



51 LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES SPREADING THE WORD

Over 60 Libertarians answered the call to help grow the Party. 51 of them collected the necessary signatures to get their name on the ballot. That's more than double the number of candidates we had in the 2007 General Election. Be sure to vote for the Libertarian Candidate in your riding. Each of them has a page on our web site with an email link. Get in touch if you would like to help.

Many of our candidates have received invitations to All Candidate Debates and to record a 2 minute speech or participate in a televised debate on Cable TV. CBC is providing 2 minutes of free time for a recorded message on TV and Radio on both the English and French networks.

Reporters are calling the Party office asking for contact information so they can interview candidates in their area. All this exposure should result in many non-voters discovering that there is a Party they can vote for after all. Some of them may even join the Party.

Fifteen of our candidates are new to the Party this year. Two of them didn't contact us until September 5 and still managed to complete all the paperwork before the September 15 deadline! We can likely thank Ron Paul's campaign for an increased interest in the Libertarian Party. Even Prime Minister Harper can take some of the credit as

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Ajax-Pickering	Andrew Delis
Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-	Glenn Langton
Barrie	Darren Roskam
Bramalea-Gore-Malton	Joy Lee
Brant	Rob Ferguson
Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound	Jay Miller
Burlington	Anthony Giles
Cambridge	Allan Dettweiler
Dufferin-Caledon	Daniel Kowalewski
Durham	Blaize Barnicoat
Etobicoke Centre	Alexander Bussmann
Etobicoke-Lakeshore	Hans Kunov
Glengarry-Prescott-Russell	Phil Miller
Guelph	Phil Bender
Hamilton Centre	Robert Kuhlmann
Hamilton East-Stoney Creek	Greg Pattinson
Hamilton Mountain	Hans Wienhold
Kingston and the Islands	Jamie Shaw
Kitchener Centre	Patrick Bernier
London North Centre	Jordan VanKlinken
London-Fanshawe	Tim Harnick
Markham-Unionville	Allen Small
Mississauga-Brampton South	Christin Milloy
Nepean-Carleton	Roger Toutant
Niagara Falls	Adam Hyde
Niagara West-Glanbrook	Rob Wienhold

Northumberland-Quinte West	Jeffery McLarty
Oak Ridges-Markham	Karl Boelling
Oshawa	Matthew Belanger
Ottawa Centre	Michal Zeithammel
Ottawa South	Jean-Serge Brisson
Ottawa-Orléans	David Paul
Parkdale-High Park	Rod Rojas
Pickering-Scarborough East	Heath Thomas
Prince Edward Hastings	Andrew Skinner
Richmond Hill	Tamas Demjen
Sarnia-Lambton	Andrew Falby
Scarborough-Agincourt	Doug McLarty
Scarborough-Guildwood	Sam Apfelbaum
Scarborough-Rouge River	Felix Liao
St. Paul's	John Kittredge
Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry	Darcy Neal Donnelly
Thornhill	Gene Balfour
Thunder Bay-Superior North	Tony Gallo
Toronto Centre	Judi Falardeau
Toronto Danforth	John Christopher Recker
Vaughan	Paolo Fabrizio
Welland	Donna-Lynne Hamilton
Windsor-Tecumseh	Dan Dominato
York Centre	David Epstein
York-Simcoe	Craig Hodgins

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

Two Problems that Government Never Admits - by Allen Small

In preparation for the Oct. 6th election, my local newspaper asked me for the two most pressing issues in my riding in 500 words or less. They might expect me to rail about the horrendous traffic, or long waits for medical care or the growing nanny state. No, those are just symptoms of the deeper more fundamental problems. Problems that won't be fixed by electing the same old parties and replacing them again with the same old parties. So here is my letter - 496 words -, and if you are a Libertarian candidate, or a candidate for any party for that matter, you may use this.

The two major problems facing Markham-Unionville are the same as those facing the entire province of Ontario; they are:

- (1) the increasing DEBT and
- (2) the increasing SIZE of Government.

When Dalton McGuinty was first elected, he promised not to raise taxes or have deficits. He has flagrantly ignored both promises. The 2011 Ontario Budget, projected the debt for 2012 to be \$282.3 Billion, more than twice the debt when the Liberals took office in 2003. That budget also projects continued deficits and increasing debt until 2018, and that assumes that the economy will improve and interest rates stay low. This unprecedented, reckless, runaway spending is directly related to the second major problem: the size of the Ontario Government.

The Liberals have increased program spending in virtually every ministry as the Ontario government assumes more and more responsibilities from the private sector. For example: McGuinty's full-day kindergarten program has severely impacted private sector nursery and daycare businesses. At the same time, the Liberals have created an entire Green Industry of windmills and solar panels subsidized by taxpayer's dollars through the FIT and microFIT programs.

The debt has been acknowledged by the Progressive Conservatives, and their laughable solution is to cut spending by 2% per year for four years, but

increase spending in Healthcare and Education at the same time. That is not a solution at all.

All across the Western world, governments have realized that the profligate spending of the past 50 or 60 years has been greatly overdone. As a result governments have been forced to cut back everywhere, at all levels, to avert a financial crisis worse than the one the world faced in 2008-09.

