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#### ANNUAL LIBERTARIAN BBQ

Sunday June 12, 10 AM-5 PM, rain or shine **Doctors McLean District Park** 8100 Islington Ave., Vaughan

This is the third time the Party's annual Libertarians BBQ has been held in Vaughan. It will be hosted by Paolo and Teresa Fabrizio as in the past two years. Our annual BBQ is a tradition we have followed since 1998.

This event is open to all members and non-members. It is a chance to meet other liberty minded people in a relaxed environment. Bring your family and friends to the park, make new friends, have some great conversations and enjoy good food and drinks. There will be giveaways and prizes. There is no charge for the event or the food and (soft) drinks.

This is a chance to make long lasting friendships and help grow the party. You don't have to be a Libertarian to show up, just come and enjoy yourself. Please share this event. Our goal is to grow this event and grow the Party.

There is more info on our Facebook page. If you have any concerns or comments call Paolo at 647-300-8555 or email him at paolothebaker@yahoo.ca.

Thanks for making this event successful in the past. Lets keep growing it.

# **Annual General Meeting**

Sunday November 6, 2016 9:30 - 4:30 Location to be arranged - watch for details

We are already very busy planning our 2018 Election Campaign. We always need funds to perform to our potential. If you can afford it, please try to donate \$400 (or even more) per year. After the refundable tax credit, with a \$400 donation, you are out of pocket only \$100. Your donations to the Party give you bigger and bigger tax breaks. Why not direct your tax money in ways that helps the Party gain ground!

We have 3 more years - 2016, 2017, and 2018 to

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Ottawa Pub Meeting - June 5, 2-4 PM (1st Sunday of each month) - O'Brien's Eatery and Pub, 1145 Heron Road. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Damien Wilson, j.damien.wilson@gmail.com. Next meeting is July 3.

Toronto Pub Night - Wednesday June 8, 7:00 PM (2nd Wednesday of each month) - Granite Brewery and Restaurant, 245 Eglinton Avenue East at Mt. Pleasant Rd. For more information email Jim McIntosh (cfo@libertarian.on.ca) or phone him at 416-283-7589. The next Pub Night is Wednesday July 13.

Woodstock Pub Night - Thursday June 9, 7:00 PM Initial Kick-off Pub Night in Woodstock at Charles Dickens, 505 Dundas St, Woodstock. (map) Your host is Matt Radford, mradford1977@gmail.com.

Guelph Pub Night - Friday June 10, 7:00 PM (2nd Friday of each month) - Bobby O'Brien's, 90 Macdonell St, Guelph. See www.facebook.com/LocalsForLiberty. RSVP to Andrew Donovan (cellphone 519-362-7660). The next Pub Night is July 8.

Kitchener-Waterloo Pub Night - Thursday June 16, 7:00 PM (3rd Thursday each month) - Benny's Family Restaurant 183 Weber St. N., Waterloo. RSVP to Paul Herriot (519-208-8379 or paulforfreedom@outlook.com) so he can reserve a large-enough table. The next Pub Night is July 21.

Hamilton Pub Night - June 18, 7:00 PM (3rd Saturday of each month) - FLA Cafe & Bar 660 Barton St E Hamilton. Contact RobertYoungHBSc@yahoo.ca for more information. Next meeting July 16.

Windsor - TBA - Contact Ian Woodrow to help get this rolling again (i.woodrow190@gmail.com). A pub night is an opportunity for individuals in the greater Windsor area to get together and find out more about libertarian ideas and the Libertarian Party.

If you would like to organize a Libertarian Pub Nightin your area, please contact Jim McIntosh by email (cfo@libertarian.on.ca) or phone 1-855-ONT -LIBErty.

collect and save funds for the next election. A great way is to join the monthly donation program. There is a choice for \$35 per month, called "Libertarian Savings Plan". Make sure you also check the box that says "I want to donate this amount every month". We are planning some activities this year including providing promotional materials to candidates we nominate this summer. We really need your help with a donation in 2016 (and 2017, and 2018)! See Election Plans on Page 2.

## PLATFORM SUMMARY—Rob Brooks, Campaign Director

Allen Small and I have been working on the Platform for 2018. The approach has been to begin from the 2014 Platform and evolve based on current circumstances and opportunities. Electricity has really emerged as a hot button item. We plan to use this Interim Platform in an upcoming by-election to "test it out" before formally submitting it to our caucus and approving it for the 2018 election in accordance with our Constitution. What follows is a bullet form summary of the platform items along with some slogans and themes. We anticipate using this content, with perhaps some adjustments, on post-card type printed materials, with graphics, that can give potential voters an "at a glance" understanding of who we are and why we are worth voting for.

