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Libertarian Party Convention 2014

Sunday November 2, 2014, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
The Bahen Centre, Room 2135, 40 St. George St.
Toronto, Ontario

Registration Fee - \$40 in advance (online or by mail)
\$50 at the door
Proxy Fee \$5 by mail only.
Call or email the Party for a Proxy form. Printed copies of the Bulletin have forms inserted.

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. The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Agenda

10:00 AM – Registration and continental breakfast
10:30 AM – Welcome by Convention Chairman, and review of agenda and procedures.
10:45 AM – Reports of Officers: Leader Allen Small; Deputy Leader Paolo Fabrizio; Campaign Director Rob Brooks; Treasurer Jim McIntosh
11:30 AM – Constitutional Amendments: (See Pages 3-4)
12:00 PM – Proposal for new Party colours and logo
12:15 PM – Buffet Lunch
1:15 PM – Election of Officers, 2 Members-at-Large and 2 Ethics Committee Members
4:00 PM – Adjournment

We welcome any Voting Member who is interested in the future of the Party to stand for election to one of these positions. If you have any questions please contact the Party at 1-855-ONT LIBerty (866-5423) or info@libertarian.on.ca.

Party Leader - The primary spokesperson for the Party, who sets policy with guidance from the caucus, and currently is the driver of our Facebook page. The Leader must be willing and able to stand

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Liberty Now

Liberty Now is an all day gathering in its third year, promoting individual liberty through free markets, property rights & limited government.

Ideas are the most powerful forces in our society. **Liberty Now** is an opportunity to network with other liberty-minded Canadians on ideas to restore freedom, prosperity, sound money, and justice to Canada.

Whether you are a conservative, classical liberal, libertarian, objectivist, a follower of the Austrian school, or just in favour of smaller government, you'll find something of interest at Liberty Now.

Join us and take the future in a new direction!

Liberty Now will occur on Saturday, November 1, 2014, at the Bahen Centre for Information Technology, 40 St. George St. Toronto. Tickets are available at www.libertynow.ca

Speakers so far:

Peter Foster (Author and National Post columnist)
Prof. Pierre Desrochers (University of Toronto)
Karen Selick (Canadian Constitution Foundation)
Candice Malcolm (Canadian Taxpayers Federation)
Gerry Nicholls (Canada's Post Partisan Pundit)
Anthony Furey (Journalist at SUN Media)
Jean-Serge Brisson (Politician and Activist)
Anthony Di Iorio (Bitcoin Alliance of Canada)
Chris Horlacher (CA and Mises Canada)
Predrag Rajšić (Postdoctoral Fellow University of Guelph)



Liberty Now
Canada's Largest Liberty Event

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.

- as a candidate in a provincial election.
- Deputy Party Leader – Will take over as Leader in the event of a vacancy in that position, and may assist the Leader with his or her responsibilities.
- Chairman – shall preside at all Conventions, General Meetings, and meetings of the Executive Committee. The Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party.
- Vice-Chairman - shall act as assistant to the Chairman and shall perform the duties of the Chairman in the event that the Chairman is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of his office.
- Campaign Director - shall be the overall campaign manager for the Party. Duties of the Campaign Director shall include acquiring and training candidates, media contact and public relations, working with Constituency Associations, and other political activities as mutually agreed with the Party Leader.
- Secretary – shall provide, or making provision for, legal services for the Party; and shall be responsible for the general correspondence of the Party.
- Recording Secretary - shall take minutes at all official meetings of the Party and the Executive Committee, maintain the Minute Book of the Party, be responsible for notifying all eligible attendees of the time and place of meetings of the Party and the Executive Committee, and perform all other such duties as may be assigned from time to time.
- Treasurer - shall receive, expend, and account for the funds of the Party under the supervision of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall serve as the Chief Financial Officer of the Party and shall be responsible for all obligations imposed on the Party by the Commission on Election Finances. The term of the Chief Financial Officer shall coincide with the fiscal year of the party.
- Members-at-Large – Two are elected for a one year term to represent the members of the Party at Executive Meetings of the Party.
- Ethics Committee – Two members are elected each year for a three-year term. The Ethics Committee deals with any complaint lodged by a Member against an Associate, Member or Party document that violates the Statement of Principals or Statement of Ultimate Goals, or alleged violations of the Constitution or Bylaws by any Officer of the Party.

All Officers must sign an oath of office, which shall read, “I support and promise to uphold the Ontario Libertarian Party Statement of Principles.” The Leader and Deputy Leader must also sign the Candidate’s Oath, “I will not advocate anything inconsistent with the Ontario Libertarian Party Statement of Principles.”

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%. Register now at www.libertarian.on.ca/Convention to qualify for the early bird discount. Or complete and return the enclosed registration form.

