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The Convention opened with a meet and greet and buffet breakfast at 830 AM.

Outgoing Chairman Mark Wrzesniewski addressed the delegates and guests, after which he read a farewell address from outgoing Leader Rob Ferguson who was not able to attend.

After the reports from officers, a debate was held between then leadership hopefuls, Keith Komar and Mark Snow. The debate was moderated by the leadership race director Brad Greulich, who used a panel of questions he had sent into him by party members via email and Facebook. The debate was spirited but respectful and the clear winner was everyone in attendance.

Following a lunch of flat iron steak, grilled veggies and roast potatoes, former leader of the Libertarian Party of Canada, Chairman of the Ontario Libertarian Party, author and tax protestor Jean-Serge Brisson spoke to the room about his recent court battle and WIN against the government of Canada and CRA regarding the unpaid collection of GST that they impose upon business owners. The speech was as informative as it was well presented, and following it JS took a couple of questions from the floor before we began the Party internal elections, results of which are posted on Page 3.

Following the election of our new Executive Committee and three new members of the Ethics Committee, Delegates voted on some 20 Constitutional Amend-

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Libertarian Pub Nights and Events

Ottawa Pub Meeting – January 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 February 2, 2020.

Toronto Pub Night - December 11, 7:00 PM (2nd Wednesday of each month) - Granite Brewery and Restaurant, 245 Eglinton Ave. Everyone welcome - bring a friend. Free Parking under the restaurant. For more information email Jim McIntosh (jim@mcintosh.on.ca). The next Pub Night is Wednesday January 8, 2020.

Kitchener-Waterloo Pub Night - December 16, 7:00 PM (3rd Thursday each month) - Angel's Family Restaurant, 190 Weber St. N. (Corner of Weber and Lodge). Come out to enjoy friendly libertarian conversation. Invite your friends - all are welcome. Please RSVP to Paul Herriot (call 519-208-8379 or email paulforfreedom@outlook.com) so he can reserve a large-enough table. Next meeting is January 16, 2020.

Bradford Pub Night—TBA, (usually 7:00 PM on the last Thursday of each month) - Village Inn, 2 Holland St., E. Come out, grab a pint and some wings and discuss politics with some local Libertarians. Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend.

Other Pub Nights – If you're interested in getting together with other libertarians in the following places, contact the person indicated.

Mississauga-GTA West Pub Night—Contact Jay Ward 416.799.2699 or by email: Jayward0111@gmail.com

Peterborough—Jacob Currier, jakecurrier33@gmail.com or 705-808-2308.

Windsor-Essex—Ian Shalapata ian@windsorsquare.ca

If you would like to organize a Libertarian Pub Night in your area, please contact Keith Komar by email (cfo@libertarian.on.ca) or phone 1-855-ONT-LIBerty or 416-283-7589 in the GTA.

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

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 Report – by Keith Komar



I would like to open this letter by saying that it is a tremendous honour to have been elected leader of the Ontario Libertarian Party. I cannot tell you what a privilege it is to have the opportunity to serve as the face and voice of our movement. Our party has already had numerous things

happen since November's convention to propel us on our journey to becoming a viable option at the ballot box.

I have had many public appearances in the past month and feel we are getting some excellent press in the local newspapers in Ontario. Our Community Based Solutions approach has been well received and I am

privileged for the opportunity to stand up for our citizens rights so early in my tenure as Leader.

As Libertarians, we are often complacent when it comes to Taking Human Action. I strive to be the leader that shows us all how to 'walk the walk' and I am excited and eager to continue this great work. I urge everyone to get involved in your community and find non-government solutions to the problems in your ridings. I genuinely believe that if we start to get involved locally, we can be more effective, inspire change and get more accomplished by the next election than all the other parties combined. Getting elected is the culmination of years of hard work. If we do the work - the votes will come. We are at the precipice of some real change towards Liberty in Ontario and I am elated to be at the tip of the spear. From my home to yours,

I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season!

Chairman's Report – by Matt Dougherty

I would like to quickly thank everyone who attended the 2019 convention, our convention organizer Jim McIntosh for making such an event possible, Jean Serge Brisson for speaking

to the convention on his ongoing court battle against GST, and to our membership for putting their faith in me to chair the Party as we head into the next election cycle.

I see us heading into a very special moment in history for the liberty movement. As the mainstream parties seem evermore identical, and the average voter equally as indifferent, we have before us a chance to reach the masses at their most open minded. Just like the Green Party did in 2018, we have the chance to hammer home a handful of key issues to voters, and catch a respectable result in the polls as a result.

But also just like the Green Party, our movement requires grassroots like never before. Keith Komar likes to say our Party is long in the tooth but short in the shoe. I think it's time we start walking. I envision this Party coming into 2022 with riding associations set up all over the province. I hope to see active and engaged members getting out into their communities and making themselves known, so we aren't just faceless names next to a party affiliation on a ballot. And I wish for the word "libertarian" to be something that the average person knows and understands, and god forbid, respects us for being.

