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AGM 2020 Online

by Jim McIntosh

For the first time ever the Party held its Annual General Meeting on Zoom. One advantage is no need to travel in order to participate. The meeting went quite well and 24 people registered.

Leader Keith Komar reported that the government response to the Corona Virus has given the Party lots of opportunities to protest and find new members. We need our members to get active in their communities. He also recommended the Libertarian Leadership Academy for prospective election candidates.

Chairman Matt Dougherty reported we now have 5 CAs across the province and plan to create more. He also provided tips for collecting signatures in rural and urban ridings for those who are considering running as candidates for the Party in 2022.

Treasurer Andrew Allison reported we have had relative financial success in spite of COVID-19 and saw big increases as a result of lockdown protests. Over 100 donors, many of them monthly, have contributed over \$7000 to date. We have also received In Kind donations, including Bond Keevil's updates to our web site.

Guest Speaker Elizabeth Marshall is a Director of Research at the Ontario Landowners Association and Author of *Property Rights 101*. She talked about how our property rights have been eroded over the last 50-60 years, in part because we don't understand them. Property Rights in Canada are protected by pre-constitutional law but our politicians ignore that fact. The Auditor General is supposed to ensure none of our laws violate those rights. Law schools are not teaching about the Constitution and our rights, especially Property Rights.

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Libertarian Pub Nights and Events

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our pub meetups are once again on hiatus with the exception of the virtual meetup hosted in Toronto. They will resume when restaurant owners are given the all-clear by the Ontario Government and social distancing measures are lifted. This is unfortunate for our party since our best chance for success is meeting people and sharing our ideas.

Toronto Pub Night - February 10 (2nd Wednesday of each month). We are currently using Zoom and anyone who wishes to join us should send Jim McIntosh (jjim.mcintosh@sympatico.ca) their email in order to receive an invitation with the Meeting ID and Password. Next meeting is March 10th.

If restaurants are open in March:

Ottawa Pub Meeting—March 7 (Usually 1st Sunday of each month) New Location: O'Brien's Roadhouse, 730 Industrial Ave, Ottawa. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Jean-Serge Brisson (ep523@ncf.ca). Next meeting is April 11th.

Pub nights for Kitchener-Waterloo, Bradford, and Mississauga-GTA West are not offering virtual meetings.

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

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

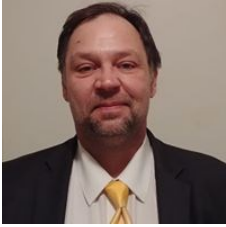
Podcasts

You can see some of OLP Leader Keith Komar's recent podcasts on the Libertarian World YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRN1izzYLIBJOYrd77R3f1g>

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.

The aftermath of 2020 — By Keith Komar



This has been a horrible year for Liberty around the world. We have watched government after government destroy the Rule of Law and our inalienable rights. There are a couple of things we can take away from these developments.

First, your rights will only extend as far as you are willing to defend them. There is no government document that can enshrine them for you and unless you are willing to stand up for them, they are only privileges. Secondly, our government officials do not see us as equals. Every edict they decreed upon the populace was ignored by themselves. They do not care about us. We are chattel to them, to be treated with disdain, while telling us that they are doing these things for our protection. It has never been the government's job to keep us safe. It is their job to protect our rights. In this, they have failed us miserably.

There is a positive side from all of this though. People are starting to realize that their government needs to be restrained. The things we as Libertarians have been saying for years are now being parroted by many people who have had enough of these draconian measures. We now have a clear opportunity to step up and be their voice.

To that end I am working tirelessly to spread our message of personal accountability and responsibility outside the constraints of government overreach. I will continue to lead our movement with a boots on the ground approach and I hope to have you join with me in this regard.

Yours In Liberty,
Keith Komar

Leader - Ontario Libertarian Party

It's Time to Change Social Media Platforms — By Bond Keevil



Many of our supporters have responded to the current deplatforming trend by using Facebook and Twitter less, and using their competitor platforms more. The Ontario Libertarian Party has created accounts on several new social media platforms to meet this demand.

Freedom of speech laws apply to government, not private companies. Nobody should ever be forced to do business with someone they disagree with. But extensive government collusion with big tech companies have caused the lines to be blurred as to whether a big tech company can qualify as being considered privately owned; they clearly are not privately controlled.

The libertarian political solution to the problem of big tech censorship is to end this collusion between the state and tech companies. The Ontario Libertarian Party would cut all corporate welfare and subsidies handed out to tech companies by the province, creating a level playing field for all competitors. We would also put an end to the regulation of Ontario media outlets and Internet companies. These political actions would restore competition and ensure that all tech companies are held

accountable to market forces rather than political control.

We can ban big tech from our own lives just as easily as they have banned the information they disagree with. There is a vast supply of information on the Internet that is compatible with our values and principles and people will not stop producing such information just because a few companies disagree with them. We can use competitor platforms more and big tech platforms less.



Please follow us on this growing list of alternative social media networks:

<https://mewe.com/i/ontarioliberalparty>
<https://minds.com/ontarioliberalparty>
<https://gab.com/OntarioLibertarianParty>

Read the full article at <https://libertarian.on.ca/news/its-time-change-social-media-platforms>

AGM—Amendments to the Constitution

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Our second Guest Speaker was Tony D’Orasio, 1st Vice-Chair and former Chairman at the Libertarian Party of New York (LPNY). He told us about a recent meeting he attended with a number of gym owners in a gym in Orchard Park, a suburb of Buffalo. The Erie County Sheriff and an official from the Health Department arrived to shut them down but were shouted out of the club. The LPNY were better organized when the Governor decreed no more than 10 people in your house for Thanksgiving. They sent letters to all 62 county Sheriff’s offices asking them not to enforce this Executive Order. 60 replied they agreed, even the NYPD. They issued Press Releases which garnered publicity in the smaller towns. His parting message was, “Don’t try to do it all yourself.” Prepare plans and organize volunteers.

