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LEADER'S UPDATE

by Mark Snow, Leader of the Ontario Libertarian Party

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PARTY

Hello fellow Libertarians!

Lots going on the last few months. Our AGM was held in Oshawa on the October 29th and there were some changes to the executive committee. (updated EC on the back page)



Mark Snow. Leader

The Million Person March took place in support of Parental Rights and was promptly labeled as racist, homophobic and a slew of other lies by the MSM. Parents are and should be, the only authority over their own children. The Ontario Libertarian Party has been clear since the inception of the party in 1975. NO MORE state controlled education that in recent years has ramped up the indoctrination of our children in Marxist ideologies. We have and continue to campaign on Parents Choice, Opt-In or Opt Out platforms, we will fund the child. We need to remove the state and union influence over our most precious resource - the future leaders of our beautiful province and country.

Doug Ford and his cronies have been caught red handed in the Green Belt affair and had to back down. That doesn't mean it's all good now. NO, it is wrong for the Central Planning of provincial lands, and we need to have Regional representation by local MPPs. To do that we have to remove the Municipal Act, Conservation Authority, MPAC, and many other central planned bureaucracies. We would make that a top priority. It's not that we don't care, it is just that Regional Representation ensures the MPPs for that area represent the will of the people that elected them. It might mean a GRN, LIB, CON, NDP coalition to approve development, but it would also mean the Will of the People would be respected.

Speaking of property rights, along with eliminating the above-mentioned Acts and legislation, we will enshrine private property rights for landowners and codes will only apply if they choose to use them when constructing a home, shed, or a barn. What that means if you want to live in a RV, Yurt, Tent, Mud Brick house built by your own hands, until you have time to save for a home or build it cash... IT WILL BE LEGAL. As always, it is in your best interest to build a home to CODE if you ever want to sell your home later, however, since the feds have made owning or renting a home almost impossible, this is a solution to help our youth. Perhaps we should have a lottery and give away 1000 X 1 acre lots of crown land (public) to kick start real opportunities toward home ownership.

Carbon taxes are hurting everyone. One of the actions I would support is bringing a pipeline from the western Canada and refine Canadian oil and gas right here in Ontario, so WE the People can benefit from abundant domestic cheap energy. Federal interference and climate virtue signaling be damned.

To do this we need you! Whether it's your time, your candidacy, or most importantly your financial support ... we simply can't do it without like minded individuals getting involved.

How We Got Here Politically

By Jim McIntosh

Things were much different when I was growing up. My mother stayed home and looked after me and my two siblings while my dad took the streetcar to work. We owned our own home in east end Toronto. As I recall, the Saturday Star with coloured comics was 25 cents, and there wasn't much street crime. I only heard about politics during elections.

Today, things have changed. The Star is probably \$2.50 and it seems shootings are on the news most evenings. Young couples are lucky if they can afford a home, let alone children. And the average family pays more for taxes than for food, clothing and shelter. The government is in our lives regularly, telling us to stay home, close our businesses, and wear masks. They have always told us which drugs we can't use, at least not until they decide if they are good for us and if our doctor gives us a prescription. Now they are telling us we MUST take an experimental drug.

How did we get here? I am inclined to blame the government, no surprise since I am a libertarian.

There was a time when government was there to protect us, with fighters, police, and National Defense. And most of the time they only spent what they collected in taxes.

Edgerton Ryerson in the late 1800s believed, "Education should be as free as the air." He convinced the government that they should educate our children and relive the citizens of this responsibility. This may have been the first instance of the government deciding they should help people. Not only did many people appreciate not having to pay for someone to teach their children, but they tended to vote for politicians who would take care of other problems for them. Now they provide for our parents in Long Term Care homes (if you can wait many months). And they provide us with medical care, again if you can wait 27 weeks. And of course, they are doing their best to prevent global warming, by blaming us for exhaling CO2, getting to work by using gas burning cars, and keeping warm by burning natural gas. And now they think we are too stupid to decide for ourselves what is misinformation.

The problem is, they don't do a very good job of it. Can you name anything the government does well? They don't even protect us very well, given the armed services and hospitals are seriously short of staff. And since they have control of the education curriculum, many generations have been educated to respect authority, such as the teacher, the principal, the Premier and the Prime Minister. And to believe that the government knows what is best for all of us. Do they teach them anything about the importance of free speech in a democracy? Or that the government doesn't have any money of its own to pay for all the 'help' they are providing? In fact, government at all levels must tax their citizens to get the funds required to 'help' us. As a result, governments rob Peter to pay Paul, many of whom are government employees, directly or indirectly. And in order to get reelected, they rob Tom to buy Dick and Harry's votes. And even if you are Peter or Tom, you can choose the person who is robing you. And if you are a politician with a well-paying job, when you vote on the next piece of legislation you better follow the leader if you want to be a candidate again! Your elected "Representative" does not care what you think.

