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A Successful OLP Convention

The Ontario Libertarian Party held a very important Convention yesterday in Scarborough. By the end of the day, we had elected a new Leader, Mark Snow. The contest between Mark and Larry Zalmers was very close and decided by a single vote which made this election a true choice between alternative views on Libertarian messaging going forward.

Larry was the advocate of the more radical strategy of promoting a traditional Libertarian election platform based strict adherence to the core principles of non-aggression (aka "do no harm") and the defence of person/property rights. In his prepared speech, Larry argued his case very effectively to the attending delegates and live-streaming audience.

Mark spoke in support of same politically-pragmatic election platform of 2018. He defended its merits with passion and did so without referencing a prepared written speech. Both Mark and I were OLP candidates in that election - focussed on a Freedom of Choice theme that is also a core Libertarian tenant.

We also elected a new Deputy Leader, Coreen Corcoran, who has held various senior positions in the federal and Ontario Libertarian parties. She is a solid choice because her background in those roles will be important to facilitate Party efforts to prepare for the 2022 election.

Other Convention highlights of note include the election of Serge Korovitsyn and Larry Zalmers to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman roles respectively. With the re-election of Serge and the addition of Larry to handle those responsibilities, I am confident that the Executive Committee (EC) will be in good hands under their leadership.

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Libertarian Pub Nights and Events

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, most of our meetups are still 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 measures are lifted. This is unfortunate for our party since our best chance for success is meeting people and sharing our ideas.

We hope to be able to hold a BBQ and other events in the Spring before writ drop so we can meet in person before the election consumes our time. Let us know if you have other ideas for events before or during the election period.

Toronto Pub Night - January 12th (2nd Wednesday of each month). We are currently using Zoom and anyone who wishes to join us should send Jim McIntosh (jim@mcintosh.on.ca) their email in order to receive an invitation with the Meeting ID and Password. Next meeting is February 9th.

Ottawa Pub Meeting - Ottawa Pub Meetups are postponed until Spring when patios re-open. We encourage you to follow us on Facebook (Ottawa Libertarians - News, Views, and Meet-ups <https://www.facebook.com/groups/405849880583377>) for updates or contact Jean-Serge Brisson (ep523@ncf.ca)

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

When the restrictions end, if you would like to organize a Libertarian Pub Night in your area, please contact leader@libertarian.on.ca or phone 1-855-ONT-LIBerty or 416-283-7589 in the GTA.

For the latest information, visit <https://libertarian.on.ca/meetups>

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 Mark Snow



Good Morning to all fellow seekers of change in government, the reduction of the state, the return to making Ontario the Economic Engine of Canada again.

Today I write to you 1 month into the newly elected position of Leader

of the Ontario Libertarian Party. I write to you seeking your support both financially and physically. We have some real challenges to fielding a 124 Candidates in 2022 and know we are working hard at producing the 2022 platform for publication before Jan 2022 after caucus approval.

I am a former soldier and veteran, who has seen the best of and worst of mankind. I never thought I would be seeing the authoritarian dictatorship that has

been occurring for the last 20 months and it must end. Mandates, forced vaccines, harming the business economy, authoritarian edits of harming small and medium sized business is the most damage I have ever seen a government do. When a government locks up its citizen for exercising democratic freedoms, it has lost the moral authority to govern.

2022 is the time for Libertarians to rise and restore our once great province to Prosperity, come and join me in fight. Join. Donate. Volunteer.

Mark Snow

Leader, Ontario Libertarian Party

Mark has been a regular face at the Ottawa meetups over the past few years and ran in the Nepean riding in 2018. He will be running in Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes in 2022. He welcomes your requests to attend local events and is happy to chat. Contact Mark via email at leader@libertarian.on.ca.

A Successful OLP Convention (continued)

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Jim McIntosh will remain as CFO until year end at which time he will retire after 30+ years of yeoman's service to the OLP. Words will never be enough to fully thank Jim for being "our rock" over the last 3 decades.

Two Member At Large positions were also filled while a few key EC positions remain vacant prompting a priority search for willing and competent members to step forward for: Secretary (aka Communications Officer), Campaign Manager and Treasurer (aka "CFO"). Yesterday's newly-elected team will divide the OLP Membership list in a concerted effort to contact as many current and past members as possible in order to fill those posts.

The challenges ahead for the OLP are daunting but the core team that was elected yesterday is a great start to forge ahead and drive the freedom message into all political discussions and choices across this province. This group is focussed on long term success and will pursue its goals in a methodical and disciplined manner.

A clear OLP priority is to build and sustain engagement between the Party and a greatly-increased community of follows and active supporters. This means many more members, many more "likes" on many more social media posts, and many more opportunities for personal social engagements. While pub nights and BBQs were popular in past as OLP get-togethers, these will need to be augmented by other events and venues that will attract and engage freedom lovers. It's time to get creative and more ambitious is finding ways to bring people together under our cause of reducing the size, scope, authority and cost of governments in our lives.

Of course, success with only be possible with the help of donations and volunteers. Two minutes ago, I donated \$400 to the OLP (note: 75% is tax deductible). I am already a volunteer and am willing to pitch in on efforts for which my abilities can benefit. Will this donation of time and money inspire anyone else to follow my example? I hope so.

