



Newsletter of the Ontario Libertarian Party

BULLETIN

**FREEDOM
OF CHOICE**

Annual General Meeting

Sunday October 29, 2023

8:30 AM—4:30 PM

General Sikorski Hall

1551 Stevenson Road, Oshawa

For information and to register

go to www.libertarian.on.ca/register

The AGM is a great opportunity to chat with other Libertarians and to help the Party to increase our brand recognition among voters and the population in general. You don't want to miss it!

You will be able to register online to attend in person for \$50 or online (via ZOOM) for \$25. If you can't attend but still want to vote, you can submit a Proxy .

Coffee and muffins are available during registration starting at 8:30 AM. Welcome and Reports of officers is from 9:00 to 10:00 AM

From 10:00 to noon we have 2 speakers as our main feature; Pierre Desrochers and Joanna Szurmak

Pierre Desrochers is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography, Geomatics and Environment at the University of Toronto Mississauga. His main research interests are economic development, technical innovation, business-environment interface, and energy policy and food policy.

He will give a talk on the negative environmental consequences of banning carbon fuels and plastics. It is based on an article published with the Fraser Institute .

Toronto Pub Night - October 17, 7:00 PM - Granite Brewery and Restaurant, 245 Eglinton Ave. Everyone welcome - bring a friend. Free Parking under the restaurant. For more information email Jim McIntosh (cfo@libertarian.on.ca) or phone him at 416-474-9482. The next Pub Night is Wednesday November 8, 2023 .

Ottawa Pub Meeting – November 5, 2-4 PM (usually 1st Sunday of each month) - O'Brien's Eatery and Pub, 1145 Heron Road. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Mark Snow marksnow@rogers.com. Next meeting is December 3, 2023

If you would like to organize a Libertarian Pub Night in your area, please contact Jim McIntosh by email (cfo@libertarian.on.ca) or phone 416-474-9482.

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

Joanna Szurmak is an Associate Librarian, Library & Learning Service at the University of Toronto Mississauga where she has supported research and teaching activities in multiple departments, from Robotics and Forensic Sciences to Anthropology and Psychology. She is also a PhD candidate in the Science and Technology Studies program at York University. She earned two Master's degrees (Applied Science in Electrical Engineering, Information Studies) from the University of Toronto and has worked in research labs, the telecommunications industry, and academic libraries in the United States and Canada.

She will speak on *Population Bombed! Exploding the Link Between Overpopulation and Climate Change*. It challenges the notion that having fewer children is the most effective way to prevent dangerous climate change. It is a 2018-19 Donner Prize short-listed book.

The primary purpose of the meeting is to fill in vacancies on the Executive Committee. We will

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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 Message

By Mark Snow

Hello fellow Libertarians!

Well lots is happening this month and the last few months. Our AGM is in Oshawa on the 29th Oct, 2023. Should be a fun time and meet-up. Come and have a say in the Party. There will be elections of the executive staff, two great speakers and some good food.

The Million Person March happened for Parental Rights and was promptly labelled as racist, homophobic and a slew of other lies by MSM. Parents are the only authority over their own children. The Policy Ontario Libertarian Party has been clear from the inception of the party in 1973. NO more state funded school that indoctrinates our children in Marxist ideologies. We have run on Parents Choice, Opt-In or Opt-Out platforms, we will fund the child. We need to remove the state and union influence over our most precious resource – the future leaders of Canada.

Doug Ford and his cronies have been caught red handed in the Green Belt affair and had to back down. That is not to say it was all OK. NO, it is wrong for Central Planning of provincial lands, and we need to have Regional representation by Local MPPs. To do that we have to remove the Municipal Act, Conservation Authority, MPAC, and many other Central planned bureaucracies. We will do that first thing. It's not that we don't care, it is just that Regional Representation ensures the MPPs for that area represent the Will of the people that elected them. So that might mean a

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vote on members to fill the following positions;

- ⇒ Chairman (formerly Serge Korovitsyn)
- ⇒ Recording Secretary (Formerly Margaret Locher)
- ⇒ Campaign Director (formerly Scott Marshall)
- ⇒ Two Members at large
- ⇒ Two members of the Ethics Committee.

The Term of Office for Executives' expires at the adjournment of the next Convention, currently scheduled for 2024.

Members at Large are elected for a one-year term.

Members of the Ethics Committee are elected for a three-year term.

GRN, LIB, CON, NDP coalition to approve development, but it will also mean the Will of the people will be respected.

Speaking of property rights, along with eliminating the above-mentioned Acts and legislation, we will enshrine private property rights for landowners and codes will only apply if they choose to use them when constructing a home, shed, or a barn. What that means if you want to live in a RV, Yurt, Tent, Mud Brick house built by your own hands as you have the cash, or save for a home ... IT WILL BE LEGAL. As always, it is in your best interest to build a home to CODE if you ever want to sell your home later, however, since the feds have made owning or renting a home almost impossible, this is a solution to help our youth. Perhaps we can have a lottery and give away 1000 X 1 acre lots of crown land (public) to kick start home ownership.

