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Leader's Report

by Rob Ferguson

There are a couple of areas I wanted to cover in the leader's report for the spring edition of our newsletter. They are the recent resignations of two executive officers, rebuilding some areas within the party and to touch on the convention that we will have in November of 2019.

At our recent AGM in Toronto we elected all positions on the executive that had previously been filled by temporary appointment by the executive committee. I was very impressed with the executive that was elected to run the day to day operations of the OLP until our next convention. Sometimes what happens is members elected to the executive overlook family stresses, effects on work or other things the executive officers have to go through.

Over the past couple of months we have had two newly elected executive officers resign from the executive committee. They were Sabile Trimm who held the office of Party Chair & Judi Falardeau who held the position of recording secretary. It was an honor having these two on our committee and I look forward to both of these members continuing to help the Ontario Libertarian Party grow. Both unfortunately had to resign for personal reasons. On behalf of the executive committee I thank you for stepping up.

Subsequently, our vice-chair at the time Mark "Wojo" Wrzesniewski was promoted to chair by the executive committee. Mark has held this office previously and I feel the party is in great hands with Mark in the chair's seat on the executive. This shuffle created another vacancy as now the vice-chair was vacant.

Our executive spent some time searching for the right candidates to fill these two vacant positions. At a recent executive committee meeting our committee appointed Paul Herriott to vice-chair and Serge Korovitsyn as recording secretary. Both of these members will bring some fresh ideas to the team.

On behalf of the executive committee and party members I congratulate both Paul and Serge for the appointments and look forward to working with them going forward.

It has been well known that we were starting a constitutional and bylaws committee to make recommendations for our membership to consider at next November's convention. We recently met and I feel it was a great success as we covered a list of 12 recommendations that could help the party and had been submitted by our past leader Allen Small. Just to touch on some of Allen's ideas being considered:

- executives should be a party member for a minimum time frame prior to becoming an executive officer
- better screening or vetting of candidates
- develop a campaign committee well in advance of next election
- to create a communications committee to oversee our website, Twitter, Facebook
- define the roles of the executive officers

Although November's convention seems like it's a long time away, it's not considering the work required on these topics before then. We plan to have the recommendations for changes to our bylaws and constitution complete by early June. If you have any thoughts on how to make this party better feel free to contact me or others on the executive committee. We welcome input from you, our valued members.

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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.

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Another important action to undertake prior to the 2019 Convention will be to hold a leadership race to choose the Leader who will take us through the 43rd Ontario General Election to be held in June 2022.

We are also working on more initiatives including a "Critics Corner" staffed by interested members who will act as critics of various government portfolios. This is helpful in so many ways. The articles they will write will help feed our website and social media assets with more content and will assist me as I could be presenting this information to media. If you are interested in helping out with the critics corner please contact me.

The executive committee is also working on other things including upgrading our website to make it more user friendly, graphically appealing and easier to navigate. We are also looking at starting to sell party swag, which again I love this idea.

As leader I often hear members ask how can I help? This is a very exciting time for our party. The first way to help is to ensure your membership is up to date. Then connect with myself or one of our executive officers to discuss what areas are of interest to you. I see us starting to do special events around Ontario but will need to have members help us with this.

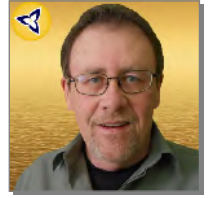
The last item I'd like to touch on is our annual BBQ. As leader I want to take the time to thank Paolo Fabrizio, his wife Teresa and other members of their family for all the hard work they have contributed in the past to make each year's BBQ a growing success. Every year they would be up at 4 am to be ready at the park for all of you at 6 am.

Although there will be a new group of volunteers planning and running this year's BBQ we are pleased to announce it will take place **Saturday July 6th from 9am to 4pm in Riverside Park, Cambridge** (more details on back page). I look forward to seeing all of you at the annual BBQ and please feel free to bring your family and friends.

