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AGM Goes Virtual

For the first time in the party's history, the Ontario Libertarian Party is holding a virtual Annual General Meeting. We tried to make an in-person meeting work, but the additional costs associated with a larger space to accommodate social distancing became prohibitive. We already missed out on our annual BBQ so the opportunities to connect with members and friends were few and far between this year. We are optimistic that the lockdown measures can't go on forever...though with the way the Ford government and certain municipalities are currently operating, there is no telling what might be around the corner.

Details for the AGM are still being worked out. It will be held over Zoom likely towards the end of November. We have listed two proposed amendments to the Constitution and the open positions in this edition of the Bulletin. We are looking into real-time voting options since traditional ballots won't be feasible. More details will be available on our website in October.

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Member Access on the Website

With recent updates to the website we have activated the ability for members to access additional materials. This includes the candidate guide, candidate application form, Constitution/Bylaws, and Bulletin archives. Click the register link at the bottom of the page at <https://libertarian.on.ca/> and fill in the registration form. The webmaster is notified, verifies that your membership is current and activates or cancels your account.

Libertarian Pub Nights and Events

Good news! We are starting to hold meetups in restaurants again. Even though there are social distancing and mask by-laws in place, we are working within those guidelines to hold safe meetings.

In Person Meetups

Ottawa Pub Meeting—October 3 (Usually 1st Sunday of each month) New Location: O'Brien's Roadhouse, 730 Industrial Ave, Ottawa. We'll be on the patio if the weather is nice, otherwise inside. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Jean-Serge Brisson (ep523@ncf.ca). Next meeting is November 1st.

Toronto Pub Night - October 14 (2nd Wednesday of each month). The Granite Brewery is accepting diners inside. Come and enjoy face-to-face discussions over dinner and/or drinks with like-minded people. No fee, just pay your own tab. We are either on the patio or in the Nook.

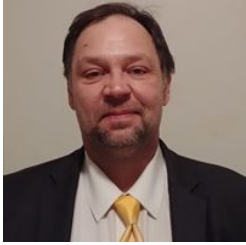
Free underground parking through the yellow door on the south side of the restaurant. Exchange parking ticket for an exit. For more information email Jim McIntosh (jim.mcintosh@sympatico.ca) or phone him at 416-474-9482. Next meeting is November 11.

Kitchener-Waterloo Pub Night - October 15, 7:00 PM (3rd Thursday each month) - Crabby Joe's Bar & Grill, 65 University Ave. Come out to enjoy friendly libertarian conversation. Invite your friends - all are welcome. Please RSVP to Paul Herriot (call 519-208-8379 or email paulforfreedom@outlook.com) so he can reserve a large-enough table. Next meeting is November 19, 2020.

If you would like to organize a Libertarian Pub Night in your area, please contact Keith Komar by email (leader@libertarian.on.ca) or phone 1-855-ONT-LIBerty or 416-283-7589 in the GTA.

For the latest, visit http://www.libertarian.on.ca/pub_nights

Leader's Report — By Keith Komar



I want to start by saying I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and that you have continued success in your lives heading into the fall. It has been a very interesting year for all of us.

As the year goes on, I have seen that there are 3 main issues that we have always been on the forefront of, and the people of Ontario are starting to take interest in. Those are vouchers for education, reducing the spending in our province, and protecting our most basic freedoms. Never before have I seen our government overreach extend so far into our lives, nor have I seen the overwhelming public backlash that has gone along with it.

In education, the issue of class sizes continues to come up. The status quo parties cannot seem to think outside the box when it comes to the one size fits all, bricks and mortar model of education. Our party has always espoused choice in this regard and the voucher system is the best way to reconcile choice for parents and teachers while continuing to satisfy the public's need for continued funding.

With regard to our rights and freedoms, never before has the government taken away our most basic right: To feed our families. This is the most egregious overreach I have ever seen in my lifetime and I never thought it would happen in this country. To take away a

person's right to take care of their family is to take away a person's hopes and dreams. This is not acceptable in a free society, and as leader of this party I will fight against this with everything I have in my power to do so. I will be attending another protest on Saturday Sept. 26 at Dundas Square, and would love to see as many of you who can be there to attend with me in defiance of the draconian measures being placed upon the people of Ontario.

