

## NL NDP 2023 Leadership Contest

### Principles

The rules for the Leadership Contest shall comply with the Constitution of the Party and with the NL Elections Act.

### Chief Electoral Officer

A Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) will be appointed by the Provincial Executive to oversee the process of the Leadership Contest. The CEO is the final authority on all the rules and regulations of the Leadership Contest.

Leadership candidates will direct any questions about the leadership rules and regulations or other matters associated with their leadership campaign in writing to the CEO via email: [ceo@nl.ndp.ca](mailto:ceo@nl.ndp.ca). The CEO will respond to all candidates, including the question and the answer. As deemed necessary, the CEO may liaise with the Executive of the NL NDP to discuss and formulate responses.

### Candidates for Leadership

A leadership candidate may be any member of the NL NDP in good standing as defined by Article 4 of the Constitution of the Party.

A leadership candidate must meet the following requirements:

- Complete and submit the *Leadership Candidate Nomination Package* duly signed by 20 NL NDP members in good standing from a minimum of five electoral districts. At least ten nominators shall be persons of marginalized genders. The Candidate Nomination Package includes a *Personal Disclosure Questionnaire*.
- Submit by email with the Leadership Candidate Nomination Package a high resolution headshot photo (.jpeg format) and short biographical statement, written in the third person and up to 250 words (word document).
- Pay a non-refundable registration fee of \$1,000 at time of package submission.

The decision to accept or reject a candidate's registration is at the discretion of the CEO.

Once the CEO finds the Application and Disclosure Statement in order, a registered candidate will be eligible for any services provided by the Party for the Leadership Contest. For example, access to membership lists, contact with the membership, information regarding debates, etc.

### Deadline for Application of a Leadership Candidate

The deadline for submission of an Application and Disclosure Statement for the NL NDP 2023 Leadership Contest to appear on a leadership contest ballot is **Monday, March 27, 2023, 2:00 p.m. Island time | 1:30 p.m. in most of Labrador.**

### **Campaign Period**

For the purposes of reporting expenses and accepting contributions, the Campaign Period shall be from the date Leadership Contenders are approved and publicly announced to the final date of the leadership vote.

### **Election Expenses**

The spending limit on election expenses by a candidate will be \$30,000.00

Election expenses means any expenses incurred by a leadership candidate in respect of the conduct or management of the leadership candidate's campaign, including amounts paid, liabilities incurred, the commercial value of goods and services donated or provided, other than volunteer labour.

The candidate registration fee is considered part of election expenses.

The candidate will submit an Election Expense Report within 90 days of the close of voting. The Election Expense Report will detail the amounts, names, and addresses of donors. The names and amounts of any donations in excess of \$100 will be made available to the public upon request. No anonymous donations are allowed regardless of the value of that donation.

### **Leadership Convention and Selection of Leader**

The date and time of a Leadership Convention to select a new Leader will be announced following the announcement of Accepted Leadership Candidates.

### **Voting**

Voting in the Leadership Contest will be a one-member, one-vote ballot.

All those who are approved Party members by May 1, 2023 will be eligible to cast a ballot in the leadership contest. All memberships valid on the cut-off date will receive voting credentials.

The dates when voting will open and close will be announced to members when the date of the Leadership Convention is announced.

Voting will take place online by electronic ballot or by telephone touch-tone dial-pad for those who do not have an email address.