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"Socialism, or communism as it is sometimes called, is merely a secular religion, where the State becomes a god."

— Stefan Molyneux



LEADER'S UPDATE

Hopefully this post-election message finds you well. Today, I want to talk about healthcare, and the Ontario Libertarian Party's plan to break free from the centralized control over your healthcare. For the past fifty years, politicians have promised to fix wait times, address shortages of doctors, specialists, nurses, other front-line staff and services... and what have they done? Add to the bureaucracy and not much else in a practical sense.

Our plan is to decentralize Queen's Park and the MOH (Ministry of Health) by attaching the funding to you. You fund your LHINs (Local Health Integration Networks) with your share of the budget allocation (\$5480 per person), plus there will be NO MORE political appointments managing your local healthcare. Elections will be held within the LHIN and individual hospitals, whereby people from the community can choose who is most qualified in their area. Furthermore, all hiring and staffing levels will be done within the LHIN, through these elected boards. By reorganizing this way, funding in each LHIN will improve by 35-40% in the first year of implementation. The best part? The politicians will no longer be able to claim to fix healthcare – because you own it!!!

In the 1980s the MOH had about 400,000 employees with 70% frontline staff and 30% administration staff. The MOH was organized in 14 Regions (now the 14 LHINS), which still exist today in structure but not in name. Today the MOH staff is 52% frontline staff and 48% bureaucracy and has ballooned to almost 800,000 employees.

What did the Mike Harris amalgamation do, this coupled with Public Servants getting the right to vote and become politically active (1982), it changed the political landscape for the last 40 years, it changed the demographics in ridings were the vast majority of people who show up to vote are employed by the Public Service. Those Unions in Ontario, have become a political force and every party must pander to those ridings to get a majority government. Just take the 2018 election and the Liberals under Katheen Wynne – when the Liberal party was looking like they might lose official party status (which they did), all the Public Service Union members quickly jumped ship and turned to the NDP. That is why the NDP is the official opposition now, and since 2018.

Ideas like this are what sets Libertarians apart from the BORG.

Mark Snow,
Party Leader

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Sean CONROY (X)

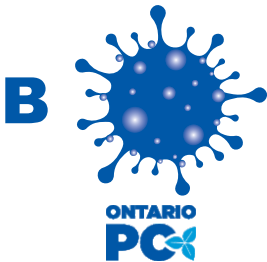
First time Ontario Libertarian candidate in York-Simcoe

wait, there's more ... see page 5

Mark mentioned the BORG on page 1. We do not want to be assimilated by

THE BORG

All look strikingly similar under the microscope.



Experience of a First Time Candidate

by Sean Conroy

I've spent over 20 years in the live event industry, collaborating with performers of all levels and diverse communities throughout the province. It's a fast-paced career with constant demands on my time and attention. Despite my extensive experience, I can honestly say that nothing prepared me for the election process!

I decided to run because there was no Libertarian candidate in my riding. I couldn't in good conscience vote for another party, as none truly represented my values. When I discovered the position was open, I considered it, spoke with my family, and decided to put my name forward.

Within hours of submitting my application, Scott contacted me, and we spoke the next morning. We discussed our lives and the current political landscape, getting a feel for each other to see if this partnership would be a good fit. I quickly realized I had found my new home and extended family!

Almost immediately after our conversation, Scott sent me my candidate package, pledge, and detailed instructions. He reassured me that he would be available and by my side throughout the process; and he was!

With just over a week to get my signatures and get on the ballot, the clock was ticking. Fortunately, I have a large, politically aware network that was ready to sign. Then, one of the biggest snowstorms in recent history hit! Despite the weather challenges, I gathered my signatures with a day and a half to spare.

I quickly sent my Candidate Pledge sheet and package to Scott and Neal, who promptly completed all the necessary information and sent me to the election office to register. After a few calls and emails, my information and signatures were confirmed, and I had an appointment that evening to show proof of identity and receive my Certificate of Nomination.

Officially, I was on the ballot with only two weeks until election day!

That night, I attended a virtual candidate meeting and was excited to meet my fellow party members. The warm welcome and everyone's stories motivated me for what was ahead!