In conclusion we have a lot of work ahead of us over the next few months but with the great executive officers we have in place and the members who are stepping up to help will help us achieve a better result.

Volunteers Wanted

by *Scott Marshall*



As our Leader, Rob Ferguson outlined in his report we really do have a lot going on behind the scenes.

While the executive committee is doing the best they can we could use more volunteers to help ease the load a bit. As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work!"

Don't be shy, give us a call on the party phone or send an email to leader@libertarian.on.ca. Tell us what you're interested in and we'll partner you up with one of the executive members who needs a helping hand with the important work being done. Thanks!!!

Financial Summary - 2018

(January 1 - December 31)

INCOME		2017	2018
Contributions		25,479	22,833
Social Functions & General Collections		95	65
Interest Income		146	141
Other Income		1,660	960
TOTAL CASH NON-ELECTION INCOME		27,380	23,998
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Advertising		1,293	686
Audit		-	-
Bank Charges		1,133	991
Brochures, Newsletter		1,651	1,896
Furniture & Equipment		29	-
Fund Raising Expenses		-	196
Insurance & Utilities		912	923
Meetings Hosted (AGM)		4,254	2,806
Office & Equipment Rental (Mail Box)		149	170
Office Supplies		1,383	2,088
Postage & Courier		2,729	3,248
Prepaid Expense (Decrease)		1,170	585
Professional Fees		843	829
Signs		-	-
Social Funct'ns (BBQ)		546	-
Telephone		543	668
Travel Expenses		280	75
Web and Internet		713	749
TOTAL CASH OPERATING EXPENSES		17,628	15,911
INCOME minus OPERATING EXPENSES		9,752	8,088
Election Income		-	12,143
Nomination Expenses		-100	-7,795
Election Campaign Expenses		-	-33,300
Bank Balance January 1		29,649	38,926
A/P January 1		-1,204	-285
A/R January 1		310	936
A/P December 31		-285	
A/R December 31		-	
Bank Balance at December 31 (Actual)		38,926	19,668

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR I know some may not like the following essay, what I will say is this. I requested original material to put into this issue and didn't get much of a response. So ... I asked Gene and he sent me an opinion piece within a few hours. He is a party member and I appreciate his effort. The request for **original content** to be considered for inclusion is open to all members. Please send it to: scottmarshall@libertarian.on.ca

Socialism is dictatorship by the self righteous

by Gene Balfour

To understand the truth behind this essay's title, it's best to define the terms being used.



Dictionary.com defines 'socialism' as an economic system in which the production and distribution of goods are controlled substantially by the government rather than by private enterprise, and in which cooperation rather than competition guides economic activity.

There are many varieties of socialism.

Socialist ideas are growing in popularity today. This is especially true on our university campuses and in the many community and special interest groups that allege to champion causes for "the needy", "the vulnerable" and the "disadvantaged". "Cultural Marxism" is only the latest popular variety of socialism, and it is defined here: <https://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=cultural%20marxism>

Dictionary.com defines 'self righteous' as: "having or characterized by a certainty, especially an unfounded one, that one is totally correct or morally superior." As the Urban Dictionary points out about cultural marxists, "true argument or discussion with proponents of these [socialist] causes is almost impossible as most attempts at discourse descend quickly into shouting, name-calling and chanting of slogans."

Canada has three major political parties that cater to socialists in general, and cultural marxists in particular: Liberals, Green and the NDP which has traditionally been associated with organized labour and the most socialist of these three. The post-Harper Conservatives seem also to have shifted 'left' in order to attract socialist voters with the promise of more policy 'goodies' to appease them.

In opposition to socialism at the federal level are The People's Party of Canada (PPC) under Maxime Bernier and the Libertarian Party of Canada (LPoC) under Tim Moen. These are the only political entities whose members and politicians stand on stated principles and who are not interested in "buying votes" by dishing out expensive election promises of "free stuff" to sate the bottomless needs of pro-socialist Canadians. The PPC and LPoC offer two different versions of Liberty both aspiring to Less Government. While the LPoC offers a more anarchocapitalist vision of Canada under a minimum state with little or no government, the PPC has chosen a minarchist path to Less Government with the end goal left undefined.