Party Colours and Logo

Formal amendments propose are listed on page 3-4. Several members are concerned that the Party colours of green and black lead to confusion with the Green Party. When some voters see our green signs they think Green Party. The fact that green has been the Libertarian Party colour since 1975 means little to voters. The Libertarian Party of Canada has adopted gold and blue as their colours, and it would benefit both parties if the Ontario Libertarian Party used the same colours. We would continue to use the trillium, the provincial flower, as our logo.

Libertarians Running Municipally October 2014

The following are short introductions from members Party running municipally this October, taking the same message of libertarian values to the local level. I am sure all could use a hand from anyone local.

Igor Bily

I have been a member of the OLP since 2013 and I’m running for Councillor of Ward 6 in Richmond Hill: an extremely ethnically diverse neighbourhood.

Richmond Hill, previously a financially sound "super-town" with population of 140,000 under late Mayor William Bell, slowly but surely slid into a financial abyss due to reckless spending by a Town Council dominated by social engineers of all stripes. During the last 4 year term town property taxes in Ward 6 grew by 27%, 6% annually, despite the fact Town Hall at the same time almost depleted reserve funds formed as a result of the hydro utility sale. The level of Town services also declines year by year.

In contrast to the incumbent's inaction I propose a free market medicine for this ailing patient:

- Publicly discussed detailed line-by-line budget
 - Outsourcing to the private sector
 - Truly transparent and fair tender process
 - Tight head count control of the Town staff
 - Compensations based on the broader job markets rather than on "comparator groups" i.e. other municipalities
 - Expansion of user fees for recreation services
 - Exclusion of free entertainment delivery through the public library
- and much more...

Rob Ferguson

I am running in the city of Brantford for ward 4 councillor. I have noticed that all level of government continue to overspend and mismanage in several areas. In Brantford we have had many issues of overspending costing taxpayers millions and millions.

The city seems interested in taking over a lot of county land from homeowners for expansion of the city. We can clearly hear these homeowners say no to the idea. In ward 4 we have a tire recycling issue that is affecting property values and owners' rights. I decided to run because I want to make a true difference. This campaign I have connected to many citizens on issues they are having and have had many ask for more information about the libertarians. I have heard almost daily that I should have run for mayor, to me that's encouraging. People can reach me at electrobferguson@hotmail.com or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rob-Ferguson/296600646522>

Andrew Donovan

While great strides are being taken at the provincial and federal level to promote the message of liberty and libertarianism to Canadians, I decided to take our philosophies to the grassroots and run for mayor of the City of Guelph. My platform, which can be found on localsforliberty.com, outlines very specific ways I plan to lower Guelph's ludicrous \$118,000,000 debt through putting public assets like transportation and road maintenance on the market for the bidder that best fits Guelph's needs and budget. This will not only bring down our debt but will stop property taxes from rising, thus giving the economically disadvantaged in our city a fighting chance at affording Guelph (and Ontario's) hyper-inflated housing prices. I believe that change begins at the grassroots, and I will do everything in my power to promote the philosophy of liberty and Austrian economics throughout my campaign, in debates, and as Guelph's voice of libertarianism.

Derek Elliott

"I believe in change at all Government Levels and promoting that change at every opportunity. There is no greater stage to promote governmental change than Elections. I have chosen to run municipally for the same reason I decided to run in the Provincial Election this past June and why I will run in the Federal Election in 2015, to promote less government and more freedom. The more I speak the more people may listen. Change takes time but time I have decided to invest."
Councillor on North Bay City Council
derekelliottnippiessing@gmail.com facebook.com/ElectDerekElliott

Tea Party of One

by Jean Serge Brisson

Jean-Serge is on a cross country promotion tour for the book now, a summary will be provided next issue. Here is the reason the book was written, should be a great read. "Tea Party of One is my story of when I decided to kick out all obligations that one has towards doing the government/s bidding on collecting their taxes."

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

The following amendments to the Party's Constitution (by Jim McIntosh) and Statement of Ultimate Goals (by Neal Donnelly) will be voted on at the Convention on November 2, 2014.

Membership signature online

Article 4 – Membership and Associate Status, Section 1 currently reads, "Anyone who has signed the statement, "I'm for individual liberty," and has paid current membership dues, shall be a "Member" of the Party." Similarly, Section 2 says, "Anyone who has signed the statement, "I wish to be an Associate of the Ontario Libertarian Party," and has paid current membership fees, shall be an Associate of the Party." In order to keep up with technology and the practice of having individuals click a button to signify acceptance of an agreement, the Party has implemented an online membership page where a person who wishes to be a Member of the Party checks a "radio button" to signify that they agree with the statement, "(Member) I am for Individual Liberty." They may alternatively click the radio button beside the statement, "I wish to be an Associate of the Party."

Jim McIntosh MOVES that Sections 1 and 2 of Article 4 of the Constitution be amended as follows (amendment in *italics*):

Anyone who has signed the statement, "I'm for individual liberty" *or has indicated agreement with this statement online*, and has paid current membership dues, shall be a "Member" of the Party.

Anyone who has signed the statement, "I wish to be an Associate of the Ontario Libertarian Party" *or has indicated agreement with this statement online*, and has paid current membership fees, shall be an Associate of the Party."