#### **Explore New Possibilities**

- Balanced Budget Right Away
- Immediately end all subsidies including corporate subsidies and post-secondary education subsidies
- Allow Non-Government Health Care for all essential services and procedures
- Delist non-medically required abortion and gender reassignment procedures, re-list IBI autism treatment
- Transition to Charter School model for all Government Schools preserving per pupil funding for primary and secondary
- Reduce electricity rates to rival QC and MB, while further reducing CO2 emissions
- Eliminate Time of Use Electricity Rates
- Expand Property Rights, no warrantless entry onto property absent exigent circumstances
- Eliminate Mandatory WSIB and College of Trades
- Enact Recall Legislation
- Add Sunset Clause on All Legislation
- No new Taxes!

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The world is changing ... fast, and Ontario is falling behind with already proven failed ideas embraced by all the big parties.

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## 2018 Election Plan — Rob Brooks, Campaign Director

The party has never been so excited in anticipation for the next general election, scheduled to take place sometime in 2018 (likely May or June). In 2014, we established running a full slate as our objective. There were 107 ridings in that election. We almost got there. We had close to 130 members willing to run, and the only thing that held us back is we had too many in some ridings and nobody in other ridings. We will try to sort that out better this time, so some people can run in a close or even a distant neighbouring riding.

We have established 4 levels of targets for our candidate in the next general election.

- Podium (first, second, or third place finish)
- A level riding, average 3.5% vote (could be 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> place)
- **B level riding**, average 2.5% vote
- C level riding, average 2.0% vote

We know that not all ridings are the same. In some ridings our candidates will score better as a result of the demographics and attitudes of the people in that riding. Some ridings have more people inclined to vote for us, even if we don't campaign much or at all. So the

average is a better way to measure things, than to compare each riding to each other.

We are breaking it up into 4 riding types, for nominations and campaign activity in the next 3 years.

- C Riding candidate is selected in 2018. This will likely be during the writ period (37 days formal election campaign) or just before. Approximately 100 small bag signs are placed around the riding, and some generic printed platform materials will be available for distribution.
- B Riding candidate is selected in 2017. The same 2018 activities will occur, and in 2017, candidate will be able to distribute party platform postcards in the riding (at doors, at bus stops, parking lots, etc.) to raise awareness for our party name.
- A Riding candidate is selected in 2016. Same 2018 and 2017 activities. In 2016, candidates can also distribute party platform postcards, and some candidates will become Regional Coordinators.

**N.B.** Regional Coordinators are members, usually candidates that have run before, but not necessari-

# Libertarians join Doctors' Rally at Queen's Park—Allen Small, Leader

Ten Libertarians attended this rally on April 23/16. including Al Dettewiller fro Cambridge and Matt Radford from Woodstock Our purpose was to protest the Rationing of medical care, while the doctors were there to protest cuts to their income.

The only reason that the government rations healthcare is because there is a limited budget. \$51 Billion is allocated to healthcare out of a total Ontario Budget of \$134 Billion this year. That means the total of all health care services in Ontario are limited to that amount, \$51 Billion. So when the system interacts with people/patients, the first rule is how can we reduce costs, how can we provide service at the lowest cost to preserve our budget and hopefully keep the person alive? That results in rationing Soviet-style.

In 2014 over 26,000 Ontario residents left the province for faster more timely care somewhere else, the US, India, etc. Why not keep that money in the province, so patients can access needed and wanted services directly from Ontario providers? They are ALREADY willing to pay for it, and they may be able to get private insurance here to partially cover their expense. Right now that is ILLEGAL in Ontario, for most people. We're proposing to free up medical services so doctors can receive payment outside of OHIP (that's illegal now). Doctors may like that because it will ex-

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ly, who will help coordinate the assignment of members as candidates to ridings. They will help candidates to navigate the nomination process and be available for advice and guidance.

- **Podium riding** – these are a very few ridings where we are taking a shot for the top. In general, we will allocate approximately 50% of our campaign war chest spread evenly for expenses in our A,B,C ridings, and then remaining funds will be available for our targeted podium ridings. A,B, and C ridings are not expected to do local fund-raising or handle any funds. Any fund-raising can be directed to the party. Local campaigns for A,B,C ridings will be modest and may be as little as the administrative process to get the candidate's name on the ballot. Podium ridings will be running a more traditional campaign. Signs, flyers, perhaps paid media, media interviews, attending all-candidate meetings. Podium campaigns will be expected to do local fund-raising. We want to get on the podium! When we are running a strong local campaign somewhere it helps raise the interests of not only the local media, but also the Provincial media. That helps all of us and raise morale.



pand their practice.