One way to think of the above political parties is by the degree of their commitment to employ methods of harm and aggression to achieve their stated outcomes.

These methods are based on establishing authorized force which, in turn, is derived from our parliamentary processes for passing new legislation and funding the enforcement of said legislation through taxation and/or public debt. The NDP, Green and Liberal parties are the 'offensive' entities since they are each committed to expanding government authority and control over Canadians. In reaction to this offensiveness, the PPC and LPoC parties are left with no choice but to play a 'defensive' role to oppose the steady attempts of the others as being increasingly 'offensive'.

Mainstream media, of course, are all on board with socialist causes. Maybe this has something to do with the fact that UNIFOR is the predominant labour union for journalists and unions are notorious for fomenting socialist values. Or maybe it's because Justin Trudeau promised a \$595 million fund of tax dollars to reward journalists who produce media content that meets with government approval. This Nov. 2018 UNIFOR article shared the details: <https://www.unifor.org/en/whats-new/press-room/canadas-largest-media-union-welcomes-help-local-news-0>.

So why "dictatorship"? In my view, it's because Canada uses a "winner takes all" system of electoral democracy which can result in a small portion of the voting population "calling the shots" in Ottawa for the entire population of the riding. To explain and provide an example, let's recall the February 25, 2019 by-election results in Burnaby South, BC. NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh won this riding but the voting metrics tell an interesting story: only 30% of registered voters bothered to vote; under 40% of the votes registered went to Singh; this means that fewer than 12% (40% of 30%) of all registered voters have authorized Jagmeet Singh with his socialist NDP policies to "represent" 100% of the 112,000 residents of Burnaby South in parliament!

Note: Singh actually got 8,848 votes (39%) out of the total of 22,926 registered votes which was only 30.1% of a possible 74,000 eligible voters.

I am hopeful that maybe things are about to change. The wave of populism is on the side of a pro-Liberty shift in political culture. It's unfortunate though, that many Libertarians (especially the anarchocapitalists) are not pleased with the injection of the PPC's brand of "libertarian-conservatism" to federal politics. I see it as a positive development - a sign that more people are fed up with the past dominance of the Liberal and Conservative "Big Government" brands and view a new set of Libertarian/ Conservative policy choices as something to celebrate. The PPC fills a void between the LPoC and the CPC which has shifted 'left' under Andrew Scheer. Since "nature abhors a vacuum", it was inevitable that a political presence like Maxime Bernier and his PPC would emerge.

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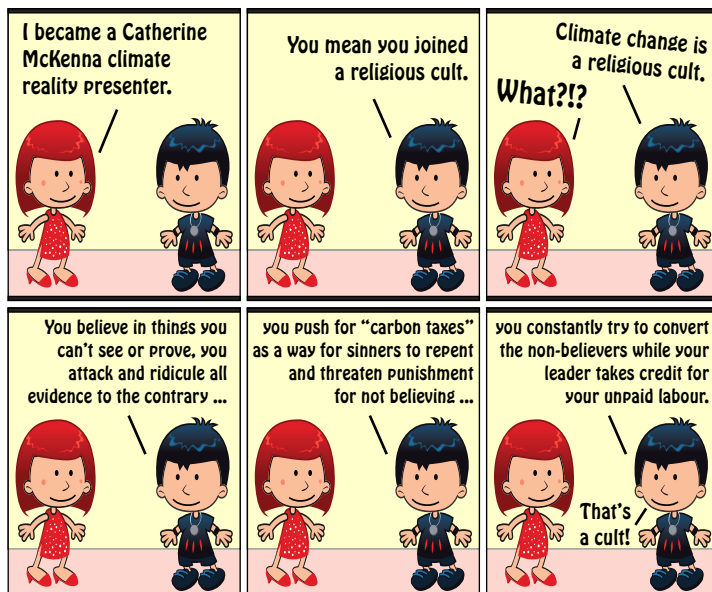
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Let's face it, the political culture in Canada will never change to repel nonstop government growth unless we get more people to seriously hear and consider pro-Liberty ideas. It has always been a challenge for Libertarians to "reach" the millions of self righteous socialists in Canada because the natural reaction of socialists to ideas based on reason is to never consider them - these people simply deflect reason and double down on their perceived "moral high ground". Also, theirs is the path of least thinking or effort since the only thing required of them to support their beliefs is to vote for the politician who promises the most "help for the needy" using our taxes and new rules.