Gene Balfour

Member and Volunteer

Election Results — Convention 2021

LEADER

Nominee	Votes
Mark Snow (E)	10
Larry Zalmers	9
None of the above	0
TOTAL	19

DEPUTY LEADER

Nominee	Votes
Coreen Corcoran (E)	19
None of the above	0
TOTAL	19

CHAIRPERSON

Nominee	Votes
Serge Korovitsyn (E)	13
Larry Zalmers	5
None of the above	0
TOTAL	18

VICE-CHAIR¹

Nominee	Votes
Larry Zalmers (E)	17
None of the above	0
TOTAL	17

SECRETARY

No one was nominated or came forward. Jim McIntosh motioned to leave this position empty - passed

RECORDING SECRETARY

No one was nominated or came forward. Jim McIntosh motioned to leave this position empty - passed

TREASURER

No one was nominated or came forward. Jim McIntosh has been filling in as Treasurer and is trying to retire. Jim will continue until the end of the year to submit necessary paperwork for Elections Ontario. Mark motioned to leave it open, Larry seconded.

CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR²

No one was nominated or came forward. Jim indicated we should not leave this vacant going forward. Jim motioned to

make filling this position a priority, Serge seconded - Passed.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Nominee	Votes
Mike Bowers	7
Dan Little (E)	14
Dean O'Reilly (E)	13
None of the above	0
TOTAL	34

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Nominee	Votes
Jim McIntosh (E)	17
None of the above	1
TOTAL	18

Jim motioned to destroy the ballots 30 days after the results are posted, seconded by Serge—Passed

The new Executive Committee

Mark Snow—Leader
 Coreen Corcoran—Deputy Leader
 Serge Korovitsyn—Chairperson
 Vacant—Vice-Chair¹
 Vacant—Secretary
 Vacant—Recording Secretary
 Jim McIntosh—Treasurer
 Scott Marshall—Campaign Director²
 Dan Little, Dean O'Reilly—Members-at-Large

¹ Larry Zalmers stepped down in November.

² Scott Marshall appointed in December.

Ethics Committee,

New members — Jim McIntosh, one vacant position
 Existing members — Paul Herriot, Mark Wrzesniewski (2019), Jean-Serge Brisson, Chairman (2020), Allen Small (2018)

Member Benefits

As a member you can run as a candidate in a provincial election, run for a position on the Executive, and access additional content on the website and on the [Ontario Libertarian Wiki page](#). For only \$10 a year you can become more involved in the running of the Party and help shape our election platform. If your membership has expired, [renew today](#).

Why I'm Sticking with the OLP —By Coreen Corcoran



The end of a year is a time when many of us reflect on what we've accomplished and where we want to go next year. Last year, we were all glad to see 2020 behind us and looked forward to 2021 when we thought we would be through the worst of the pandemic restrictions. Sadly we weren't. And it is not looking much better for 2022 either.

Even with a somewhat bleak outlook ahead, there is one thing I am hopeful about: the Ontario election in June. I know, many are not optimistic that we'll see real change on election day, but at the very least, it's going to be interesting.

In response to Doug Ford's handling of the pandemic, three parties are now vying for the "Real Conservative" crown: the New Blue Party, Ontario Party, and the Ontario First Party. As was so eloquently stated on a recent OLP Facebook post, the OLP are not ex-politicians, ex-bureaucrats, or self-serving opportunists, which perfectly describes the leaders of each of these parties. Only two parties are actually registered with Elections Ontario, though the leader of one isn't even sure he'll run. The third is in registration limbo until the election is called. A cursory glance at their principles (since platforms are non-existent in most cases) puts at least two of them firmly in the social Conservative space. The one thing they do seem to share is opposition to lockdowns and vaccination passports, and a passion for activism. That might be great for grabbing headlines, but there isn't enough depth there for me to get on board or take them seriously.

This is why I am sticking with the OLP. I joined in 2013 when I was looking for a party that was not interested in pandering for votes. The OLP was a party built on real principles that survive to this day, almost 50 years later. We are fighting for individual freedom not only as it applies to pandemic restrictions, but to broader society. The OLP has been pushing for real choice in our healthcare and education systems for decades. The pandemic has only served to highlight just how poorly run they are, and yet none of the new parties are offering solutions that will fundamentally alter the constraints of the current frameworks. We have bold ideas that are not easy to sell, but more people are realizing every day that something is broken. We want to offer them alternatives that are right for them, not the current one-size fits all, outdated models that spend more taxpayer money on bureaucracies than on providing services.

In only a short period of time as leader, Mark Snow has mobilized a great team to get us prepared for the election. Candidates are already assigned to ridings and we're about halfway to a full slate of 124. If you want to run in June or volunteer to collect signatures, email campaign@libertarian.on.ca to begin the process.

The next few months are a critical time for our party. We need to distinguish ourselves from the new kids on the block and do it without the support of major news outlets that tend to ignore our very existence. This is why it is important for you to follow us on our social media pages and share our posts. We are still fighting like a grassroots party but our message is more relevant now than it has ever been. If we're lucky we'll get some media breaks. But we can't keep relying on luck and the good people who spend hours volunteering for free to keep this party going. This is our chance to break out as a serious party with solid, workable ideas. Your continued support will help us get there.

Make Your 2021 Donation Today!

As year end approaches, it is time to finalize your contributions for the 2021 tax year. Why give your money to the state when you can use it to fund the Liberty movement instead! Maximum allowable donation to a Political Party is \$3300. The Ontario Political Tax Credit for 2021 is as follows:

- ⇒ 75 per cent on the first \$427 of donations;
- ⇒ 50 per cent on the portion of your donation between \$427 and \$1,423; and
- ⇒ 33.33 per cent on the portion between \$1,423 and \$3,238.

How Can You Donate?

- 1) 1) By cheque: Please make cheques out to Ontario Libertarian Party and mail them before December 31st to:

Ontario Libertarian Party
7-91 Rylander Blvd., Box 121
Scarborough, ON, M1B 5M5

- 2) By electronic transfer or PayPal:
donations@libertarian.on.ca

Thank you for your continued support!

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