In Ontario, Libertarians would make real cuts in government spending and decrease the size of government as quickly as possible. At first a budget freeze would be instituted followed by 10% cuts in program spending in each of the first four years across all of the 30 Ministries. This would include elimination or amalgamation of at least half of the ministries within one term.

For example, Markham-Unionville MPP Michael Chan's Ministry of Tourism and Culture would be closed. There is precedent for this, in the US. The state of Washington closed their Department of Tourism in June 2011 due to budget constraints. Almost immediately, a consortium of private businesses and industry stakeholders formed the Washington Tourism Alliance, shifting costs from the State and public sector to the private sector.

Ontario has over 630 agencies, many like the LCBO, demand huge budgets. Even the Liberals have announced that they plan to cut a paltry 14 agencies if re-elected. A Libertarian government would cut hundreds of agencies, including the LCBO and allow competition in the retail sale of liquor, beer, and wine.

As government ministries and agencies are reduced, and program spending is cut, tax reductions will follow. Ontarians will have more choice about how and where their money is spent, and Ontario will become the dynamo of Canada once again.

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well, having disappointed many conservatives. Over 60 new names that have been added to our mailing list so far this year.

Greg Pattinson agreed to be Assistant Campaign Manager. He divided the province into 12 regions and recruited 10 regional coordinators. He sent them a list of all the Libertarians in their region and tasked them with finding candidates for each of their ridings. We will need coordinators for central and northern Ontario if we are to achieve our goal of a candidate in every riding in the next Provincial Election which, hopefully, will not be until 2015.

Each candidate must have a Chief Financial Officer to deposit donations to the campaign and write cheques for campaign expenses. Since most candidates have few transactions, this is not a big job for each candidate. In 2007, Jim McIntosh, the Party's Treasurer and CFO, was the CFO for all 25 Libertarian candidates. (It helps that he is retired and computer literate.) The biggest job is preparing the 12 page Campaign Financial Return. This time we have three additional people serving as CFOs: Cindy van Deyl for candidates in the Hamilton region, Ian Edmonds for candidates in the Mississauga region, and Adele Small for candidates in the west end of Toronto.

Should We Fight Wealth and Income Inequality? - By Rod Rojas

We often hear the slogan that “the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer”, but as the research from Thomas Sowell has shown, these are nothing but manipulated statistics. Imagine that!

Dr Sowell points out that “the poor”, “the rich” and “the middle class” are nothing but statistical categories, and that people normally move in and out of these categories during their lifetimes. When people are young, they tend to earn little, so most people start being in “the lower 20 percent”. Ten years later –in their thirties- their incomes have often doubled. And finally, incomes keep on rising and the net worth of a 65 year old is typically several times greater than that of a 45 year old. There can be setbacks along the way as well, perhaps in the form of a divorce or the loss of a job. So instead of having blocks of poor people, and blocks of rich people, flesh and blood people move up and down these categories.

The number of people that do not make any financial progress during their lifetime is very small. Those who are born poor, and die poor are very few indeed.

But should we not care at all for these poor few? The answer is a definite “yes”, we should very much care. But the way to a better society is not with welfare, or the equalization of incomes and wealth.

Poverty is a relative condition. Those who we call poor here in the developed world have luxuries that only the wealthiest in other countries have. As a matter of fact, there are people alive today who remember how in cold winters the toilets used to freeze in Canadian and American homes, back when central heating, insulation and double glazed windows were a luxury reserved for the very wealthy.

What this implies is that there will always be poor people, because you will always have a bottom 20% in any society, no matter how wealthy. But would you rather be in the bottom 20% of a rich country or in that of a poor one? The answer is obvious.

Now we see that the real question is not how to combat poverty, because it will always exist in relative terms, but rather how to increase wealth. This question, like most economic questions, can be better answered by any smart individual than by a statistician: You need to produce, save and invest, and governmental intervention hampers all three of these actions. When you hear mainstream economists talking about how spending needs to be encouraged, just remember that nobody has ever become wealthy through spending; countries are no different because they are just a collection of people.

It is often said that the excess wealth in the hands of the rich is so great, that only a small confiscation

would greatly relieve an enormous amount of hardship in the lower classes. Aside from the fact that the levels of taxation are already extremely high in most developed countries, when people see their incomes taxed to a greater extent as they make more money, they are being discouraged from producing. And if they see their welfare benefits rise and their taxes diminish as they make less money, they are being encouraged not to produce. If you pay someone when they are unemployed and take away the money as soon as they get a job, they are being discouraged from finding employment. If people see that their savings and investments are taxed, they are being discouraged from saving and investing.

So, it is an illusion that taking a bit “off the top” from the rich to give to the poor solves the problem. In fact, you are disturbing the entire wealth producing mechanism and making everyone poorer.

The unhampered market stimulates everyone to produce as much as possible at the lowest cost (the more goods we have, the lower their price will be). This creates inequality, because only the entrepreneurs that best serve the consumer will thrive. And if you try to eliminate this inequality you lower the standard of living for all.