The formula to our success is simple but effective. You get involved. You care about the issues that matter

and you let people know that we have the right answers to the problems. That answer is and always will be returning your freedom back to you where it belongs. If you've ever thought about volunteering, and didn't know how or who to ask, ask me now. If you want to see more activity in your riding, let us know. If you have a skill you think may be of use to us, I bet it is, so let us know so we can get you using it.

In January of 2020 we will be completing our Party handbook for riding associations. It will outline fundraising guidelines, events and activities to build local profile, how to create your own riding newsletter and other means to grow liberty in your community.

We will begin candidate training in 2020 again as well, so we all have the skillset to represent ourselves and this Party to the best of our ability, and carry the torch of freedom high and proud. We will have a full slate of candidates in 2022, with credit due to the hard work of our 2018 team of Allen Small, Scott Marshall and the rest of the executive during the last election, laying the ground work by getting an unprecedented 116 candidates on the ballot.

In the 2022 election, while the other parties spend their efforts arguing how much more debt they plan to put us in, we have the opportunity to be a voice of reason. I look forward to being that voice with you.

Yours in liberty,

Matt Dougherty Chairman@libertarian.on.ca

The government solution to a problem is usually as bad as the problem.

-- Milton Friedman, American economist

Election Results—Convention 2019

LEADER

Nominee	Nominator	Votes
Keith Komar (E)	Mark Snow	16
Mark Snow	Serge Korovitsyn	11
NOTA		0
	TOTAL	27

DEPUTY LEADER

Nominee	Nominator	Votes
Mark Snow (E)	Keith Komar	21
Mark Wrzesniewski	Ken Lewis	4
NOTA		0
SPOILED		2
	TOTAL	27

CHAIRMAN

Nominee	Nominator	Votes
Mark Wrzesniewski	Zork Hun	6
Jay Ward	Matt Dougherty	0
Serge Korovitsyn	Mark Wrzesniewski	7
Matt Dougherty (E)	Keith Komar	14
NOTA		0
	TOTAL	27

1 Delegate has left

Vice-Chair

Nominee	Nominator	Votes
Mark Wrzesniewski	Ken Lewis	9
Serge Korovitsyn(E)	Coreen Corcoran	16
NOTA		0
SPOILED		1
	TOTAL	26

SECRETARY

Nominee	Nominator	Votes
Brad Greulich (E)	Matt Dougherty	22
Cindy Davidson	Brad Greulich	1
NOTA		2
SPOILED		1
	TOTAL	26

RECORDING SECRETARY

Nominee	Nominator	Votes
Bond Kevil (E)	Matt Dougherty	21
NOTA		4
SPOILED		1
	TOTAL	26

TREASURER

Nominee	Nominator	Votes
Andrew Allison (E)	Matt Dougherty	25
NOTA		0
SPOILED		1
	TOTAL	26

CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

Nominee	Nominator	Votes
Coreen Corcoran (E)	Ken Lewis	25
NOTA		0
SPOILED		1
	TOTAL	26

Peter d'Entrent gave his Ballots to Coreen Corcoran

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Nominee	Nominator	Votes
Ken Lewis (E)	Keith Komar	22
Mark Wrzesniewski	Serge Korovitsyn	10
Dan Little (E)	Matt Dougherty	14
Richard Pickett	Mark W	0
NOTA		3
SPOILED		1
	TOTAL	50

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Nominee	Nominator	Votes
Gerry Bourdeau	Matt Dougherty	10
Joel Gogolin	Keith Komar	7
Paul Herriot (E)	Matt Dougherty	21
Peter d'Entremont (E)	Serge Korovitsyn	19
Mark Wrzesniewski (E)	Ken Lewis	13
NOTA		1
SPOILED		1
	TOTAL	72

Moved by Jim McIntosh Seconded by Keith Komar that all ballots be destroyed 30 days after publication. **Passed** 24/0/1

The new Executive Committee

Keith Komar—Leader
 Mark Snow—Deputy Leader
 Matt Dougherty—Chairman
 Serge Korovitsyn—Vice-Chairman
 Brad Greulich—Secretary
 Bond Kevil—Recording Secretary
 Andrew Allison—Treasurer
 Coreen Corcoran—Campaign Director
 Ken Lewis, Dan Little—Members-at-Large

Ethics Committee,

New members — Paul Herriot, Peter d'Entremont, Mark Wrzesniewski

Existing members — Jean-Serge Brisson, Chairman (2015), Wendy Kadonoff (2016), Allen Small (2018)

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ments, 7 pages of them! A couple where to reflect the fact that Members no longer must physically “sign” the membership oath but “Accept” it online. Delegates also voted to keep the Party Motto, “The Party of Choice.” You will be able to see the details when the Convention Minutes are posted on our Wiki. (http://wiki.libertarian.on.ca/index.php?title=Exec:Meeting_Minutes)

This closed our convention. It was a good day, held at a new venue which provided us with an improvement in atmosphere, and a notch above when it came to the food and refreshments.

