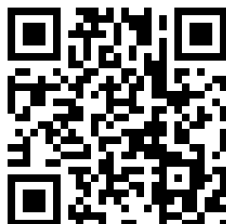


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*Jim McIntosh, Editor*

## Libertarians - We Need Your Help With Funds Now!

An election is either about to happen or is happening right now when you receive this newsletter. Your Campaign Team has been working hard for almost two years to prepare. We plan to run a full slate of candidates. We have saved as much money as we could - we have about \$7,000 in the bank - but our election plan has a budget of \$20,000 and we will not borrow. It is so important that we have our plan fully funded so we can get our message out far and wide - while people are really listening to political parties - during an election campaign! Signs, brochures - maybe even some ads if we have enough money. We have our platform - we have to get it out to people!

### Please make a donation!

The easiest way is to go online and use the "Donate Now" button and PayPal. Or you can send us a cheque. Usually we ask for \$100 - but this time if you could consider \$200 or even a little more if you could afford it - it would make a big difference right away for the Campaign budget. Remember you get a generous refundable tax credit of 75% of the first \$372 dollars you donate, making it even more affordable than you might think - a \$372 donation actually only costs \$93.75 after taxes.

Any amount will help and this really is the time. Please go online and Donate Now - or send a donation by mail today! Thanks for your support of our Party!

## Libertarian Election Platform Released

At the Caucus Meeting last June the members in attendance agreed our platform should focus on issues of current interest to voters and the media. Each plank describes the current situation and its problems, the Libertarian Principle, our short term plan and our long term focus. Members worked together in small groups to provide input to each of the planks following this template.

The Election Committee (Jeffrey McLarty, Campaign Director, Allen Small, Leader, and Paolo Fabrizio, Deputy Leader) took that input and developed the Election Platform contained in this mailing. The next two pages provide more detail for two of these planks. Check our web site for additional Media Releases for other planks.

## 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, including our preparations for the election expected this spring. Order dinner and/or drinks and pay your own tab.

### HAMILTON - Friday March 15, 7:00 PM

The Snooty Fox, 1011 King St. W. Contact Adam Hyde at 905-356-6359 or [adam@niagarafallstours.com](mailto:adam@niagarafallstours.com) Next Pub Night is April 19.

### WATERLOO - Thurs March 21, 7:00PM

Benny's Lounge, 183 Weber Street, Waterloo For more information about events in this area, contact Phil Bender ([phil.libertarian@gmail.com](mailto:phil.libertarian@gmail.com) or 905-703-6248). Next Pub Night is April 18.

### OTTAWA - Saturday March 9, 2:00-4:00 PM

O'Brien's Eatery and Pub 1145 Heron Road. For more information contact Andrew Philips (613-733-8948 or [andrewmp@rogers.com](mailto:andrewmp@rogers.com)).

### STOUFFVILLE - Wednesday March 27, 6:00 PM

The Lion of Stouffville: 5917 Main St. For more information contact Allen Small ([small4357@rogers.com](mailto:small4357@rogers.com) or 905-477-4357). The next Pub Night is April 24.

### TORONTO - March 13, 7:00 PM

The Granite Brewery & Restaurant, 245 Eglinton Ave. E.. Contact Jim McIntosh ([cfo@libertarian.on.ca](mailto:cfo@libertarian.on.ca) or 416-283-7589). Next Pub Night is April 10.

**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.**

## 15th Annual Libertarian BBQ—May 5

**\$15/person 12-4 PM — Rain or shine**

**16812 Humber Station Rd., Caledon Hills**

↑ North on Hwy 400 to Hwy 7

← West to Highway 50

↑ North to Patterson Road

← West to Humber Station Road

↓ South to 16812 (number posted on white mail box and gate.) If you get lost, call 416-283-7589 or 905-880-4848 for help.

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so we know how much food and drink to buy.