Members-at-Large Oath

Article 5 - OFFICERS, Section 1 reads as follows: "The Officers of the Party shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Campaign Director."

Article 6 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Section 2 reads as follows: "The Executive Committee of the Party shall be composed of: a) the Party Leader and Deputy Party Leader; b) the six Officers of the Party; and c) two Members-at-Large.

Article 16 - ELECTION OF PARTY LEADER AND DEPUTY PARTY LEADER, Section 5 reads as follows: "No one shall serve as Party Leader or Deputy Party Leader who has not signed the oath of office and the candidates' pledge."

Article 6 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Section 8 reads as follows: "All Officers must sign an oath of office, which shall read, 'I support and promise to uphold the Ontario Libertarian Party Statement of Principles.'" Members of the Ethics Committee are also required to sign this oath. However it appears that Members-at-Large were left out.

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Jim McIntosh MOVES that Section 8 of Article 6 be amended to read as follows (*italics indicate amendment*):
All *Officers members of the Executive Committee* must sign an oath of office, which shall read, 'I support and promise to uphold the Ontario Libertarian Party Statement of Principles.'"

Statement of Ultimate Goals

F. Monetary Policy

The fourth (and final) item in this section is as follows –
"Individuals and corporations may issue their own currency."
Member Neal Donnelly MOVES that the fourth (and final) bullet under Section F, Monetary Policy, in the Statement of Ultimate Goals be replaced with the following;

Individuals, associations and enterprises may issue their own currency.

Libertarian Pub Nights

Come by and meet flesh and blood libertarians at one of our monthly "dinner" meetings in Ontario. This page is updated on a regular basis: https://libertarian.on.ca/pub_nights

Virtual Provincial Monthly Pub night

October 1st at 8:00 PM - and the first Wednesday of every month unless otherwise posted. Everyone is welcome for a freewheeling chat

Instructions for attending the call libertarian.on.ca/PubCalls

Stratford Pub Night - Wednesday October 1 at 7:00 P.M.

Pazzo Pizzeria, 70 Ontario Street, Stratford, 519-273-6666 or 1-877-440-9666. For more information, contact Ben and Amy Eby (benamyeb@y.com or 226-779-1577).

Windsor Pub Night - Thursday October 2 at 7:00 P.M.

The Spitfire & Firkin (11828 Tecumseh Rd E, very close to intersection with Banwell, just across the street from Tim Horton). mwojtera@eurobasket.com

Ontario Region General Meeting for the LPC. Saturday, October 4 at 1:00pm

Location: Ambassador Hotel & Conference Centre, 1550 Princess St, Kingston, Ontario K7M 9E3

The Libertarian Party of Canada presents the first annual Ontario Regional General Meeting. The Ontario Regional Caucus, which consists of members of the Party residing within Ontario, will come together to meet and review Party plans for 2015. For more information, contact Mark Burnison at mburnison@libertarian.ca

Toronto Pub Night Wednesday October 8th, 7:00 PM

Granite Brewery and Restaurant, 245 Eglinton Avenue East at Mt. Pleasant Rd. (416-322-0723). For more informa-

tion cfo@libertarian.on.ca or 416-283-7589.

Guelph Pub Night - Thursday October 10, 7:00 PM

McCabe's Irish Pub & Grill, 9 Wyndham St N. Guelph, ON N1H 4E5 (519) 836-3400. Please RSVP to Andrew Donovan by email or call 519-362-7660 so he can reserve a large-enough table. The next Pub Night will be November 14, 2014.

Kitchener-Waterloo Pub Night - Thursday October 16, 7:00 PM

Benny's Family Restaurant - www.bennysrestaurant.ca. Come out to enjoy friendly libertarian conversation. Please RSVP to paulherriotradio@hotmail.com or 519 208-8379

Ottawa Meeting - Monthly Pub Meeting - Saturday October 18 - 2-4 pm

O'Brien's eatery and Pub, 1145 Heron Road. For more information darcynealdonnelly@gmail.com or 613-290-3159.

Stouffville Pub Night - Wednesday October 22, 6:00 pm

The Lion of Stouffville: 5917 Main St., Stouffville, ON, 905-642-1344. For more information small4357@rogers.com or 905-477-4357.

Hamilton Pub Night - Sunday October 26 at 7:00 P.M.

Location: <https://www.facebook.com/TheWinkingJudge>

Liberty Now and Annual General Meeting November 1 and 2.

Liberty Now will occur on Saturday, November 1, 2014, at the Bahen Centre for Information Technology, 40 St. George. St. Toronto. Tickets are available at www.libertynow.ca See Page 1 of this Bulletin for information.

Nipissing Pub Night

Location: The Crown and Beaver Pub (705) 478-5551. For information contact Derek at derekelliottnipissing@gmail.com



If you would like to organize a Libertarian Pub Night in your area, please contact John Shaw (jrs@adlib.ca) or phone 905 806 5170.