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Libertarian Pub Nights and Events

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday October 22, 9:30 AM—4:30 PM

Monte Carlo Inn—Toronto-Markham

8900 Woodbine Avenue, Markham

Register online at www.libertarian.on.ca/AGM

Fees—before October 17, 2016, \$50.00

At the door, \$60.00

Students \$25.00

(Since this is a business meeting, the registration fee is treated as a donation to the Party, eligible for a provincial tax credit. It will also be treated as a renewal of your membership to the end of next October.)

AGENDA

9:30—Registration and Continental Breakfast

10:00—Welcome and Reports of Officers

11:00—Libertarian Party of Canada GTA and Ontario Caucus Meetings

12:00—Buffet Lunch

1:00—Election Platform Development

3:00—Party Business and Elections

This year we will be having a combined meeting with the Libertarian Party of Canada. They held their convention in July and now they need to hold Caucus Meetings to elect Regional Coordinators for the GTA and the rest of Ontario. This will follow the Reports of Officers. Read more about it on page 4.

After lunch we will discuss the Platform we plan to use in the 2018 Election. We are working hard to develop a great platform that both reso-

Toronto Pub Night - Wednesday September 14, 7:00 PM (2nd Wednesday of each month) - Granite Brewery and Restaurant, 245 Eglinton Avenue East at Mt. Pleasant Rd. For more information email Jim McIntosh (cfo@libertarian.on.ca) or phone him at 416-283-7589. The next Pub Night is Wednesday October 12.

Kitchener-Waterloo Pub Night - Thursday September 15, 7:00 PM (3rd Thursday each month) - Benny's Family Restaurant 183 Weber St. N., Waterloo. RSVP to Paul Herriot (519-208-8379 or paulforfreedom@outlook.com) so he can reserve a large-enough table. The next Pub Night is October 20.

Harriston Pints 'n Politics—Tuesday September 27, 7:00 PM Harry Stone's Pizzeria and Ale House, 19 Elora St. S. Details at <http://harriston.ca/coming-events/135-pints-n-politics-september-27-2016>. For info and reservations Call Scott Marshall at: 519-338-3205 or email scott@harriston.ca

Ottawa Pub Meeting – October 2, 2-4 PM (usually 1st Sunday of each month) - O'Brien's Eatery and Pub, 1145 Heron Road. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Damien Wilson, j.damien.wilson@gmail.com. Next meeting is November 6.

Woodstock Pub Night - Thursday November 3, 7:00 PM - Charles Dickens pub, 505 Dundas St, Woodstock. ([map](#)) Your host is Matt Radford, mrادford1977@gmail.com.

Peterborough Pub Night –December 11, 12:00 PM The Black Horse Pub and Restaurant, .450 George St.N...Peterborough. Contact Jacob Currier, jakecurrier33@gmail.com or 705-808-2308.

Guelph Pub Night - Friday ??? 7:00 PM (2nd Friday of each month) - Bobby O'Brien's, 90 Macdonell St, Guelph. See www.facebook.com/LocalsForLiberty. RSVP to Andrew Donovan (cellphone 519-362-7660).

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 1-855-ONT-LIBerty.

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nates well with Ontario voters while still being completely consistent with libertarian principles. A Platform describes what we would do if elected for a 4 year mandate. This is different from our "Statement of Ultimate Goals" that you can refer

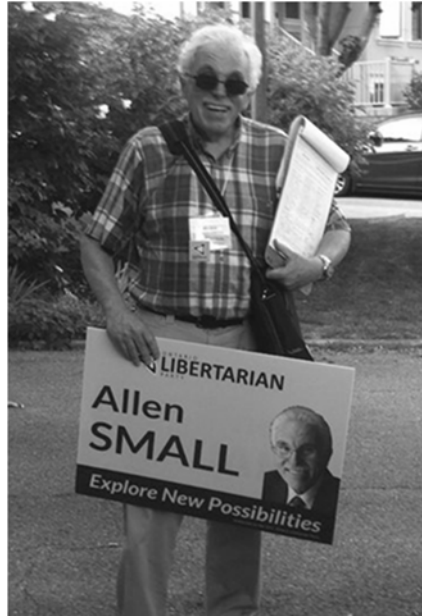
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Thoughts on the By-election in Scarborough-Rouge River—Risky Business, by Allen Small

By-Elections are risky affairs for smaller parties or any party, really. They are of course an opportunity to expose some voters to our ideas. In doing that we can change opinions, recruit new members, even get some media attention. All the good things that we exist for, the things that give us a purpose.

The downside of by elections is that the majority of voters generally ignore them just because they will not be involved. These elections also tend to attract more than the usual number of special interest lobby and independent candidates because this single election often gets undue media attention. Worse yet is the likelihood of a much lower voter turnout than usual. Rarely do these elections change the balance of power in the Legislature, so they have little tangible effect. But sometimes media inflate the importance of the outcome as a referendum on the existing government; maybe that's true, maybe not.