**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.**

## MEDIA RELEASE — Our advice for the incoming Premier of Ontario

*This release was issued on February 12, 2013.*

This week officially marks the beginning of Kathleen Wynne's new Liberal cabinet and government. Will it also mark a return to the classical liberal values of limited and less intrusive government?

Could it mean the return of Ontario as the economic engine of Canada, and the reversal of the policies that have made Ontario a have-not province since the Liberals came to power? Or will this be a continuation of Dalton McGuinty's vision for Ontario: borrow, tax and spend? A vision that has created a massive debt obligation, for this and future generations. "It's easy to borrow heavily and say you have done great things," said Allen Small, Leader of the Ontario Libertarian Party, "but Ontario's finances are a mess, and according to the Fraser Institute, Ontario's debt load is 67% larger than California's, the most indebted of the American States."

Libertarians genuinely want to help Ms. Wynne, so we have released a new platform, that if adopted would increase choice and economic freedom for Ontarians, while

allowing for an orderly transition toward limited government. Our platform is unique in Ontario, as we are the only party truly championing limited government and economic freedom.

The Current Libertarian Platform is divided into five planks, each one to be presented in the coming days and weeks:

1. Education: Smarter & Inspiring
2. Energy: Cheaper & Abundant
3. Healthcare: Faster & Efficient
4. Jobs: Secure & Rewarding
5. Budget: Lower & Simplified

There are many other aspects of government that must be addressed, including the larger question that asks, "why is government involved in so many facets of commerce and daily life in Ontario?"

We wish the new cabinet well, and we invite them to steal our ideas liberally.

## MEDIA RELEASE — Education: Smarter & Inspiring

*This is the first in a series of releases designed to introduce our new Campaign platform for 2013-14. It was issued on Monday February 18, 2013.*

The Ontario Libertarian Party believes education is the responsibility of the parents and the families of children. Parents should be free to choose the school or program that they believe best suits the needs of their children, at the best price. To make education more affordable and effective, competition and innovation must be introduced, which will allow a choice-based system to flourish in Ontario. Libertarians would eliminate the government-mandated monopolies now involved in education.

Our short-term focus, in other words what we would do if given a mandate, is designed to provide more choice to parents immediately. Libertarians would alter legislation to allow parents to direct their education taxes to any school currently approved by the Ministry of Education, parents choose the school, and the dollars would follow the students. Parents that choose to home school their children would be granted tax credits to recognize their choice.

Libertarians would also seek to treat all religions equally, no special privileges to Catholic schools, indeed we would liberate Catholic schools, and all religious schools from being forced to teach or comply with concepts that are contrary to their beliefs as currently required by legislation.

Over the long term Libertarians would alter the system so that the schools would become directly accountable to parents rather than to school boards or the Ministry. This would mean eliminating the numerous departments and agencies that are supposed to improve student learning, but in reality do no such thing. Libertarians would replace school boards with voluntary community or Charter

boards that would administer their particular local school. These actions alone would go a long way to reduce and reverse the rapid increase in per-pupil-spending as described by a Ministry of Finance document: "the combination of increased funding and declining enrolment has led to a 56 per cent increase in per-pupil funding from \$7,201 in 2002-03 to \$11,207 in 2011-12." That is an extraordinary increase in just nine years. Worse still, the total cost of education today has been aggravated by the implementation of full day kindergarten, which would likely disappear as the local schools try to rein in costs.

In the Libertarian long term plan; community or Charter boards would oversee the employment, remuneration, and working conditions of their teachers and staff. Some schools would cater to their particular community, others would offer special programs, and students from any neighbourhood would be eligible to apply to any school. Eventually parents would pay schools directly, and local businesses and philanthropic organizations would help support families in need and their local schools.

Once released from the top down control of School Boards and the Ministry, schools would offer more options, more innovations in curricula, an improved salary system for teachers and better schedules for both parents and children. Competition, innovation, and the creation of best practices among schools across the province, would be commonplace, something that does not exist today.

