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Attend the AGM this November by Coreen Corcoran

It's time to connect with OLP members and the Executive Committee to reflect on the past year, share your ideas, and look ahead to the next election cycle.

The election this year had a predictable result even though there were new players in the mix. We are looking to bring some energy and new faces to the Ontario Libertarian Party with this year's Executive Committee elections, and encourage members to consider running for an open position. The time commitments vary, but at minimum you are required to attend the monthly meeting on the first Monday of each month.

There is a lot of work to do to keep us relevant in an ever-changing political environment. We no longer stand out as the only political party fighting for individual freedom and choice, but we are the only ones fighting to do it with as little government interference as possible. While we can proudly say the Ontario Libertarian Party has been around for almost 50 years, it is getting harder to defend our record of not being elected to a single seat during that period. Voters expect much more from a political party now even though voter turnout would have you believe otherwise. People want to see an OLP candidate on their ballot. They want to be engaged through multiple media outlets. They wonder why they never hear about or from us. We have a lot of barriers preventing us from being heard, but we have to find a way to be part of the conversation.

Leader Mark Snow outlined a 2022-2026 plan in the last Bulletin that included:

- Running Libertarians in Municipal Elections
- Recruiting Youth – The future of the Party

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Libertarian Pub Nights and Events

If you would like to organize a Libertarian Pub Night in your area, please contact

leader@libertarian.on.ca or phone 416-283-7589.

For the latest information, visit

<https://libertarian.on.ca/meetups>

Toronto Pub Night - November 22nd at 7 PM IN PERSON (4th Tuesday each month) Louis Cifer Brew Works, 417

Danforth Ave, steps from the Chester Subway station. Phone Jim McIntosh (416-474-9482) if you have questions. **NOTE: We may be changing the venue for future meetings.**

Ottawa Pub Meeting— November 6th at 1:00 PM (Usually 1st Sunday of each month, except holiday weekends) We'll

be at O'Brien's Roadhouse inside! 730 Industrial Ave, Ottawa. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Jean-Serge Brisson (ep523@ncf.ca). Next meeting is December 4th. We encourage you to follow us on Facebook (Ottawa Libertarians - News, Views, and Meet-ups <https://www.facebook.com/groups/405849880583377>)

MAKE A DONATION TODAY!

As the year end approaches, it is time to finalize your contributions for the 2022 tax year. Help the Liberty movement in Ontario. The maximum personal donation amount for 2022 is \$3,315.

We make it easy for you to donate.

- On our website <https://libertarian.on.ca/donate> (log in to auto-populate your information)
- By cheque to the address in our header
- By etransfer donations@libertarian.on.ca

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.

AGM—Open Positions and Proposed Agenda

The following positions will be elected at the AGM. If you are interested in running, submit a brief bio or resume with your relevant credentials to chairman@libertarian.on.ca.

Vice Chairperson

The Vice Chairperson is a member of the executive committee designated as the immediate subordinate to the Chairperson and serves as such in their absence.

The Vice Chairperson familiarizes themselves with the duties of the Chairperson and assist where possible and necessary, so as to be prepared to fill in when needed. Must be able to attend the monthly Executive meetings.

[Vice Chairperson](#)

Secretary

This is a critical role that likely requires about 2-4 hours of effort each week in addition to attending the monthly Executive meetings. The role of the Secretary is to support the Chair in ensuring the smooth functioning of the Executive Committee. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining effective records and administration, upholding the legal requirements of governing documents, communication, and correspondence.

Primary tasks include:

- Attending monthly Executive meetings
- Keeping up-to-date contact details (i.e. names, addresses and telephone numbers) for the executive committee and members of the party.
- Responding to info@ emails and sending out new member kits.
- Preparing a report of the organization's activities for the year for the Annual General Meeting.

[Secretary](#)

Member at Large (electing 2 positions)

Serve as voting members of the executive committee who while having no specific duty to their name, fulfill in any duties they can to assist the Executive Committee and Party towards its common goal. Must be able to attend the monthly Executive meetings.

[Member at Large](#)

AGM November 20th

Seaway Coworking in Kingston

Proposed Agenda

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:30-10:00 am

Welcome and Reports of Officers

10:00-11:00 am

Guest Speaker (TBA)

11:00-11:15 am—Break

11:15-12:15 pm

Guest Speaker (TBA)

12:15-1:00 pm—Lunch

1:00-2:30 pm

Nominations and Elections for open positions on Executive

2:30-2:45 pm—Break

2:45-4:30 pm

Other Business (Includes amendments to the Bylaws and Constitution, and Party Strategy for the next election and beyond)

4:30 pm

Adjournment

Ethics Committee (electing 4 positions)

The Ethics Committee consists of 6 members who each serve a 3-year term. This year, the terms for two members expire and two other positions were already open, so we are electing up to four new members.

The Ethics Committee is responsible for:

- disciplinary action against any Member or Associate.
- challenges of amendments to the Statement of Ultimate Goals believed by a member to be in conflict with the Statement of Principles;
- challenges to other Party documents believed by a Member to be in conflict with the Statement of Ultimate Goals;
- alleged violations of the Constitution or Bylaws by any Officer of the Party; and other business as directed by the Executive Committee, or by a Convention or General Meeting of the Party.

Remembering Allen Small

If you joined the Ontario Libertarian Party after 2018, you may not have known Allen Small, it's Leader from 2011.

Allen's contributions and achievements to the Party were many but perhaps his greatest came in the 2018 Ontario provincial election. Inspired by Allen's wisdom, intelligence, understanding, friendly manner and leadership, our OLP Campaign Team fielded 116 candidates for Ontario's 124 ridings, the Canadian record for a Libertarian election. This achievement enabled over 90% of Ontario's voters to have a Less Government Libertarian option on their election ballot. For this success, Allen is recognized as the Party's most successful Leader in its history.