As we all know, Ontario has the largest sub-sovereign debt in the world, and when we tally up the cost of our response to Covid, we will be adding at least 50 Billion to that number. We cannot sustain this and we need to do something about our government's wanton disregard for the repercussions of this outrageous behaviour. Our children's future depends on how we handle our debt. We need to do better for them. We are still the only party that will reign in the out of control debt that we are carrying in this province.

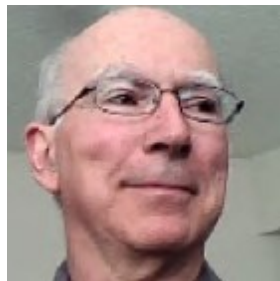
I want to thank you all for your continued support and in these trying times we need your help more than ever. If you can, please donate to our cause. If you have some spare time, help us out by sharing our posts and help us get our message out. If you have a special skill set that you think would be helpful to the party please reach out to us at info@libertarian.on.ca. We need all hands on deck to defeat the leviathan of government that we face. It will not happen without your continued help and support.

The War on Poverty has Failed – by Jim McIntosh

In the mid-1960s President Lyndon Johnson declared "War on Poverty." The Black Lives Matter movement is an obvious demonstration that it has failed miserably. Like the Drug War, this is another example of government interfering in personal lives and producing unintended consequences.

Many of the government's programs were intended to help poor people. Charles Murray was an analyst with the US Federal Government responsible for designing such programs. He decided to find out if, in fact, poor people had been helped. Records of arrests and convictions, graduation, employment, babies born out of wedlock and other records do not identify the individual as poor. But most of them identify the race of the individual. As a result, Murray decided to use black people as a proxy for "poor" people.

He developed an algorithm for tracking how well black



people were doing over the years. The period from 1950 to the mid-1960s was an era of immense progress. The poverty rate was reduced from one third of the population to one tenth. Not only were the classes and races coming together but crime was remarkably low, families exceptionally resilient, and drug use almost non-existent.

But around the mid-1960s the trend reversed and black families began to go downhill. Murray identified several "unintended consequences," such as creating dependencies on government among blacks and encouraging fathers to abandon their families. Lack of a male role model in the family has been identified as the prime reason for young people dropping out of school and joining gangs. I recommend you learn more about his findings in *Losing Ground: American Social Policy, 1950-1980*, available on Amazon.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

These are the proposed amendments to the Party's Constitution and Bylaws prepared by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, comprised of the Executive, for AGM 2020.

Amendments to Constitution

Article 4 - Membership and Associate Status

Proposed Amendment: To add a third level of membership to the membership types. This will be a free membership option for individuals. Those on a free membership will be given no voting privileges or any other such perk that paid members in good standing receive. To clarify, a free member is not allowed to attend convention unless they pay the membership fee on the spot, not allowed to serve on the board of the party or the board of a Constituency Association (CA), cannot provide input or vote on platform development, cannot seek nomination as a candidate, and cannot vote to confirm a candidate at the CA level. This removes any and all risk of a party takeover by free members

Reason: The point of the free membership is 4-fold:

1. To inflate our membership figures for the media.
2. To reach a wider audience. Those on free memberships may at anytime upgrade to a paid membership if they agree to the Member Statement "I am for individual liberty, property rights, free markets and limited government" and pay the membership fee. The number of member upgrades will be a barometer for our continued success as a political party. In addition, the number of member downgrades will indicate if we are "losing the locker room".
3. To be more open and transparent in the eyes of the public. The federal Liberals did just this and it helped them grow with not much effort.
4. The free membership option is to add people to the parties mailing list without having them officially sign on as paid members, note that we already do this when people sign either of the parties petition so this is just a way to reach a broader audience and expand the party easily.

Article 9 - Caucus

Original:

1. The Caucus of the Party shall consist of the Party Leader, the Deputy Party Leader, and all standing candidates.
2. There shall be only one Standing Candidate for each provincial constituency. The Standing Candidate for a constituency shall be:

- a. the Member who has been elected to the Legislature; or if none has been elected,
- b. the Member who has been nominated by the Party's registered Constituency Association for the next provincial election; or if none has been nominated,
- c. the Member who has been accepted as a candidate by the Party Leader for the next provincial election; or, if none has been accepted,
- d. the Member who has run in the most recent provincial election.