We hope to see you all at next years AGM!

The End of the Beginning—By Jean-Serge Brisson



In 1991, after writing several letters to the Province of Ontario on being an unpaid tax and money collector for them, I resigned my position with them by burning my vendors permit in their office with media in attendance. The Federal Government initiated action when the 1993 federal election was called and charged me with failing to file GST returns. However they did not charge me with failing to collect the taxes which I wanted to argue was slavery and therefore unconstitutional. I again stopped filing GST returns two years later and have not filed income tax return since 1991. The government gave up on any further legal proceedings. This situation basically remained as such for the next 20 years.

After that I gave public presentations across the country on what I had done with refusing to collect money for the government. Eventually I wrote a book about it in 2014 called *Tea Party of One*. A year after finishing my book tour, on November 2015, the CRA served me with a notice to file income tax returns for the past nine years. I was given until March 2016 to comply. The CRA failed to do anything until the Ontario provincial election in 2018, when I ran as a candidate for the Ontario Libertarian Party. A few weeks after the debate on Rogers TV I was served with a summons to appear in court for non-filing of income tax returns.

In July 2018 I made my first appearance in court. I was given a first release of disclosure. The CRA had a very detailed record of my activities for the past 20 years. The Crown had even included the reasons why they didn't prosecute me earlier, "*Low Tax Potential*". What finally made it "*worthwhile*" was this comment in the 2015 notes of a CRA official: "*He is an author, he does public presentation, he is a tax protestor, prosecute*". It was now a matter of punishing me because of the book I had written. The proceedings on this matter lasted a year before the actual trial took place.

My friend David Lindsay deserves all the credit for putting together my defence, which took the CRA by complete surprise. The initial defence was to raise a Constitutional Question on the legality of taking someone to court for a political opinion, which is what my book was about. But when we saw what the CRA was putting forward as their argument to prosecute me, we made a shift in the strategy.

The original notices served on me had a demand that I file them at the CRA official's office on Laurier St. in Ottawa. The CRA was then relying solely on the Affidavits filed by their agents as proof enough to prosecute me. These affidavits essentially evidenced that the CRA official did a careful search of the CRA records and did not find my returns. I proved at court (by way of the CRA official's admission in evidence) that there is no provision in the *Income Tax Act* nor any other statute, that authorizes him to demand that I, or anyone else, file income tax returns to any specific

address. Even the Judge agreed that he could find no such law.

Once that was established, I then asked the CRA official how he would search the CRA database and records for all of Canada. His response was that he relied upon and used, my alleged Social Insurance Number, or SIN. My defence was to show that nowhere did the CRA prove that the SIN that they were using to prosecute me was really mine. All the CRA official could do was say that the number was on the file all along, but he did not verify the accuracy of the SIN at source. At that point it was hearsay evidence which is not permitted in these types of cases. The judge agreed that there was no evidence by the CRA proving that the SIN in question was actually mine. I got my decision October 24, 2019. I was found "Not Guilty."

I was very happy with this decision. But I do not want to remain sitting around for them to come back at a later day with basically the same approach. The entire intent of the CRA was to punish me for challenging their authority and proceedings on how the CRA does business with the people that it fleeces every year. Not just what we pay to them, but who does the work collecting the money for the government. My intent was to end this practice of slavery by small business for the government. That is why during the latest trial, I mentioned to David Lindsay that should I come out of this with a victory, it can't stop here, and he agreed. This last court action by the government towards me was just "*The End of the Beginning*."

Now is the Time for all Good Men ...

As the year end approaches, it is time to finalize your contributions for the 2019 tax year. Why give your money to the state when you can use it to fund the Liberty movement instead! The Ontario Political Tax Credit for 2019 is as follows:

- ⇒ 75 per cent on the first \$415 of donations;
- ⇒ 50 per cent on the portion of your donation between \$415 and \$1,384; and
- ⇒ 33.33 per cent on the portion between \$1,384 and \$3,149.

Please make out checks to Ontario Libertarian Party and mail them before December 31 to:

Ontario Libertarian Party
7-91 Rylander Blvd., Box 121
Scarborough, ON, M1B 5M

There are two by-elections coming in the Ottawa area. Ken Lewis is our candidate in Ottawa-Vanier. You can actually double down on your donation write offs if you make donations to the Ottawa-Vanier Libertarian Association as well as to the Party.

Thanks for your continued support!

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