Its time to face facts, tinkering with the system as it is now will not make it work any better. Each school today is organized as a community unto itself; the disappearance of the external trappings of Board and Ministry would be a welcome relief to local schools, allowing principals and staff to focus on the needs of their students and the expectations of parents.

## MEDIA RELEASE—Energy: Cheaper & Abundant

*This is the second in a series of releases designed to introduce our new Campaign platform for 2013-14. It was released to the media on Monday February 25, 2013*

Electricity is generated in Ontario from three main fuel sources; nuclear (57%), hydro (22%) and natural gas (15%). All of these forms of generation are encumbered by numerous government rules and regulations. The production and distribution of natural gas products allows elements of competition and choice for Ontarians, however the same cannot be said for hydro, nuclear, wind, solar and coal.

In Ontario, electrical energy is supplied to consumers primarily through government-mandated monopolies. Current and past governments have built an unsustainable, subsidized, high cost, and inefficient mix of cherry picked solutions for power generation and distribution. As a result, citizens are forced to pay higher prices for power, with no alternative options.

The recent Speech from the Throne highlighted "conservation (as) the cheapest source of energy available." Someone should notify the government that conservation does not heat homes or run computers. In fact the province frequently produces more electricity than it needs; it cannot be stored, so it is sold usually for less than the cost of production. That makes a joke out of conservation. As a result, Ontario subsidizes our neighbouring States and Provinces who buy our surpluses cheaply to the detriment of all of us.

Also in the Throne Speech, the Liberal government reiterated its determination "to end coal-fired energy generation," which produced cheap, reliable and abundant electricity. They tout this as "the single largest climate change initiative currently underway in North America." The use of

coal has to a large degree been replaced by solar and wind generation, which is neither cheap nor reliable. Ontarians are already paying to save the planet from global warming, even though the evidence that the planet is in danger is highly conjectural. This extra cost burden places manufacturing in Ontario at a huge disadvantage compared to neighbouring jurisdictions, a legacy of Dalton McGuinty.

The Ontario Libertarian Party believes that people should be free to invest in power generation and energy transmission facilities, without coercive incentives from the government. Introducing competition to the energy industry is the key to sustainability. The competitive and innovative free market should be allowed to select the most affordable and environmentally friendly method of electrical generation. Individuals and communities should be free to choose their electricity supplier.

In the short term, Libertarians would stop subsidizing all forms of electrical generation and risky energy programs. We would alter legislation to deregulate power generation and transmission, inviting the market to do what it does best – innovate and reduce costs.

Longer term, Libertarians would allow electricity prices to vary as market forces demand. When demand and price are high, there is no greater incentive in a free market for competitors to find efficiencies in generation and transmission that would benefit everyone.

Libertarians would stop exporting surplus power cheaply while buying expensive power from alternative energy suppliers. Ultimately we would seek to sell off Ontario Power Generation in order to reduce the provincial debt and work to establish a free and unregulated market in electricity production.

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## To join or not to join — THAT should be the question! By Gene Balfour

The time has come to repeal the legislation that mandates all Ontario teachers be a union member. Each teacher must be empowered with the right to choose whether or not to be associated in any manner whatsoever with a union. This right is the real basis of democracy but, somewhere in our political past, taken from our teachers and replaced by Union organizations that have lost their moral compass and taken actions and positions that now reflects badly on the teaching profession as a whole. This is unfair to the teachers whose only interest is the make a positive impact on the children they teach.

Our best teachers have always been the ones who truly put children first over politics, union or otherwise. These professionals are the ones to whom we entrust much of the responsibility to guide and shape our children into future productive citizens. They deserve our support to help them to re-gain the respect and trust of every citizen and all our media vehicles. This cannot be achieved, however, when they are not free to choose between union representation or no union representation; between

doing what they believe is best for the children or being cajoled into supporting "union solidarity" even when the position taken by the union is distasteful to them personally.