Scott had warned me that local news outlets would likely contact me. However, I never anticipated the volume of inquiries from individuals, special interests, and community groups. Hospitals, libraries, and high school students even reached out to learn more about me and the Libertarian Party. It seemed overwhelming at first, but after processing it all, my political instincts kicked in. I sorted through the inquiries and engaged in meaningful conversations, listening to people's concerns and explaining how I, as their Libertarian candidate, would work for them.

First Time Candidate ... continued

The more I spoke with people, the more I knew I was on the right path and that my decision to represent my riding was the right one!

As election day approached, the clock was ticking. Friends and family shared their excitement as they saw my name on the advanced ballots. People I had lost contact with reached out to congratulate me on entering politics, expressing their pride in my decision to advocate for change.

I decided to wait until voting day to cast my vote. I would be the first in line and the first vote cast at my polling center. The bright, smiling faces of the election workers greeted me. I provided my voter card and photo ID and they handed me the ballot envelope. I walked to the voting screen and slowly slid out my ballot. Seeing my name in bold letters alongside the other candidates filled me with a great sense of accomplishment. The words of praise and support came back to me, creating a feeling I had never experienced before! I marked my X next to my name and hid the ballot back in the sleeve, walking across the room with a grin and swagger to officially cast my vote.

After leaving the polling station and heading to work, the day seemed endless as I waited to get home and watch the election coverage.

Finally, 8 p.m. arrived. I turned on the pre-election coverage and prepared my laptop to monitor the results. With my phone charged to keep family and friends updated, the hour before the polls closed felt even longer than my day at the office!

At 9 p.m., I yelled, "It's showtime!" My kids joined me on the couch to watch the election coverage, cheering with every shift in the numbers. I pulled up the results of my fellow Libertarian candidates on my laptop, updating the kids and my supporters. The success of the other parties didn't matter; tonight was about my fellow candidates and me! Watching our numbers surpass those of the prior election was incredibly exciting; true victory for all of us!

Once all the polls were reported and the results announced, it officially dawned on me: a politician has been born!

Ontario Libertarian Candidate Results February 2025

District	Candidate	Votes	District	Candidate	Votes
005	Erin Patterson	644	072	Michelle Lashbrook	539
013	Rob Ferguson	500	076	Ken Lewis	233
014	Michael Butt	679	080	Coreen Corcoran	528
017	Bruce Faulkner	263	082	Henryk Szymczyszyn	276
035	Zachary Tisdale	385	091	Jacques Boudreau	590
052	Mark Snow	342	100	William Joslin	578
055	Ken Byma	572	114	James Schulz	325
070	Stefanos Karatopis	326	121	Sean Conroy	434
071	James Chretien	470			

Thank You All!!

CANDIDATES WANTED ...

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Nominations close April 7th

*If you want more info about becoming a libertarian candidate go to their website and fill out the **Candidate Application** (link is on the homepage).*

2025 the year of SNAP ELECTIONS!

First it's Ontario in February and now Canada in April, why wait when "Orange Man Bad" has seemingly hypnotized the disengaged public.

What has this "Team Canada" really done for you lately?

I've been a Libertarian since listening to Ron Paul in 2007 and doing a bit of research.

I quickly learned I'd been a libertarian my entire life.

If you don't have a libertarian in your riding, why not just vote for yourself?

A great way to share ideas of *less government, lower taxes, and more freedom* is having your name on the ballot and giving voters the option.

It really can be a rewarding and eye opening experience.

~ Scott Marshall

Editorial - It's hard to trust them

by Michelle Lashbrook, Party Chairman and two time Ontario Candidate in Nipissing

I was asked to share some thoughts on the recent Provincial Election, and to be honest, there are plenty of words I'd love to unleash— but out of respect for your delicate sensibilities (and the potential for a long post), I'll hold back. For now.

The Ontario Libertarian Party (OLP) had a fantastic plan in place to recruit candidates and roll out a marketing campaign for next year's provincial election. We were feeling confident— a little too confident, I guess— thinking that we had time on our side, that the next election wouldn't be called until June 2026, as scheduled. After all, Doug Ford, the man who fought so hard against the ability to call early elections, wouldn't suddenly flip-flop on that, right?



Michelle Lashbrook
Chairman

Wrong.