Allen was first elected to the Party's Executive Committee in 2009 as a Member at Large, then elected as Leader in 2011. He contributed to the Party's strength and growth in many ways. For example, before 2011, our Membership Oath was simply, "I believe in liberty." After speaking with many members about becoming an election Candidate, he insisted that the Membership Oath should be changed to "I am for individual liberty, property rights, free markets and limited government." Allen was concerned that many members had joined the Party without really understanding libertarianism and he wanted assurances that all candidates to be knowledge-



able about Libertarianism if they were going to speak with the public.

Allen was also the first Leader to make extensive use of social media starting soon after he was elected to the top job. Especially during the run up to the 2018 election he posted something of interest on Facebook every day and generated responses from an amazing number of people. The teacher in Allen never stopped reaching out to people with informative, witty and often funny posts to spread awareness about the libertarian values and principles to which he was so deeply committed.

Sadly, after a lengthy illness, Allen passed away on Labour Day with his family by his side. If you were one of Allen's many Facebook Friends, you no doubt saw the recent post from his family announcing his passing. Many of his students from his days as a high school Science teacher commented on what a great teacher he was.

Allen Small may be gone but not forgotten. Like all great men in history, Allen's achievements are etched indelibly in time and will be remembered by all those who knew, loved, and appreciated his many gifts to humanity.

Allen Small – RIP (1947-2022)

Attend the AGM this November—cont'd

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- Developing Brand recognition - Individual Freedom - Freedom of Choice
- Promoting the Party
- Raising money locally and for the Party

How Can You Help?

- Attend the AGM and get to know other members and the Executive
- Offer to volunteer. We need content for social media, run for a position on the Executive Committee, or hold a meet up in your riding
- Start a Constituency Association
- Write a Bulletin article or become the Editor!
- Donate to the Party

We are still effectively a grassroots movement and need to use our scarce resources effectively to create the biggest impact.

Call for Motions

The AGM is an opportunity for members to present motions for updates to the By-Laws and Constitution. This is your opportunity to help modernize how the Party is run. Sign in to the member part of the website at the bottom of the landing page to view the documents. Search for Constitution and By-Laws on the main page.

Propose any changes to the Deputy Leader by October 31st (deputy.leader@libertarian.on.ca) and we will help format them as proper motions.

Supporting OLP Candidates in Municipal Elections

In the last Bulletin, OLP Leader Mark Snow identified running in municipal elections as the entry point for name recognition. Local media gives all candidates a forum for their positions and it helps get you noticed ahead of provincial elections. Here are two of our past OLP candidates who are running in October.

Rob Ferguson—Ward 4 in Brantford



I decided to run in the 2022 municipal election because I want to make a difference. I see mismanagement of public funds, lack of communication with the public, and overall dirty politics. I feel that I can offer relief in these areas through my personal, professional and political experiences.

Fiscal responsibility: It's not the government's money, it's yours. People don't mind paying fair tax for services and goods that they use and enjoy. We don't need to spend more money, we need to spend more wisely.

Taxes: We need to look at ways to lower tax without affecting services that residents use and depend on.

Communications: It is apparent that we need to improve communications between the city and residents of the city of Brantford. Some examples of lack of communication are the sale of Arrowdale, Property related crimes, repairs and maintenance of city property.

Emergency services, police, fire and ambulance: Streamline 911 to improve response times. Only having 10 ambulances puts the community at risk. Expanding our current police station at \$50M plus is over reach. Police sub stations may be key to future policing in the city at a fraction of the cost. Property related crimes such as trespassing, theft & possession of stolen property are increasing. We need to protect private property and enforce property rights.

I want to put residents of Ward 4 first and work with them to solve issues in the ward that affect their lives, families and businesses.

Political experience

- Provincial candidate 2007, 2011, 2014, 2018, 2022 Brant Riding
- Federal candidate 2015 Brantford Brant Riding
- Municipal candidate Brantford ward 4 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022

- Many executive positions over 20 years with a few different political parties including Deputy Leader and Leader of the Ontario Libertarian Party.
<https://www.facebook.com/ferguson4liberty>

Bruce Faulkner—Ward 20 in Ottawa (Osgoode)

I Will Work for You!

If elected councillor, one of my first priorities will be to reach out to those in the ward who need help now, like the many seniors, the disabled, and the low-income residents facing regressive taxation and other challenges.



Many people are very worried about what their future holds, like rapid inflation and the upcoming new property tax assessments. I expect to work with the residents, the community associations, city staff, and the developers to make Osgoode ward 20 the leader in senior care and affordable living.

What I Will Not Do

I am not soliciting for or accepting any contributions from developers in order to keep a clear conscience and not be compromised. My work will be for the people of the ward, as well as for the people of the whole city of Ottawa.

It's Time for a Fresh Start!

We have the opportunity for a fresh start with a new mayor and many new councillors at the table, in fact, all councillors should be new. I also hope to attract the 58% of eligible voters who do not vote, those who are tired of old-style politics, those who have given up or lost faith in the system, often the most vulnerable in our society.

I'll Get to All the Issues!

And of course, there are the ongoing issues that just do not seem to go away, like the nasty LRT file, road conditions, traffic calming, emergency services, crime, and others that have been neglected for so long and need to be addressed quickly.

Vote Bruce for City Councillor!

This term of council will be like no other, will not be easy, and should not be looked at as just another 'business as usual' manner. We need change and I am that change. I am ready and eager to take on this role.