Carbon taxes are hurting everyone, if we can achieve a majority government, one of the Acts I would bring into force is a Pipeline from the West and start to refine Canadian oil and gas right here in Ontario, so WE the People can benefit from cheap energy. Be damned the federal rules.

To do all this we need you, your time, your candidacy and your dominations. So, consider joining, becoming a candidate or just volunteering.

Find Libertarians in Your Area

Are you willing to help the Party grow by finding new members in you area? *Operation Politically Homeless* is a fun way to identify libertarians. It's a program you can run at your local fair or any event that offers booths for organizations to offer their wares. It uses *The World's Smallest Political Quiz*, available on the Advocate's website. It shows how libertarians differ from Liberals and Conservatives.

If this is a project you are willing to take on, look for events happening in your area and find out the cost for a booth and ask how many visitors they are expecting. Then call me, Jim McIntosh at 416-474-9482 (Mobile). The Party has the materials required, and I will help you run your first *Operation Politically Homeless*.

"The direct use of physical force is so poor a solution to the problem of limited resources that it is commonly employed only by small children and great nations." - David Friedman

Should the Libertarian Party be Principled or Pragmatic?

By Jim McIntosh

There has been some debate within the Ontario Libertarian Party about our Platform. Should it be "pragmatic" (i.e., intended to win lots of votes) or "principled" (i.e., intended to win more members)? Apparently, the US Libertarian Party has had the same debate, according to the article below.

"During the past 20 years or so, disgruntled Republicans flooded into the Libertarian Party. Unfortunately, however, many of them brought some of their conservative baggage with them, baggage that (1) consisted of measures designed to reform the welfare-warfare-state serfdom under which we live and (2) transformed the goal of the Libertarian Party."

"But this mindset is all wrong. Electing people to public office was never the original goal of the Libertarian Party. The original goal of the Libertarian Party was to achieve a free society. That's one of the important things that distinguished the L.P. from the [USA's] two other major political parties. Electing people to public office was the means of achieving that goal, not the goal itself."

Basically our 2018 platform was "reform oriented".

We promised not to take away any government programs, only allow private organizations to offer choices to the government monopolies. We did get more votes in 2018, but that was mainly because we ran way more candidates (116) than before. Whether we run 16 candidates (as in 2022) or 116, our candidates rarely get more than 2% of the votes.

The Party's first goal is "Create Brand Awareness." How can we do that if we present ourselves as "reformers," willing to accept the current system of government that is managing so many aspects of our lives. We understand that the government solution to a problem is usually worse than the problem. Medical care is an excellent example. I was born before OHIP, when hospitals were mostly run by religious organizations. They never turned away anyone in need of care. Now we are all 'turned away' when told we cannot get medical care for months. How many hundreds of individuals die before they get to the top of the waiting list.

Our Vision and Mission is in the footer of the first page. It describes the type of world the Party wants to see. When the Party was first founded and for some time after, we believed it would be possible to get one or more Libertarians elected and push for significant reductions in Government. After maybe 30 years it became apparent that wasn't going to happen. The Party didn't have enough members or support.

Obviously we need more members. How do we attract them to the Party? How do we create "brand awareness"? When Ron Paul was running for the Republican Presidential nomination, they came looking for us. His message was Libertarian and they wanted to know if there was such a party in Canada and wanted to join.

After reading *Atlas Shrugged* in 1966, I realized that

Canada was going in the wrong direction. At that time I described the three major parties as slow, medium and fast socialist. Now describe them as fast, faster and fastest socialists. The situation is getting worse. I was "Politically Homeless" until my MPP told me I sounded just like the Libertarian. How many (non-)voters are also politically homeless?

How did Canada get here? I suspect it started when politicians discovered they could get re-elected if they promised "free" goodies to voters. Maybe it started with free education. They have gradually, one by one, taken over many responsibilities from us, such as saving for retirement or unemployment, or looking after our parents. They help the poor and count on their votes. Now they even provide us with 'free' medical care, provided you don't count the 20 or more weeks you have to wait for it.

Of course, none of it is actually "free." Initially it was all at the expense of the taxpayers. But they realized taxpayers would revolt if we had to pay for all the goodies they promised, so they resorted to printing and borrowing money. This means our children and grandchildren will have to pay for the 'benefits' we are receiving.

Since they have 'educated' several generations of voters, they have been able to convince them that the purpose of government is to "help people." They can only do so by forcing taxpayers to pay for it. But the only morale use for force is to protect life, liberty and property, the non-aggression principle, or "live and let live" or the Golden Rule.

Few citizens would rob Peter to pay Paul. But our "representatives" do it and rob Tom to buy Dick and Harry's votes every time they pass a law. How do they justify that? Well, don't we all want to help people? But shouldn't we be deciding who should be helped with our money, and how? Should they be helping companies that can't provide products we want at a price we are willing to pay? There are many lobbyists at Queen's Park who's paid job is to convince them that is exactly what they should do; force taxpayers to provide the money for their clients.