People who are insured and/or can afford to pay should have that choice without leaving the country. It will eventually shorten the waitlist, and at the same time reduce the cost to the taxpayer. We can add doctors/private hospitals/private diagnostic services etc, like they do in every other country that has universal healthcare.

People who cannot afford to pay will remain on the current system, which may be faster.

The flyer we handed out at the Rally is on the next page.

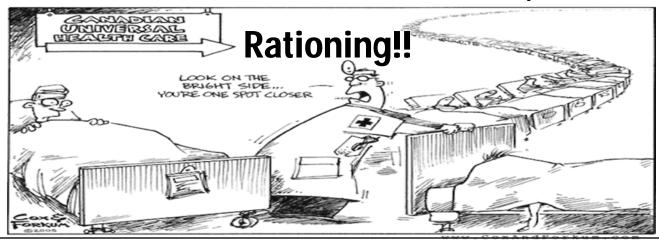
The plan is to open nominations for ridings for 2016 sometime just after June 12, and to close nominations for 2016 around August 31. Then we will complete the nomination approval process in September and also do assignments of Regional Coordinators. A similar schedule will be repeated in 2017. Our plans are to have roughly 2/3 of our candidates already in place by the end of 2017. Our plans are to have signs printed, platform approved, and materials printed by the end of 2017 – maybe at the Convention tentatively scheduled for November 2017. It will be just like 2014 (for those who were there), and even better organized with more advanced planning.

Can't wait! Anybody with any questions – just ask. I am friends with most of our members on Facebook and those that don't use Facebook, can email me at <a href="mailto:robbrooks@libertarian.on.ca">robbrooks@libertarian.on.ca</a>

#### Candidate Nominations

The Ontario Libertarian Party will be opening Candidate Nominations on June 13 for a limited time in order to put in place our first wave of nominated candidates for the anticipated 2018 general election. For more information, please check out <a href="https://libertarian.on.ca/nominations">https://libertarian.on.ca/nominations</a>

## Handout for Doctors' Queen's Park Rally



Ontario has a single payer medical care system, which has lead to single file care and long wait times. In 2014 over 52,000 Canadians left for faster treatment somewhere outside of Canada. The largest number of people to have left the country for treatment was from Ontario (26,252). Those 26,252 people willingly paid for timely medical care (plus travel etc.). Most felt compelled to leave, because they were suffering and could not wait.

Our medical care system guarantees access but not timeliness. In the 2005 Supreme Court case: Chaoulli v Quebec, Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin declared in her verdict: "Access to a waiting list is not access to health care." The Charter decision that favoured Chaoulli, rested on the premise that long wait times in the public medical care system led to irreversible suffering for patients, and even premature death in some cases. http://bit.ly/1plQ05b

Ontario is plagued with a rationed medical care

system. How do you fix rationing? Not by cuts to staff, limiting and delisting services and adding extra fees in a slow race to the bottom as is happening now. Instead, why not allow for innovation using alternate providers that will accommodate the diverse means and needs of the residents of Ontario?

The Ontario Libertarian Party proposes changes, allowing Ontarians to choose either the current government option or non-government options at their discretion and without penalty. Legislative and regulatory barriers for non-government medical insurers will be eliminated. Non-government options will allow innovation and improvements that occurs much more slowly in a government system.

Ontario is one of the very last places in the world with universal medical care that insists on clinging to a single-payer system. Demographics are changing, and it's clear to everyone that the system as is, is unsustainable.

#### Queen's Park Recall Rally—Allen Small, Leader

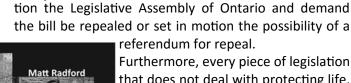
Several members of the Party attended the rally on May 9th to support the call for a Bill to allow citizens

to "recall" a sitting MPP, and the idea of including a "Sunset Clause" in every law.

Recall is the best way to ensure real accountability of elected representatives between elections. If after an appropriate period of time, an elected MPP should turn out to be corrupt, dishonest, or a liability to constituents in any profound way, it is only right that voters have the opportunity to recall that MPP with a petition and call for a by-election.

Similarly if a new law proves

to be unpopular, or in any way detrimental to the negative rights of individuals, citizens should be able to peti-



that does not deal with protecting life, liberty and property should be written such that it will expire at a future date. This should be particularly true of intrusive legislation (which should not be enacted in the first place), where privileges are granted to groups or individuals. Adding a sunset clause forces the legislature to re-examine the legislation in question and in the light of a new situation. All such previous legislation should have this rule

appended. In this way rules are reduced and the legislature has something to do other than think up new rules.

