

Party halts vote to look into allegations

Two women vying for candidacy in new federal riding

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The contentious bid for the Conservative nomination in the new Oakville North-Burlington riding got more complicated last week.

The nomination of a candidate has been indefinitely postponed by the Conservative Party of Canada.

That after contenders, Oakville chiropractor Natalia Lishchyna and Mississauga-Brampton South Conservative MP Eve Adams, squared off in a forum last Wednesday designed to showcase to members why they should get the nomination nod at a vote slated to happen last Saturday.

However, after the Conservative Party received complaints by both Lishchyna and Adams that the other side isn't playing by the rules, it called a halt to Saturday's vote.

"The Conservative Party believes in upholding the integrity of our nomination process, and apologizes for any inconve-



Eve Adams

nience this may cause," Cory Hann, director of communications for the Conservative Party of Canada said in a statement issued to media Thursday.

"The nomination will be rescheduled at a future date after a thorough review has been completed."

A new date has yet to be determined.

Speaking on behalf of Lishchyna's campaign team, John Mykytyshyn told the *Oakville Beaver* Tuesday it has submitted complaints to the Conservative Party of Canada.



Natalia Lishchyna

An email received by the *Oakville Beaver* Thursday night from Adams' team stated it filed complaints with the CRTC and Elections Canada.

Lishchyna's team issued a statement Friday saying she has not broken any CRTC, Conservative Party or Election Canada rules. When the *Beaver* attempted to reach Lishchyna, Mykytyshyn responded on her behalf.

Adams didn't return phone calls and emails for comment left by the *Beaver* Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

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