All of these things were evident in Scarborough Rouge-River, and add to that mix, the fact that it was not my riding, but very close by. When I made the decision to run, months ago, I knew the risks



and the calculation was made that running a limited campaign was worthwhile for the party. The location of the riding, its demographics and history dictated that the Party should not bet the bankroll on this particular election. Rather, we were going to do some things, test some things and try and maintain our fifth place position relative to the other parties, and at the same time covet our resources for the bigger battle ahead.

The Ontario Libertarian Party has been the fifth largest party since the 2011 General Election. To appear to lose that spot, even in a by-election, would be embarrassing. That was a risk. In the end we did maintain our fifth place position among the main parties, but a one-issue independent candidate spoiled my final outcome to sixth place overall.

On the positive side, we did have a large turnout of volunteers for a one-day blitz of the riding and the entire campaign was funded by donations. There are at least two more by-elections in the offing, in Ottawa and Niagara Falls. We plan to run in both and we hope everyone will offer support.

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to on our website. Most people believe that adjusting to a libertarian society would take more than a 4 year time-frame.

Sometimes we have focused on items around the edges. What we have found is if we focus on items people care a lot about, we can attract more attention. Today, in 2016, the top issues are Hydro, Health Care, Education, Jobs and Taxation. So we are tackling these issues head on!

At our annual meeting on October 22, 2016, we will be presenting our Platform ideas to the members assembled. We will discuss the issues, listen to feedback, and adjust our ideas. Our final platform proposal will go to our "caucus" for approval according to our party rules.

During the business portion of the meeting we

will hold elections. According to our Constitution, any positions filled by the Executive are to be considered vacant at the next AGM or Convention and must be filled by election. In April the Chairman, Phillip Richards, resigned due to family and work related issues. As a result, the Executive Committee assigned Mark Wrzesniewski as Chairman, Damien Wilson replaced Mark as Vice-Chair, and Ron White resigned from the Ethics Committee to replace Damien as Member at Large. The two Members at Large are elected for a one-year term so four positions on the Executive are up for grabs, so to speak. We also need to elect two members to the 6-member Ethics Committee. If you are interested in helping the Party, this is your opportunity.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our upcoming AGM. Your input into our party Platform development will make us better. See you then!

The Ontario Libertarian Party selects Allen Small as candidate In Scarborough-Rouge River.

Media Release August 3, 2016

The Ontario Libertarian Party is proud to announce that Party Leader, Allen Small, will represent the Party in the Scarborough-Rouge River by-election.

Allen spent thirty years of his teaching career working at two schools within the Scarborough Board of Education and then the Toronto District School Board after amalgamation. Now retired from teaching, his last school in Scarborough was Agincourt Collegiate Institute [14 years]. The Scarborough-Rouge River riding overlaps the catchment area of Agincourt C. I.

At the announcement Allen commented: "This government has proved to be one of the most corrupt, least accountable, least responsible, in my memory. After 13 years they have thoroughly botched up what was already an ailing energy system. Who knew, it could be made worse? Not only has our Hydro system not improved, but the price of electricity today is sky high. Ontarians have become the climate change guinea pigs of North America lead by ideological zealots within the government who are determined to stop climate change with painful taxes, bans and endless subsidies paid for by the citizens of Ontario. All this was done under the supposedly watchful eye of the opposition parties in the legislature. They have been complicit in this."

Small went on to point out that our healthcare system is

in disarray. Physicians, the primary health care providers, have been without a Contract for more than 2 years. Ailing patients must leave the country to receive timely medical care or risk dying."

"In education," continued Small, "the curriculum is geared to suit the government's agenda rather than the wishes of parents or the needs of students."

"The provincial debt is now \$300 Billion and rising," he noted. "It is the largest sub-sovereign debt on Earth, as a consequence of this governments mismanagement."

These issues and others make it imperative for the people of Scarborough-Rouge River to send a strong voice to the Legislature that will advocate for lower Hydro prices, a healthcare system that meets the needs of Ontarians. an education system that allows parents to choose the values they want their children to be taught, and lower taxes with less government red tape.

Allen Small will be that strong voice. Polling day is September 1, 2016.

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Corporate Welfare: A Primer

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Q: What is corporate welfare?

A: The Canadian Taxpayers Federation considers "corporate welfare" to mean any loan, grant or "investment" of taxpayer dollars to private businesses.

Q: Couldn't low business taxes be considered a form of corporate welfare?

A: No. Low business taxes (or tax cuts) merely allow a business to keep more of the money it has already earned. Corporate welfare is different since it takes from taxpayers and gives to companies money they have not earned.

Q: Shouldn't we worry about job losses?

A: Job losses are always unfortunate and people affected deserve sympathy and help. But the reality is companies go out of business (and new ones start up) every day. The vast majority of companies are not bailed out by governments; in most cases, nobody even suggests it as a realistic option. If governments pick and choose which ones to save, they are playing favourites — inevitably for political reasons.

