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Doug Burn, Editor

Libertarian Candidate Seeks Unhappy Landowners - By Jim McIntosh

[Note: Since we have no members in this riding, Paolo, our Vice Chairman, agreed to be the candidate in spite of having pneumonia and pink eye and driving two-hours each way to the riding several times. I spent a cold day in Lindsay and collected 35 signatures and registered Paolo with the Returning Officer the day before nominations closed. The following is part of the media release we sent to several newspapers in the region. We went to press before Election day. Visit our web site for the results and more about his campaign.]

Paolo Fabrizio is the Libertarian candidate for the March 5 by-election in the Electoral District of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. He believes he could win a lot of votes from unhappy rural residents. "Many rural landowners have been affected by central planners in Queen's Park who think they know what's best for property they don't even own, in towns hundreds of kilometres away from where they live," says Fabrizio. "People are being forced out of business or losing the value of land they wanted to sell when they retire because of provincial zoning and environmental regulations affecting land use."

Fabrizio believes many landowners in the riding will agree with his position in support of property rights. "We believe the Greenbelt Act and the Places to Grow Act are a massive infringement on property rights, prevent-

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Annual Party BBQ May 3

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Libertarian Events

BULL\$&!* IN AMERICA - Tentative Air date: Friday, March 13 on ABC (check local listings) In his next special, John Stossel takes his shovel to six piles of "Bull---- in America!"— the crackdown on medical marijuana, universal preschool, traffic congestion, eminent domain, border walls, and the myth of the struggling middle class—all inspired by Drew Carey's Reason.tv videos.

LIBERTARIAN PUB NIGHTS

OTTAWA - Saturday March 7, 3:00 PM

Location: South Side Bar and Grill, 1670 Heron Road, (Heron Gate Mall) Phone (613) 526-2192. For more information contact Andrew Philips (email andrewmp@rogers.com or phone at (613) 733-8948. Next Ottawa Pub Meet – May 2

TORONTO Pub Night - Wednesday March 11 - 7:00 PM

Location: Fionn MacCools, (at the back of the restaurant) 21 St. Clair Ave. W. Phone (416) 925-7827. For more information email Jim McIntosh (cfo at libertarian.on.ca) or phone him at (416) 283-7589. The next Toronto Pub Night will be April 8.

HAMILTON Pub Night - Monday March 16 - 7:00 PM

Location: The Pheasant Plucker, 20 Augusta Street, Hamilton. Phone (905) 529-9000. For more information email Anthony Giles (flamflamflam at yahoo.ca) or phone him at (905) 691-0818. The next Hamilton Pub Night will be April 20.

BARRIE Pub Night - Tuesday March 17 - 6:30 PM

Location: Mullies Bar & Grill, 17 Mulcaster Street, Barrie, Telephone: (705) 719-0466. For more information email PaoloTheBaker at yahoo.ca or call him at (647) 300-8555. The next Barrie Pub Night will be April 21.

KITCHENER-WATERLOO Pub Night - Wednesday March 18 - 7:00 PM

Location: Benny's Lounge, 183 Weber Street, Waterloo (one block south of University Avenue, Phone (519) 884-8074). Professor Jan Narveson, author of *Moral Matters* and *You and the State* will be there for some lively discussion. For more information about events in this area, please contact Mary Lou Gutscher at (519) 208-0257 or mlgutscher@rogers.com.

STOUFFVILLE Pub Night - Wednesday April 1, 7:00 PM

Location: Earl of Whitchurch Pub, 6204 Main St., Stouffville (north side of Stouffville Rd/Main St. just east of the GO Train line - Phone 905-642-EARL (3275) www.TheEarlPub.ca) If you live in to the north or east of the GTA then we have a convenient location for you to attend our newest Libertarian Pub Night. Come meet other libertarians in a friendly atmosphere and discuss the government-created issues of the day. We will be meeting in the upstairs room. Order dinner and/or drinks and pay your own tab. For more information contact Allen Small - email small4357@rogers.com or phone (905) 477-4357.

THE PARTY OF CHOICE – Our Vision is communities of freedom, harmony and abundance.

The Mission of the Party is to enable endless possibilities through recognition of, respect for and protection of individual liberty.