Apparently, already being in power wasn't enough for good ole' Dougie. He used the convenient excuse of a "Tariff War" to call an unnecessary snap election, burning through millions of taxpayer dollars in the process—because, you know, that money couldn't have totally been better spent on, say, actual infrastructure or healthcare perhaps? Dougie called the election in the dead of winter, giving us a mere few weeks to campaign. What did that do, you ask?

Well, for starters, it showed just how little Doug cares about Ontarians or even the very democratic process. Holding a snap election in the middle of winter practically ensured that seniors, people with disabilities, and snowbirds would have a tough time getting to the polls. But hey, who needs access to democracy, right? Even better, Elections Ontario didn't have enough time to properly train their staff. This was made apparent when a young man from Southern Ontario made a YouTube video where he demonstrated how, armed with nothing but a paper bank statement and no photo ID, he could've voted at 11 different polling stations. (Spoiler alert: he didn't actually vote 11 times, but the fact that he could've should be concerning enough.) The staff, seemingly baffled, just had him sign a declaration swearing that he was who he said he was. If that doesn't scream "insecure election," I don't know what does. Honestly, that video should've been enough to call the whole thing invalid and force a do-over. Last I checked, Elections Ontario was trying to get YouTube to take the video down— because nothing screams "trustworthy election" like censorship. ("How to Steal an Election" Voter Fraud Exposed, MDGA channel, if you're curious.)

Historically, Conservatives do well when voter turnout is low— and guess what? Turnout was abysmal this time around. With the current federal mess and the Liberals' complete track record of destruction, it's no surprise that Doug managed to pull out a win, even though he's a CINO— Conservative In Name Only. And now we're stuck with him for another four years. Fantastic.

The reason Doug won, despite his failure to uphold any meaningful Conservative principles over the past Covid Regime years & beyond, is simple: panic. Voters, instead of sticking to their morals or casting a ballot for a smaller party or independent candidate who could actually represent their views, chose the "lesser of two evils" in the heat of the moment. Newsflash, folks: choosing the lesser evil is still choosing evil. So, the burning question: Will Ontario be better off under Doug Ford for another four years? I don't think so. In fact, I'm pretty sure we're in for a bumpy ride with a man who recently threatened to cut off electricity to U.S. families in the winter, constantly praises Liberals (looking at you, Carney), and seems only interested in protecting his own business interests and cronies. Oh and having his ego seductively stroked by the (propaganda) media.

The federal election is right around the corner. Maybe—just maybe—it's time we stop playing this game of choosing between the "lesser of two evils" and actually vote for a party that aligns with our principles. It's time to stop settling, folks. Next time, let's vote for real change, for less government, and not just more of the same old same old. Because here we are... and no one wants to be here any longer.

Announcements

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHUFFLE

New member and recent Candidate, Sean Conroy expressed an interest in becoming more involved.

On March 10th, 2025 with the snap election behind us, Scott Marshall resigned as Campaign Director and was appointed as interim Deputy Leader. This opened up a position for Sean Conroy to join the executive as the interim Campaign Director.

We are very pleased that our Executive Committee is now full for the first time in a while and we are looking forward to focusing on growing the membership.

WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR LOGO?



Don't panic yet but I am bringing this to the executive.

Be honest, is it just me or is the icon on the right beginning to lose it's appeal? I won't lie, a recent upstart of disgruntled conservatives (New Blue) pretty much emulated our basic trillium layout and is also using a variation of our colours.



They say copying is a form of flattery but I'm not buying it. In my opinion they are wannabe libertarians lacking originality or creativity so they simply help themselves. Don't get me started on libertarian views on IP rights (intellectual property), the jury is still out on that one.

I spent the weekend experimenting with ideas and even enlisted AI to compliment it. This is what I came up with. It's making use of our colours, signifies the Trillium with additional design elements and would be easier to use on other backgrounds. The outer ring on the current one simply gets lost, which is why it's always over yellow, and lacks flexibility for alternative usage.

Once I found a concept I liked I spent a few hours on Sunday reworking it and drawing it as a vector graphic, which means it can be scaled without losing resolution or even change the colour of elements easily.

Anyway, let me know what you think. Thanks!!

- Scott Marshall, interim Deputy Leader
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15.00	180.00	135.00	45.00
20.00	240.00	180.00	60.00
30.00	360.00	270.00	90.00
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