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GREEN PARTY GEARING UP IN THE YUKON

During the last two federal elections, local entrepreneur Philippe LeBlond ran as the Green Party candidate. But he did that without the support of any local party structure. Times have changed and there is now a Federal Green Party Association here in the Yukon.

At its first-ever Annual General Meeting, on October 15th, the Yukon Federal Green Party Association elected a full slate of officers to its executive. Kristina Calhoun will serve as Chief Executive Officer; Mike Ivens as Financial Agent; John Streicker as Communications Chair, and Ross Burnett as Membership Chair. Ivens was also recently selected as the inaugural Territorial representative to the Green Party's National Council, bringing a northern voice to this federal table.

Now the Green Party is set to hold its first official nomination meeting to select a candidate for the Yukon riding in the next federal election. The timing of an election is uncertain, but the federal government is expected to go through a series of confidence votes in the current session. The nomination meeting is set for November 19th.

Interest in the Green Party has been on the upswing in the Yukon in response to climate change, sovereignty of the North and a desire to make development sustainable. In recent polls, Canadians continue to cite the environment as their top priority.

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For any media that wish to attend the Yukon Federal Green Party Nomination Meeting, it will take place at 7 p.m. Nov-19 at the Whitehorse Public Library