Leader's Report—by Sam Aplebaum

State control of money and banking and unrestrained expansion of bank credit has finally caused an international financial and economic crisis long anticipated in libertarian circles. Many decades of piling debt upon debt, facilitated and encouraged by states around the world, has inevitably led to this outcome. It is uncertain how long the upheaval will last. Nonetheless, it is clear we are nearing the end of the line for the world's existing fiat currencies and associated bank credit money system. The fraudulent politicians and their ignorant economic advisers frantically persist in trying to cheat nature of due payment for past actions with ridiculous schemes to prolong the life of the existing system from which they, those with political connections and their minions, profit mightily at the expense of those on the outside. The statist rampage while the economy burns.

To varying degrees statist share a sense of deference and respect for the institution of the state, a belief that the state should have more than a peripheral role in the organization of society, a desire for the state to mould and shape people and alter their circumstances supposedly for their betterment, and a belief that the state, particularly in its democratic form, is a superior entity justifying its use of coercion and seizure of resources to effect its ends. The statist ideology being the dominant one, it is no surprise the libertarian ideas of Austrian school economists such as Ludwig von Mises and Friedrich Hayek are ignored in this moment of crisis while the false theories of economists pandering to the state such as Irving Fisher, John Maynard Keynes and Milton Friedman continue to inform the actions of the powers that be.

According to the Austrian school economists, periodic boom and bust cycles are not inherent to free market economies. Rather they stem from inaccurate price signals arising from state organized central and fractional reserve banking. These false signals result in widespread misdirected investment during an initial boom period, thereby creating a disequilibrium which is resolved by the bust which follows. The Austrian school points to the best and most benign solution for the current economic crisis. That is for governments to do nothing to stop the market from shaking out the bad investments, thereby allowing equilibrium and revival to be achieved as quickly as possible. This must be coupled with the elimination of the primary source of the disease, which is the state currency and central banking monopoly and that form of counterfeiting known as fractional reserve banking. Free market money will naturally evolve to replace the inferior state product. Probably, but not necessarily, this will be commodity money such as gold and silver. The Austrian school economists concede no role whatsoever to the state and its professional economists in managing money or the economy, as such involvement simply distorts, hinders and suppresses economic development and general well being.

Unfortunately, the public is generally aligned with statist ideology and a prevailing belief the state should be doing something to fix the problems. As the Austrians show, the state has no capacity to do this without causing economic damage and a more severe and prolonged bust. Sadly, any politician adopting a laissez faire policy can expect to experience blame, scorn and loss of office. Certain vindication years from now, even posthumously, would be the sole consolation. Thoughtfulness, respect for and adherence to principle are antithetical to power seeking politicians and the public craves illusions, so state intervention will continue to cause market chaos.

What faces us in these difficult times? We are just beginning to experience an unprecedented level of global looting by states engaged in trying to save their favourites by appropriating and redistributing ever more wealth and resources through the instrument of massive central bank credit money creation. This happens under such names as stimulus, deficit spending, guarantees, recovery programs, troubled asset purchases, debt relief, infrastructure investment, industrial support or anything else imaginable and is in addition to the usual tax seizures. Expect to see ever more jostling and scrambling to get to the head of the line at the feeding trough before it empties. To hazard a bit of speculation, after much hardship and unknown twists and turns, I expect to see everything ultimately stabilize at some low level of activity with most people becoming much poorer. There will be anger and recriminations. New power elites tied to the state will emerge. Like their predecessors, they will try to preserve or resuscitate the central banking and bank credit money system. New fiat currencies will be issued to replace old. This is inevitable because sound free market money cannot feed the insatiable appetite of the state. The power it can exercise through taxation alone without resort to monetary inflation is limited.

Amidst all the doom and gloom the bright side is that the prestige of the state is about to be knocked down considerably. Since becoming involved in 1994 with the Ontario Libertarian Party, I have always considered it important to keep the flame burning, but futile in normal times to believe we could make speedy progress in gaining acceptance of libertarian ideology. Now the tide is favourable and I expect we will attract growing numbers of party activists far more easily than before. This will enable us to increase our activities and become more effective and influential. We may even win some political victory or other for no other reason than we offer fresh appealing ideas that no longer appear extreme in a world of extreme events. When all is said and done, libertarian ideology is rational, respects human nature, and does not require man to be reshaped into some other species for its practical application. It is the path which must be followed to a world of freedom, harmony and abundance.