If only more of Canada's socialists would be willing to listen to reason, they would learn that there are many Libertarian ways to help people to satisfy their own needs without engaging the very expensive, impersonal and bureaucratic government middle man. To spread this message far and wide, and to have it considered seriously - this is the challenge of every LPoC and PPC candidate who will run in one of the 338 electoral ridings in Canada.

If you are reading this bulletin, you have already declared yourself as a "defender of Liberty". As I have said often in the past: "I don't much care which political party implements pro-Liberty ideas just so long as the get implemented successfully." Regardless of which federal pro-liberty party you choose to support, let's all remain committed to our common cause for Less Government in Canada.

The preceding article is an opinion piece that has been shared by the author and does not necessarily reflect the official position of the Ontario Libertarian Party or its members.



The Ontario Libertarian Party opposes the imposition of Carbon Taxes on Ontario residents. Learn more at: http://libertarian.on.ca/kill_the_carbon_tax-and_then_what

Libertarian Pub Nights and Events

Toronto Pub Night

Wednesday April 10th, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

(Normally 2nd Wednesday of each month)

Location: The Granite Brewery and Restaurant, 245 Eglinton Ave. E. (entrance/parking on Mount Pleasant Rd. east side, just south of Eglinton.)

Everyone welcome - bring a friend. Parking is FREE available beneath the restaurant. For more information email Jim McIntosh (cfo@libertarian.on.ca) or phone 416-283-7589. Subsequent meeting will be Wednesday May 8th, 2019.

Ottawa Meetup

Sunday April 7th, 2019 @ 2:00 PM

(Normally 1st or 2nd Sunday of the month, depending on holidays, etc)

Location: O'Brien's Eatery and Pub, 1145 Heron Road., Ottawa

Everyone welcome - we always have fun! There is no charge to attend, just pay for your own food and drink. For more information email Mark Snow (marksnow@rogers.com) or just show up.

Kitchener-Waterloo Pub Night

Thursday April 18th, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

(Normally 3rd Thursday of the month)

Location: Angel's Family Restaurant, 190 Weber St. N., Waterloo (corner of Weber N and Lodge St.)

Everyone welcome - invite your friends. There is no charge to attend, just pay for your own food and drink. Please RSVP to Paul Herriot (paulforfreedom@outlook.com) or phone 519-208-8379 to ensure he reserves a large enough table. Subsequent meeting on Thursday May 16th, 2019.

Barrie Pub Night

Tuesday April 16th, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

(Normally 3rd Tuesday of each month)

Location: Tiff's Bar & Restaurant, 29 Anne St. S.

Why not come out and grab a pint and some wings and discuss politics with some local Libertarians. Everyone and anyone is welcome, so feel free to bring a friend. Subsequent meeting tentatively schedule for May 21st, 2019.

http://libertarian.on.ca/pub_nights

*** NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR ***

Annual Ontario Libertarian Party Picnic



Riverside Park, Cambridge ON

1855 Rogers Drive

(in the Dolph Picnic Area)

Sat. July 6th from 10am to 4pm

private area, lots of tables, very easy access from the 401, food and beverages provided, Rain or Shine as we have a picnic shelter

You are invited... everyone welcome!!!

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