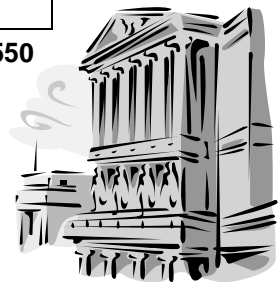
Furthermore, our best teachers should not be forced to pay union dues as a condition of employment if they choose not to join the union.

Finally, we must support "safe workplace" policies for teachers so that those who exercise their Right to Choose and forego union representation will be protected from the bullying tactics that union members often use to alienate and punish non-union supporters.

Its time to "show the love" for our best teachers! Let them know that we trust them to make their own decisions and that they no longer require "union solidarity" to dictate how they will be perceived by their students and the public at large. Repeal these regulatory shackles and free our best teachers to conduct themselves as the true teaching professionals that they are within our Ontario school systems.

**2012 Financial Report (Unaudited)—by Jim McIntosh, Treasurer**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Difference</b>	
Donations - Cash/Cheques	13,404.01	15,046.57		1,642.56	
Goods & Services	5,487.25	6,845.97	1	1,358.72	
Election Donations	7,818.46	420.00	2	-7,398.46	
General Coll'ns (Sched 4)	152.00	35.00		-117.00	
Interest Income	78.95	51.86		-27.09	
Other Income	215.00	170.00	3	-45.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>27,155.67</b>	<b>22,569.40</b>		<b>-4,586.27</b>	
		-			<b>Budget</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>2011</b>
Advertising	709.29	1,481.48	4	-772.19	180
Audit	2,656.00	2,656.00	1	0	
Bank Charges	610.55	782.52		-171.97	800
Brochures, Newsletter	1,399.60	817.23		582.37	800
Election Campaign Expenses	6,404.09	915.3	2	5,488.79	20,000
Conventions, meetings attended	0	840.00	5	-840.00	
Fund Raising Expenses	75.94	0		75.94	500
Insurance	1,292.76	1,080.00		212.76	1,100
Inventory Increase/Decrease	-485.10	-101.99	6	-383.11	
Meetings Hosted	3,638.92	1,952.67	7	1,686.25	
Office & Equipment Rental	149.16	149.16	8	0	150
Office Supplies	1,457.37	399.98		1,057.39	500
Postage & Courier	2,273.63	1,268.27		1,005.36	800
Professional Fees	2,432.00	1,956.00	9	476.00	600
Telephone	1,015.61	962.00		53.61	1,000
Travel Expenses	2,023.17	4,486.14	1	-2,462.97	
Web and Internet	181.77	116.76	10	65.01	120
Other Expenses	655.00	437.34	11	217.66	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>26,489.76</b>	<b>20,198.86</b>		<b>6,290.90</b>	<b>26,550</b>
<b>INCOME minus EXPENSES</b>	665.91	2,370.54		1,704.63	
Bank Balance January 1	<b>9,175.67</b>	11,197.58		2,021.91	
Accounts Payable at January 1	-2,656.00	-4,012.00			
Accounts Payable at December 31	4,012.00	2,656.00			
<b>Bank Balance at December 31</b>	<b>11,197.58</b>	<b>12,212.12</b>		1,014.54	

**NOTES:**

1. Goods and Services donated consist primarily of travel expenses, audit fees and courier services.
2. A General Election in 2011 and 2 by-elections in 2012.
3. Other Income is primarily out-of-province memberships and sale of Libertarian Golf Shirts.
4. Includes Meetup subscription and booth at Word On The Street both years. 2012 includes vinyl banner, 100 copies of *The Law* and Pride Parade registration.
5. Booth at Manning Conference
6. Inventory consists of candidates' lawn signs remaining after the election.
7. 2011 includes the Caucus Meeting, Convention and Executive meetings. 2012 includes Caucus Meeting and Annual General Meeting.
8. Our "Office" consists of a mail box at Envoy Business Services in Scarborough.
9. Internet assistance and stuffing and mailing our newsletter.
10. Web hosting for our web site and Wiki.
11. Golf shirts purchased and embroidered with "Libertarian" and logo, provided to many candidates at no charge.