Spending Time in Jail—By Jean-Serge Brisson, Deputy Leader

Well, as most of you know, I lost my appeal on my license issue last December 15, 2008. I received a 90-day sentence, which in Ontario means 60 days since you only serve 2/3 of your sentence. The lucky part of it is that I am allowed to serve it on weekends. I started December 19th. It works like this. I show up at the jail and sign in Friday night at 8 and I am released Monday morning at 6.

When I'm admitted I have to go into a little stall with a guard standing in front of it. I strip naked and face the guard, raise my arms in the air, open my mouth, turn around and raise one foot and then the other to show there is nothing underneath them. Then to finish it, I must bend over and touch my toes so that the guard can make sure nothing is "stuck" in my posterior. Finally I put on jail clothes.

I am then given "linen;" two sheets, a blanket and a towel. We are then taken to a "dorm" where up to 30 guys will stay for the coming weekend. There are 15 bunk beds and the mattresses are about 2 inches thick and there is a "pillow" that is "incorporated" in it.

First thing I do when I get there is to make up my bed and go to sleep. That kills off Friday night. Actually I am so tired that I don't wake up till Saturday.

Saturday morning we are awakened around 7 for breakfast. Guards bring the meals to the dorm. These meals are served on individual plastic trays and we eat it with plastic spoons, the type that you get at a fast food stand that you can throw away once you are done. But we are given one spoon and one Styrofoam cup, which must last us the weekend. Breakfast is usually cereal and a bagel with a little bit of cream cheese. After breakfast, it's back to sleep till noon. Lunch is usually cold meat and a sandwich. Afterwards, back to sleep.

We wake up for supper and usually it is a hot meal. After supper I will be a bit more active, but we only have a deck of cards and a TV. If too many of the inmates smoke pot, the guards turn off the TV as punishment. If someone smokes, we all get punished because they can't tell who is doing the smoking. How do the inmates bring in the tobacco and pot? Where the guards are allowed to look but not touch, ECK!



If I'm lucky, I will fall asleep early and wake up Sunday morning. Breakfast is scrambled eggs and sausage but nothing is fried, all boiled. Sunday is hard because I have slept a lot so it is hard to stay in a coma through sleep in order to make time go by fast. There will be a bit more socializing but as I said, the activities are limited. But what does happen is we get to know each other over the weekends; we start talking about why we are there. Sunday night it's hard to go to sleep and a lot just sit in bed waiting. By 4 Sunday morning everyone is up and waiting at the door to be released.

The guards bring us back to be released where we once again undress completely to change back into our street clothes with a guard watching us again. I don't know why they watch us because we don't have to go through the process of any search. Usually I am back outside close to 6 AM and I go back to work from there.

That's how I have been spending every weekend since December and I am going to be done Sunday morning March 22nd at 6. I

do have to say that I have learned a few things on how our legal and judicial system works. I have been able to listen to the stories of the other guys that are doing the same thing I am. The time will not have been wasted, but I sure am looking forward to getting back to a normal life-style!!

Institute for Liberal Studies—Events

Visit www.liberalstudies.ca/events for details.

SOCIAL POLICY SEMINAR - March 21 - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM University of Windsor. This seminar will feature David Beito, Dan Rothschild and John Murray.

LIBERTY SUMMER SEMINAR - July 25-26

Location: Jaworski Estate, 7570 Best Road, Orono (NE of Toronto). Mark the date on your calendar now. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from libertarian and conservative speakers, enjoy great food and good company, and camp under the stars (or in a tent). This is the cornerstone event on the Institute for Liberal Studies calendar.

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ing farmers from financing a comfortable retirement after years of hard work. The Nutrient Management Act and the Clean Water Act are designed to make life harder for farmers. We also believe farmers should be able to sell their milk and eggs to whomever they want, and if their customers want raw milk, that should be their choice, not the government's. We are the party of choice."