We should not forget that corporations are nothing but groups of individuals, and as such corporate welfare is as dangerous and counterproductive as personal welfare. There is no difference between them. When politicians talk about saving jobs or saving an industry, it is exactly the same argument as when they say they want to help the poor. Corporate hand-outs and bailouts only reward companies for failing and penalize those who do well. It takes money away from the most able creators of wealth, the ones who consumers prefer.

If left wing policies cannot solve poverty, and right wing pro-business agendas cannot increase wealth, one has to wonder what politicians are good for.

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In 1787 Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor, had this to say about the fall of the Athenian Republic:
"A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can exist only until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse from the public treasury."

“They aren’t focusing on solving our problems” - By Matthew Belanger

The line above is something I heard while listening to a Toronto talk radio station earlier this week. The caller was complaining about the PCs and Liberals arguing semantics about the Liberals \$10,000 tax credit for hiring recent immigrants – a ridiculous policy suggestion, by the way – instead of talking about solving “real people’s” problems. This quote drove home, yet again, what a tough task we in the libertarian community have ahead of us, not just in terms of this election, but in terms of driving change in society as a whole.

Those of you familiar with me probably already know my problem with the quote in the title – the implicit assumption on the part of the caller that it is the role of government to solve all our problems. The woman who said that is sitting at home, looking at all the things wrong with Ontario – insufficient access to healthcare, a struggling economy, joblessness, energy policy, and whatever other issues she identifies with – and is certain that the solution to all of them lies with government intervention. She wants politicians to get up on stage and tell her how they’re going to fix her problems, and she will pick the one

whose solution is closest to what she would prefer.

That attitude is the primary source of our ever expanding government. A clever politician can always find a new problem they can solve, if only you vote for them. That solution will require a little more tax money, of course, and takes away a little more of our freedom, but it “solves” a “problem”. As I said before, the government cannot solve your problems. Only you can solve your problems, and passing off responsibility to the government only ensures that you have someone else to blame if things don’t work out.

I’ve come to believe that libertarians should be focusing our communications more on this idea – that government solutions to problems are not good solutions, and in many cases create additional problems. If we can convince people of this simple idea, then 90% of our job is done.

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Convention & Annual Liberty Seminar Saturday November 5, 2011

This year’s event will be held at the Riviera Parque Banquet Hall, 2800 Highway 7 West (just east of Jane St.) in Vaughan.

The Liberty Seminar will present two speakers. Gerry Nicholls, author of *Loyal to the Core*, and ‘one of Canada’s top five political minds.’ He will discuss the October 6 election and offer suggestions about what we might do before the next election. Redmond Weissenberger, Director at Ludwig von Mises Institute of Canada, is our second speaker.

A great buffet is included in the registration fee. It will include an anti-pasta bar, salad bar with 4 salads, pasta bar with 4 choices, chicken cacciatore or sirloin tip with garden vegetables and roasted potatoes.

After lunch we will get down to business. Every three years the Party holds a convention to elect a Leader, Deputy Leader and members of the Executive Committee for a three year term. We also elect two Members at Large for a one-year term and two members of the Ethics Committee for a three-year term. We welcome any Voting Member who is interested in the future of the Party to stand for one of these positions.

We will hear from some of our candidates and their experience on the campaign trail.

Because this is a business meeting, the Registration fee is treated as a political donation and qualifies for the political tax credit of up to 75%. Get your registration in now to qualify for the early bird discount. Complete the enclosed registration form or go to the “News” page on our web site.

LIBERTARIAN PUB NIGHTS

Come on out and meet other Libertarians from the area in a relaxed, informal, friendly atmosphere. We will discuss whatever is on your mind. Order dinner and/or drinks and pay your own tab.

LONDON - Tim Harnick is organizing pub nights. For more information contact Tim (byrdland@live.com or 226-663-3900) .

HAMILTON - Saturday October 15, 7:00 PM

The Snooty Fox, 1011 King St. W. Contact Greg Pattinson, 289-440-4734 or greg.pattinson@yahoo.ca. Next Pub Night is November 19.

KITCHENER-WATERLOO - Thurs October 20, 7:00PM

Location: Benny’s Lounge, 183 Weber Street, Waterloo. For more information about events in this area, contact Phil Bender (phil.libertarian@gmail.com or 905-703-6248). Next Pub Night is November 17.

OTTAWA - Saturday October 1, 3:00 PM

O’Brien’s Eatery and Pub 1145 Heron Road. For more information contact Andrew Philips (613-733-8948 or andrewmp@rogers.com). Next meeting is November 5.

STOUFFVILLE - Wednesday September 28, 6:00 PM

The Lion of Stouffville: 5917 Main St. For more information contact Allen Small (small4357@rogers.com or 905-477-4357). The next Pub Night is October 25.

TORONTO - October 12, 7:00 PM

The Granite Brewery & Restaurant, 245 Eglinton Ave. E.. Contact Jim McIntosh (cfo@libertarian.on.ca or 416-283-7589). Next Pub Night is November 9.

If you would like to organize a Libertarian Pub Night in your area, contact Jim McIntosh at 416-283-7589 or 1-855-668-5423.