After a lunch break we elected members to fill positions of Deputy Leader (Jacques Boudreau), Recording Secretary (Jim McIntosh), two Members at Large (Jeff Everingham and Dan Little) and two members of the Ethics Committee (Jean-Serge Brisson and Gerry Bourdeau). Keith provided an online polling mechanism so Delegates could vote secretly from home. See election results on page 4.

Amendments to the Constitution

The first dealt with Article 4 - Membership and Associate Status. The proposed amendment was to provide for a free membership which would not have any voting or other privileges of full Membership. This is something the major parties do prior to Leadership conventions. There was considerable debate. The Delegates finally approved the following amendment.

“To add a third level of membership to the membership types. This will be a free membership option for individuals. A free membership is for one year and would allow access to members only sections of the web site. Those on a free membership will be given no voting privileges or any other such perk that paid members in good standing receive. To clarify, a free member is not allowed to attend convention unless they pay the membership fee on the spot, not allowed to serve on the board of the party or the board of a Constituency Association (CA), cannot provide input or vote on platform de-

velopment, cannot seek nomination as a candidate, and cannot vote to confirm a candidate at the CA level. This removes any and all risk of a party takeover by free members”

How this will actually be implemented is yet to be determined.

The second amendment dealt with Article 9 – Caucus. We agreed to amend item 1 re Standing Candidates to include all remaining members of the Executive Committee in the Caucus (i.e. in addition to the Leader and Deputy Leader, if they are not already Standing Candidates). We also agreed to amend item 2 d. to “the Member who has run in the most recent provincial election, **as long as membership is current, they are in good standing with the party, and they have completed all candidate obligations to Elections Ontario.** Jim who was CFO for all 116 Libertarian candidates in the 2018 General Election reported that Elections Ontario had reported him and 7 of our candidates who had not submitted their signed and audited Financial Statements to the Attorney General for possible charges and fines.

There was time for questions from the floor. One attendee was concerned that our Statement of Principles states the government is responsible for the courts, and this could put them above the law. Jim explained that the only control the government has is to appoint a Judge to the court, and cannot replace them unless they have committed a (serious) crime.

Jim asked what the objective of the 2022 election would be. Should we try for more votes or more members? If the former, then we should be ‘moderate’ as in 2018 when we offered alternatives to the government monopolies instead of abolishing them. Or we could be ‘radical’ like Ron Paul during his quest for the Republican Presidential nomination. We got many new members thanks to him. Coreen advised we need to think about the political landscape for the next election (Freedom Party, Trillium Party, the New Blue Party). We need to be more radical to distinguish ourselves, rather than get lost in the shuffle by being moderate. She hesitates to say “radical” because most people aren’t radical. It was agreed this needs more discussion, which is happening at our regular platform planning meetings.

AGM—Election Results

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Deputy Leader

Mark Snow resigned in 2020.

Nominee	Votes
Jacques Boudreau (E)	19
Cindy Davidson	0
None of the above	0
TOTAL	19

Recording Secretary

Bond Keevil resigned to focus on the Party's IT issues.

Nominee	Votes
Cindy Davidson	0
Dan Little	8
Jim McIntosh (E)	9
None of the above	1
TOTAL	18

Members at Large

Two Members at Large are elected at Conventions and AGMs for a 1-year term. The Party's Constitution has no defined responsibilities for Members at Large. Delegates may cast two votes and a candidate must get 25%+1 votes to be elected.

Nominee	Votes
Jeff Everingham (E)	17
Joel Kennedy	2
Dan Little (E)	9
Richard Pickett	0
Justin Robinson	3
Marco Rossi	0
Greg Tarasco	1
None of the above	0
TOTAL	32

Ethics Committee

Jean-Serge and Wendy Kadonoff have completed their term of office.

Nominee	Votes
Jean-Serge Brisson (E)	15
Gerry Bourdeau (E)	10
Cindy Davidson	1
Rob Ferguson	3
Joel Kennedy	1
Richard Pickett	0
None of the above	0
TOTAL	30

Your Ethics Committee

The current Members are Allen Small (elected in 2018), Mark Wrzesniewski (2019, 13 votes), Peter d'Entremont (2019, 19), and Paul Herriot (2019, 21), Jean-Serge-Brisson (2019, 15) and Gerry Bourdeau (2019, 10)

Your Executive Committee

Leader	Keith Komar
Deputy Leader	Jacques Boudreau
Chairman	Matt Dougherty
Vice-Chairman	Serge Korovitsyn
Secretary	Brad Greulich
Recording Secretary	Jim McIntosh
Treasurer	Andrew Allison
Campaign Director	Coreen Corcoran
Members at Large	Jeff Everingham Dan Little

Ontario Election 2022 Update

We are just over a year away from the next provincial election in June 2022. We have reached out to all candidates who ran an active campaign in 2018 and have confirmed almost 30 for the next election. If you did not receive an email, contact Coreen at the campaign@libertarian.on.ca email address with your preferred riding.

If you did not run last time but are interested in being considered, you can send us your information and preferred riding. You will need to be a current member and complete our candidate vetting process.