locally produced wood products.
- Support companies that want FSC Certification for their wood products and help market Eco-certified Yukon Wood Products.

### **Creating a Healthy, Food Secure Yukon**

- Employ farmland covenants, trusts and long term tenure as tools to increase the amount of land used for agriculture, provide access to land for those who want to farm and for whom the cost of land is prohibitive
- Develop school curriculum that provides children with horticulture, farming and food production experience
- Support national initiative for labeling of all foods that contain genetically modified organisms and other harmful products
- Support First Nations access to traditional food sources and traditional uses of the land

### **Proactively Face Our Energy Supply Shortfall**

- Focus on efficiency first, renewables second, push for enhanced efficiency codes
- Diversify energy inputs in Yukon communities

## 2. Caring For One Another

The value of **social justice** will be respected by creating policies that care about those who are vulnerable. We believe government should encourage hard work and independence. Government should unite people to create strong communities. We are committed to ending poverty by supporting those in need. We believe in working hard for a better future for all our citizens.

The Yukon is a very diverse region both culturally and ecologically. Diverse cultures, economies and ecosystems are healthy systems and are therefore more stable and adaptable. For that reason, the Yukon Green Party will safeguard these valuable resources by respecting, protecting and promoting a healthy **respect for diversity**.

Example: **Create New First Time Home Buyer Homestead Housing Mortgages (HHM)**

- HHM assists first time home buyers purchasing energy efficient entry level starter homes
- HHM could be administered by Yukon Housing Corp under existing programs as per Habitat for Humanity mortgages

### **Promote Affordable and Responsible Transportation**

- Increase public transit within and between all Yukon communities starting with free bus passes to Yukon College students.
- Student bus passes have increased ridership by 52% in the first year in other jurisdictions and encourages continued use of public transportation post-graduation.

### 3. Respecting the Value of Our Resources

Ensuring resources are developed with the utmost consideration for environmental and social impacts and learning to live within the physical and biological limits of our Earth are how the Yukon Green Party plans to move forward. It is a step in the right direction to make sure the value of **ecological wisdom** is employed to ensure our own comfortable survival for generations to come.

Example: **Mining**

- Mandate responsible mining which accounts for long term economic, environmental, energy and social costs and benefits
- Insist that operations and practices are monitored, regulations enforced and penalties for non-compliance are established

#### **Define food, water and air as fundamental human rights that must be protected at all costs**

- Complete an Integrated Land and Resource Development Strategy to identify the location and value of *all* resources to better measure the social, environmental and economic benefits prior to development
- Sustainable developments, which can be proven to not adversely affect the quality of our collective fundamental human rights, will be considered

#### **Lower Pressures on Resources by Reducing, Re Using and Recycling**

- Expand recycling capabilities within all Yukon communities to reduce waste and provide raw materials to support local enterprises
- Eliminate on site burning of logging, milling, highway and development clearing and encourage use of by-products.

### 4. Reforming Government

Yukon Green Party representatives will encourage **participatory democracy** by being a responsible, accountable and transparent government. We will educate on the need to vote and participate and we will relentlessly work toward electoral reform until our goal is met. The Yukon Green Party will uphold the value of **non-violence** by safeguarding people's security and freedom through cooperation and consensus-building.

Examples: **Electoral Reform Converts Vote Splitting to Vote Sharing**

- Replace FPP by most democratic Preferential Ballot (PB) voting system
- PB system always gives more choices which promotes voter engagement and greater voter turn outs
- Only relatively simple amendments to Yukon Elections Act needed to make PB our new voting system

#### **Whistle Blower & Lobbyist Legislation**

- YGP supports Whistle Blower Legislation (WBL) to protect civil servants who provide evidence of government mismanagement, abuses of power and failures to follow or abide by legal requirements or responsibilities
- Improve government transparency by advocating for the introduction of Lobbyist Legislation (LL). Require that all for hire (or industry employed) political or bureaucracy lobbyists be officially identified and enrolled on an open public registry.

#### **Cooperation, Balance and Fairness with the Legislature**

- YGP MLAs will take a cooperative approach whether as government or opposition or when working with a minority or coalition or First Nations
- Green MLAs will introduce precedent setting parliamentary Assembly operating rules and procedures to change the current Question Period into a Precise Question and Straight Answer Period and promote a Code of Conduct for MLA's that ensures respectful behaviour and direct answers



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