Proposed Amendment:

1. The Caucus of the Party shall consist of the Party Leader, the Deputy Party Leader, **remaining members of the Executive Committee**, and all standing candidates.
2. There shall be only one Standing Candidate for each provincial constituency. The Standing Candidate for a constituency shall be:
 - a. the Member who has been elected to the Legislature; or if none has been elected,
 - b. the Member who has been nominated by the Party's registered Constituency Association for the next provincial election; or if none has been nominated,
 - c. the Member who has been accepted as a candidate by the Party Leader for the next provincial election; or, if none has been accepted,
 - d. the Member who has run in the most recent provincial election, **as long as membership is current, they are in good standing with the party, and they have completed all candidate obligations to Elections Ontario.**

Reason: Our goal in recent elections is to have a full slate, which means some candidates are paper candidates. They may not live in the riding, collect their own signatures, or participate in any debates. This lack of engagement other than being on the ballot gives them preferential voting rights over non-candidate members between AGMs or Conventions. As the constitution stands now, a member of the Executive Committee who was not a candidate in the last election would not have a vote but a paper candidate would.

It is difficult to make the distinction between active and paper candidates without adding a new section to the Constitution. This more comprehensive clause related to the candidate's obligations instead of their engagement level captures all candidate types.

Positions Open for Election at the AGM

There are currently 3 open positions on the Executive and 2 open positions on the Ethics Committee. The role descriptions are provided. Before putting your name forward as a candidate, please consider your current work/life commitments and if they will allow you to fulfil your responsibilities to the party. The Executive meets once a month for approximately 2 hours. There are also ongoing events and initiatives that will require a contribution of your time.

If you are interested in running for any of the open positions, contact us at info@libertarian.on.ca. We will post the names of the nominees on our Facebook page ahead of the AGM.

Deputy Leader

The Deputy Leader will take on the role of the leader if the current leader is, for some reason, unable to perform their role as leader.

The Deputy Leader acts as a official representative of the Party. The Deputy Leader is responsible for managing the Party's relationship with the general public. As such, they will take a leading role in developing and communicating Party policy, especially election platforms, to the electorate. They are the secondary media contact of the Party

Generally, the Deputy Leader shall have the following responsibilities and meet the following expectations:

Responsibilities:

- Representing the Party by communicating its policies, principles, and platform to members, voters, entities, and the media.
- Along with the rest of the caucus, developing, and updating the Party platform.
- Participating as a member of the Executive Committee
- Avoiding, where possible, all perceived and real conflict of interest, and abiding by the Party by laws and constitution

Expectations:

- Working with the Executive Committee to promote and attend fundraising and other Party events.
- Assist Constituency Associations and the Campaign Director in recruiting exceptional candidates.
- Raise the Party's profile among voters.
- Share with the Party Executive Committee and any other relevant bodies of the Party feedback received from the general public and members.
- Inspired leadership to reach a common Libertarian vision

and political strategy.

- Attend media training, debate preparation, and/or other related preparation for a leader of a provincial political party.

Members At Large (2)

The members at large serve as voting members of the executive committee. While having no specific duty to their name, they fulfill in any duties they can that fall within their wheelhouse to assist the executive committee and party towards its common goal. The position is similar to that of "director without portfolio".

They are available to serve on subcommittees, act as assistants to other executives in their designated roles, engage the non executive members of the party, and any other areas they deem themselves fit to assist.

Ethics Committee (2)

The Ethics Committee shall be responsible for:

- disciplinary action against any Member or Associate.
- challenges of amendments to the Statement of Ultimate Goals believed by a member to be in conflict with the Statement of Principles;
- challenges to other Party documents believed by a Member to be in conflict with the Statement of Ultimate Goals;
- alleged violations of the Constitution or Bylaws by any Officer of the Party; and
- other business as directed by the Executive Committee, or by a Convention or General Meeting of the Party.

OLP CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS

Are you interested in supporting the party locally? Consider opening a Constituency Association so you can fund-raise and plan events in your own riding. We currently have Constituency Associations in the following ridings:

Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
 Kitchener-Centre
 Ottawa-Orleans
 Ottawa-Vanier
 Parkdale-High Park
 Scarborough-Centre
 Whitby

For more information contact Elections Ontario at <https://www.elections.on.ca/en/political-entities-in-ontario/>