They say politics follows culture. Maybe politics has had a detrimental impact on our culture. Government has assumed so many of our responsibilities, it seems our only responsibility is to work hard so we can pay our, or rather, their taxes.

Responsibility is the flip side of freedom. We are losing our freedom and the government takes over our responsibilities. The only solution I can see is to change the culture. Make sure citizens understand that politicians cannot help us as well as we can help each other. Whatever problems we may face, there are enough creative people available to come up with more than one solution. Government is not the solution. It is the problem.

FACT: THERE IS NO LEFT OR RIGHT. THERE IS ONLY TYRANNY AND FREEDOM!!!

YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

We've been warning about BIG GOVERNMENT SINCE 1975



from the desk of
Scott Marshall, Campaign Director

What Do You Believe?

"I am for individual liberty, property rights, free markets and limited government."

Do you recall accepting the above Membership Statement along with paying your membership fees when you first became a Member of the Ontario Libertarian Party?

Those few words summarize what we believe as libertarians and it's never been more obvious how the absence of those four basic concepts have negatively affected our day to day lives.

Just in the past three years through coordinated fear propaganda and unconstitutional mandates, governments have locked you down, coerced millions into giving them control over their physical body, decimated the economy and small business in particular and expanded their powers to control and rule over you in ways you never thought possible.

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41.67	500.00	366.25	133.75
50.00	600.00	416.25	183.75
62.50	750.00	491.25	258.75
83.33	1000.00	616.25	383.75
104.17	1250.00	741.25	508.75
129.33	1552.00	892.25	659.75
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What Do You Believe? continued...

As it turns out, the dystopian, if not totalitarian, actions of government since declaring a pandemic in 2020, have not gone unnoticed.

Politicians, unelected bureaucrats, formerly trusted media, big business and groups of international globalists have shown nothing but contempt for citizens around the world.

So what can we do about it?

Support the Ontario Libertarian Party

The next Ontario General Election is slated for June 4th, 2026. We have 29 months to ramp up our preparations and educate as many people as possible that our Freedom of Choice platform is more than an ideological word salad but in fact offers viable solutions to many of the problems we face as a province.

Our goal is to again work towards a Full Slate of 124 Libertarian candidates in 2026. As many of you know, we were able to field 117 candidates in 2018, the most in our history, and represents a libertarian option on 94% of the district ballots. This was an important step as a party and we've demonstrated our ability to do that. Did you know that was accomplished with an average budget of only \$400 per candidate?

In order to compete effectively we need your help. We need to grow the party membership and invite the politically homeless and newly awakened freedom advocates to join us.

It goes without saying that we will need to raise a lot of money. More importantly, we need you to get involved on a local level as well.

Here are a few small things you can do to assist **YOUR** Ontario Libertarian Party move the goal posts:

Libertarian Action Items for 2024

- 1. Renew your Party Membership!! note: membership fees are rising to \$20 as of January 1st, 2024;
- 2. Recruit people in your inner circle who complain about anything involving big government to also join the party;
- 3. Organize and host a pub night or other regular meetings of like-minded individuals in your local area;
- 4. Volunteer as little or much of your time as you can in supporting party activities such as: joining the Executive, produce content to share on our website and social media platforms or consider becoming a candidate;
- Donate either your money to help us build an election war chest or even goods and services* we require. (*often eligible for in-kind Refundable Tax Receipts)



Our Executive Committee

The following volunteers make up your current Executive Committee following our 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Leader Mark Snow
Deputy Leader Coreen Corcoran
Chairman Michelle Lashbrook
Vice-Chairvacant
Treasurer / CFO Jim McIntosh
Secretary vacant
Recording Secretary vacant
Campaign Director Scott Marshall
Member at Large 1 Dean O'Reilly
Member at Large 2 vacant

As you will notice, we have a number of openings on the Executive. If you have a couple of hours a month and would like to help us, please contact Mark Snow or Michelle Lashbrook to express interest. leader@ or chairman@libertarian.on.ca

IMPORTANT

After decades of volunteering for the Ontario Libertarian Party, our treasurer / CFO would like to retire.

This position requires a commitment of a couple hours a week and some basic bookkeeping and computer skills are an asset. Training will be provided. Please contact Jim at cfo@libertarian.on.ca for more information. Thank you!!