Q: But if we can save some jobs, shouldn't we?

A: It is misleading to say corporate welfare saves jobs — what it actually does is force taxpayers to pay for those jobs instead of the employer. Imagine that your neighbour came to you one day and said "my employer is going bankrupt — can you pay my salary out of your pocket instead so I can keep going to work?" Your neighbour's gain is your direct cost. This is exactly how corporate welfare works, just on a much bigger scale.

Q: Many of these jobs are high-paying jobs. Isn't it important to keep them?

A: A high-paying job is only economically desirable if there aren't also high costs to taxpayers for keeping them in existence. Imagine saying a "good customer" is someone you pay to buy your products: they might be buying a lot from you, but you now also have to factor in the cost of paying them too. Also, if the only important measure of a "good job" is that employees receive hefty paycheques, there is no reason to stop at industries like aerospace. Governments could simply pay people \$50 an hour to sell lemonade, with very similar "spinoff" and "economic impact" effects.

Q: But in Bombardier's case, their competitors also receive help from their respective governments, so isn't it only fair Bombardier does too?

A: First, many of us will remember our parents telling us "if all your friends jumped off a bridge, does that mean you should too?" This lesson also applies to bad public policy. Just because other countries adopt bad policy, doesn't mean Canada should as well.

Second, even if we accept this argument, the countries that subsidize Bombardier's competitors — the United States (Boeing), European Union countries (Airbus), Brazil (Embraer), not to mention new competitors from China and Japan — are all much bigger and have more resources than Canada. Simply put, we cannot win a subsidy war with these governments. So why would we even try?

Libertarian Party of Canada - GTA and Ontario Regional Caucus Meetings

Following a successful convention in July, the Libertarian Party of Canada (LPoC) has completed plans for the Ontario and GTA caucuses which will be held together and alongside the Ontario Libertarian Party's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The 2016 caucus meetings will be attended by Party Leader, Tim Moen, who will deliver the opening remarks and offer his thoughts on the future of the Libertarian Party of Canada. The balance of the meetings will be used to conduct elections for Regional Directors for both the GTA and Ontario regions. Voting is reserved for LPoC members but all are welcome to attend. Members who are interested in submitting their name for consideration for Regional Director are asked to contact Eli Gotfryd or Rich Hodgson.

For those who wish to attend both the AGM and caucus meetings, please register at the Ontario Libertarian Party web site, <http://libertarian.on.ca/AGM>

There is no fee for LPoC voting members who wish to attend the caucus meetings only. Pre-registration is required. Please contact one of the following.

- Eli Gotfryd - Regional Coordinator GTA
eligotfryd@gmail.com or (647) 739-6076
- Rich Hodgson - Regional Coordinator Ontario
richjr@whdcanada.com or (519) 841-1667

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Election of Caucus Chair
3. Opening remarks by LPoC Leader, Tim Moen
4. Regional Director nominations and elections (held separately for GTA and Ontario)
5. Destruction of ballots
6. Discussion - amalgamation of GTA and Ontario regions
7. Adjournment

Ontario Libertarian Party Reports Jump in New Membership and Social Media Traffic.

Media Release, May 23, 2016

The Ontario Libertarian Party recorded the fifth highest number of votes received and ridings contested in the 2014 Ontario General Election.

In March, April, and continuing into May 2016, the party has seen a noticeable spike in new membership and social media traffic. According to Leader Allen Small, "Normal traffic on our social media posts runs around 1,000 views. But a recent post relating to the May 1, 2016 electricity price hike had well over 60,000 views, an all-time record for us." Commenting on membership increases, Allen says "We have really noticed a jump in new members in the days and weeks that followed Ontario PC Party Leader Patrick Brown's Convention speech on March 6, 2016, where he announced his party's support for carbon pricing. We think the membership increase is a direct result of the real suffering being felt in all parts of Ontario, and in particular rural areas, where relentless electricity price increases are forcing people to make completely unexpected changes in life style, with no appreciable improvement in benefits or service. When compared with Quebec to the east and Manitoba to the west, Ontario is paying sky-high electricity prices that just keep increasing, seemingly without any let up."

In South-western Ontario, newly minted member Matt Radford organized a "Rally for Recall" at Queen's Park on May 9, 2016. Matt explains, "I was really disappointed when MPP Randy Hillier's Recall Bill didn't receive much support in the Legislature. We need Recall as an ultimate check on out-of-control government".

In Eastern Ontario, there have been many new members that have drifted away from the Ontario PC Party. Recent new member, Joel Gogolin says, "While I might have wanted to support the Ontario PC Party, I now feel politically homeless since the PC's shifted to more closely mirror the policies of the Liberals and NDP. The recent carbon pricing policy announcement of the Ontario PC Party was the last straw for me. The Ontario Libertarian Party seems to be the largest and best choice for me now, in my pursuit of changes from the status quo. I want to work with others who are committed to stop the ever increasing size, scope, and debt of the Provincial government."

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