The Ontario Libertarian Party believes the use of force by government should be limited to protecting life, liberty and property and apprehending anyone who initiates force (or the threat of force) or fraud against peaceful citizens. There was a time in Canada when government operated on this principle, so one must wonder why politi-

cians now think it necessary to pass 100 more laws every year, and why the Ontario government has 500,000 regulations dictating what one may or may not do.

Central planning by politicians leads to unsatisfactory results. A drop-out rate of about 30% proves the government is incapable of providing a good education system. Wait time measured in months for critical surgery and thousands of patients without a family doctor demonstrates how government is rationing health care. Libertarians believe government is the problem and competition is the solution.

Paolo Fabrizio is 36 years old and is a baker. He lives with his wife and three young children in Barrie.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT—Jim McIntosh, Treasurer

January 1 - December 30 2007 2008 Difference

INCOME

Donations - Cash/Cheques	7,842.00	9,846.00	2,004.00
Goods & Services	4,896.61	5,456.10	559.49
General Coll'ns (Sched 4)	-	30.00	30.00
Interest Income	359.36	393.78	34.42
Membership Fees	25.00	50.00	25.00

TOTAL INCOME 13,122.97 15,775.88 2,652.91

EXPENSES**Notes**

**2009
Budget**

By-Election Nomination Deposit	400.00	-	*1	400.00	1,000
Accounting & Audit	2,656.00	4,399.50	*2	(1,743.50)	
Advertising	150.00	894.47	*3	(744.47)	500
Bank Charges	566.24	451.15		115.09	500
Brochures, Newsletter	367.65	1,060.90	*4	(693.25)	1,000
Insurance & Utilities	1,198.80	1,188.00		10.80	1,300
Meetings Hosted	2,582.59	2,364.88		217.71	2,500
Office & Equipment Rental	137.92	138.60		(0.68)	150
Web and Internet	-	375.58		(375.58)	500
Office Supplies	1,333.03	496.34	*5	836.69	500
Postage & Courier	861.16	1,616.30	*6	(755.14)	1,000
Professional Fees	4,212.55	1,860.35	*7	2,352.20	2,000
Telephone	910.05	921.80		(11.75)	950
Travel Expenses	2,752.06	1,056.60	*8	1,695.46	

TOTAL EXPENSES 18,128.05 16,824.47 1,303.58 11,900

INCOME - EXPENSES (5,005.08) (1,048.59) (3,956.49)

October 10, 2007 General Election

Elections - Cash & Cheques	4,340.00
Election - Goods & Services	298.00
Nomination Deposits refunded	-

TOTAL Election Contributions 4,638.00 5,000.00

Election Meetings	(290.11)
Nomination Expenses	(4,600.00)
Postage & Courier	(198.06)
Travel	(298.00)
Transfers Paid	(3,212.66)

TOTAL Election Campaign Expenses (8,598.83) -

SURPLUS (DEFECIT) (8,965.91) 3,951.41

Bank Balance January 1	22,880.07	12,167.66	(10,712.41)
Accounts Payable at January 1	(4,340.00)	(2,593.50)	
Accounts Payable at December 31	2,593.50	2,656.00	
Bank Balance December 31	12,167.66	16,181.57	4,013.91

NOTES

- *1 2008 includes refunds of 2 deposits for by-elections in 2003
2009 Budget includes provision for 2-4 by-elections (pamphlets, travel, signs)
- *2 2008 includes \$1,806 for audit of 2007 Election Campaign Financial Return (contributed services)
- *3 2008 includes \$765 for 50 Freeman subscriptions
2009 budget includes \$200 for Meetup Subscription, \$250 for 100 copies of *The Law*
- *4 2008 includes \$525 for 300 Platforms (100 for Freeman Project) and \$147 for 1,000 Mastheads

- 2009 Budget includes \$500 for *Bulletin* and \$500 for pamphlets
- *5 2008 includes \$298 for Freeman Project
- *6 2008 includes \$600 for mailing 45 Freeman magazines to members
- *7 2007 includes \$1,000 for new web site, \$678 for Mike Kennedy's transcript
2009 budget includes \$600 for folding and mailing Bulletin, \$1,300 for (contributed) Web Site services
- *8 2007 includes \$803 for David Lindsay to appeal Mike Kennedy's smoking club court case