The solution is our politicians should not be helping people, least of all companies.

"And it ought to be remembered that there is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct, or more uncertain in its success, than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things. Because the innovator has for enemies all those who have done well under the old conditions, and lukewarm defenders in those who may do well under the new. This coolness arises partly from fear of the opponents, who have the laws on their side, and partly from the incredulity of men, who do not readily believe in new things until they have had a long experience of them." -- Nicolo Machiavelli

Libertarian Party of Canada Convention

By Gene Balfour

On Sunday, October 1st, Jacques Boudreau was unanimously re-elected as Leader. Rob White was elected as Deputy Leader. Interim President Coreen Corcoran will continue in her position.

The Board was reduced from nine Director positions to only four. Stephanie Gilbert was re-elected and three new members were chosen for the Board.

The Ethics Committee has been reduced from 9 positions to 3 - 5. A new slate of 5 Ethics Committee members was chosen, including me. I suggested that the scope of the Ethics role be expanded to be more actively involved in Party business, but it was rejected.

The idea of creating a Shadow Cabinet with up to 20 members was raised and will be considered by the new Board in future meetings. I volunteered for the Climate Change portfolio because I wrote a Kindle eBook on the topic called *What To Do About CLIMATE CHANGE- A Libertarian Proposal*. I am also interested in promoting ideas to support Freedom of Informed Choice (FOIC) to showcase ideas that I wrote in my 'citizen white paper' in Kindle entitled *Digital Direct Democracy - A Libertarian Antidote to Digital Communism*.

I hope that the Board will approve of the Shadow Cabinet proposal. If so, I also hope that every person who attended the Convention will adopt a Shadow portfolio as a way of contributing more actively to the Party. For example, I would love to see Jacques declare himself as our Finance Shadow Critic given his enormous expertise in public debt!

I also suggested Jacques take on the challenge of hosting an AV podcast in which he would interview people with interesting credentials to discuss social and economic topics from the Libertarian perspective. Robert Breedlove, host of the *What Is Money* podcast, is a self-confessed introvert and intellectual who has successfully hosted nearly 400 shows including this recent one <https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/the-what-is-money-show/id1541404400?i=1000628841784>. Hosting an LPoC Podcast would be an excellent way for Jacques to build his public leadership profile, his knowledge of and connections with other thinkers and influencers in society, and to potentially monetize his podcast shows to feed the Party's coffers by donations. I will be honoured to be Jacques' first guest and to discuss any topic he desires. Podcasting by politicians is not a new idea. My local MP, Jaime Schmale, is host of *The BLUE-PRINT* <https://podcast.conservative.ca/>

The LPoC's Leadership and Board have three main goals: to increase Membership, Money and Candidates. The Party is rebuilding itself from a poor showing in the

last federal election. From those baseline metrics, the Board can plan and track metrics of growth. David Sabine has skills with Nation Builder. Hopefully, he will use his skills to set up a Planning and Reporting tool to target those three goals methodically and to experiment with "what works" and "what doesn't work". This is how effective Boards make progress in the private sector as I experienced firsthand as a business owner of www.hardwoodskiandbike.ca for 14 years and member of its Board for six years. This experience was similar as a shareholder and Director of the international division of R3D Consulting Ltd. (We grew the International Division from \$240,000 revenue in 2009 to \$20,000,000 by 2017 and from 3 people to ~60 during that period).

LPoC will make progress through realistic and achievable goals driven by careful, focused planning. Past approaches have produced disappointing results. Innovative thinking is needed for new ones that have a better chance to succeed. Execution of plans is always the hard part, especially in a small political party like the LPoC. It takes work by unpaid volunteers to do "the heavy lifting". I will be interested in seeing who among those elected this weekend will emerge as the spark plug to lead our collective efforts to get the desired results. I suspect it will be David and I hope he is encouraged to do so.

As for me, I am always available to discuss the LPoC's plans and offer my ideas. In terms of my active engagement for the LPoC, I am a writer today and plan to offer my skills in this area. Time will tell if the new Leadership team will accept my help in this regard. If they focus on the 3 Goals of the Party rather than getting bogged down with internal Party business, they may be more receptive to volunteer offers.

Of course, I plan to be an LPoC candidate for the 3rd time. I may also be helpful as a spokesman for the LPoC in Candidate recruitment. I am willing to share my experience with anyone thinking about running as a Candidate. As a career professional recruiter and someone who has run in many elections, I proved to be a useful resource for the Ontario Libertarian Party in 2018 when a small team of us fielded 116 candidates for Ontario's 124 electoral ridings.

It's a new day for the LPoC. May there be many sunny days ahead.

If you put the federal government in charge of the Sahara Desert, in 5 years there'd be a shortage of sand. --Milton Friedman