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Dear Ms. Smyth and Mr. Thurlbeck,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information about the Green Party positions on TVO to your members.

On behalf of Mike Schreiner, please find our responses below to your survey.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 647-830-6486 or [beckysmit@gpo.ca](mailto:beckysmit@gpo.ca).

Regards,

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## Questionnaire

*1. Will you undertake a public review of TVO's mandate and direction to ensure TVO is meeting the expectations of Ontarians?*

TVO provides an essential service in Ontario. The GPO supports any effort to strengthen and enhance its programming. TVO plays a foundational role in anchoring the audio-visual sector in Ontario. The GPO supports a public review of TVO's mandate with the goal of strengthening TVO's programming and providing support for TVO to develop innovative ways to produce high-quality television and digital programming.

*2. Do you support increased TVO production of online and TV programming? If yes, are there topics that you believe should get more sustained coverage on TVO?*

Yes. We support TVO in their endeavour to cater to the needs and interests of all Ontarians. The GPO supports diverse programming fit for all ages and demographics that actively engages the people of Ontario. The GPO believes Ontario benefits from a strong public broadcaster providing educational programming and open access to information regarding public affairs.

*3. What will you do to improve coverage of all regions of Ontario on TVO?*

We will support TVO by ensuring it has adequate resources for coverage that encompasses all regions of Ontario, and by ensuring it has predictable funding to supply and deliver this coverage to all Ontarians in all regions of the province.

*4. What will you do to ensure TVO has the long-term resources it needs to serve Ontarians effectively?*

The long-term resources of TVO should be guaranteed through stable, predictable, and transparent funding.

*5. What will you do to ensure an open, transparent and non-partisan method for selecting the CEO and Board Chair of TVO?*

Fair, open and transparent government processes are critical for a healthy democracy, and are also essential for appointments at TVO as an independent media organization.

Any selection process can be improved by establishing transparent process, including providing clear criteria for open positions. The GPO would also support looking at other best practises for public appointments, such as creating a selection committee comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders.

TVO plays an important role in Ontario, and we support ways to strengthen and enhance the organization's current activities.