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**FREEDOM
OF CHOICE**

LEADER'S UPDATE

by Mark Snow, Leader of the Ontario Libertarian Party

Happy New Year to all our fellow freedom seekers!

2025 and 2026 are shaping up to be great years in our march to 124 Candidates for the 2026 Election. In November we elected a new citizen Executive Committee who are dedicated to improving the lives of our fellow Ontarians. The Liberty movement is on the rise in Canada – quite frankly because enough is enough of the Nanny State.

What is in store for 2025? A new platform:

Empowering MPPs – A decentralization of Queens Park power and empowerment of your elected MPP, you know the person YOU voted for!!! We didn't vote for a Premier or Queen Park Legislative control over us..right

Land Patent Grants - to empower our youth who are assaulted on every side by government bureaucracy and have no hope of owning land or a home. We can remedy that!

Healthcare ownership – A plan to wrestle control of MOH from the Premier and Unions and put that power directly into the hands of the people with citizen led control of funding and decision-making process.

Education – Attach the funding to the child – parents control that choice, to direct funds to your local public or private school offerings in the district in which they live. No more agenda driven curriculum will be imposed on our children, unless the parent chooses that path.

Reduce Government – End the Municipal Act, Conservation Authorities, and strengthen private property rights under our Ontario Charter Rights and Freedoms. But, more importantly, your MPP will have the power to make all planning and land use authority under the direction of a citizen empowered panels who represent the people.

It takes money and a majority government to make this happen. We need you now!! We need your tax refundable donations (see sample chart on page 4) and your engagement.

Please share our message of liberty, join the party, become a candidate and/or volunteer.

Mark Snow,
Leader



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NOTICE OF PARTY ADDRESS CHANGE

As of the beginning of 2025, our official party mailing address has been changed to the residence of our new Treasurer/CFO.

Ontario Libertarian Party
c/o Neal Donnelly
5115 County Road 10,
Fournier, ON K0B 1G0

Please update your records and use the above address for any party correspondence or mailing donations.

*We **do not** maintain an office that members or interested individuals can visit in person.*

2024 CONVENTION

by Gene Balfour, longtime Party Member & Liberty Advocate

The Ontario Libertarian Party held it's 2024 Convention on November 23 in Bowmanville, Ontario.

Leader Mark Snow kicked off the day with good news. He announced the end of his legal battles with the federal government which began during the 2021 Trucker Convoy to Ottawa.

The guest speakers were a refreshing change from previous conventions. They reflected the growth in citizen activism which began in earnest since early 2020. That's when the deluge of pandemic scare-mongering campaigns began, led by the World Health Organization, the Government of Canada, traditional corporate media, provincial and municipal governments, virtually all elected politicians, and a vast number of citizens who loved to point accusing fingers at fellow citizens who refused to accept the "official" narratives coming from all of the above.

Next, Dr. Kerstin Kelly took the podium or, should I say 'commanded the stage'. She delivered compelling reasons for every OLP member to join the 'coalition' of the Stronach Foundation for Economic Rights (www.EconomicCharter.ca/join). Frank Stronach, at age 92, has engaged Dr. Kelly to entice every Canadian to join who wants a much better Canada. Under his Economic Charter of 7 policy recommendations, Frank believes Canada can rise up like a phoenix to undo the Trudeau catastrophe of the last nine years. I'm riding the tail feathers of that phoenix. I hope you will too.

Not to be outdone, Maggie Braun of kickei.ca and gather2030.ca fame impressed the audience with her lobbying successes at the municipal government level. Maggie has amassed a following of patriots to push back against a globalist juggernaut that threatens every Canadian. Unelected globalist interlopers have been seeding our public institutions with Trojan horses with creeping digital communism via the scaremongering of the Climate Change Crisis Theory (CCCT). Anyone with even a fundamental understanding of the related science knows with certainty that the CCCT is just a scam to generate widespread and irrational fear to lull millions of science illiterates into a state of unquestioning obedience to the world's wealthiest and most powerful elites.

Maggie twisted my arm to present a deputation this week to the City of Kawartha Lakes regarding its proposed 312-page 2024 Annual Report. One stated 2025 "priority" is to create and implement a Climate Change Strategy. With a room full of witnesses to Maggie's arm twisting, I succumbed to her request and I am preparing a 5-minute deputation to Council at a special public meeting on Tuesday using the excellent materials she has prepared for the purpose (available on her website).

Next up was Scott Cordier, a Life Insurance broker, and Mike Sadhu (over Zoom) who delivered a professional presentation on the Infinite Banking Concept (IBC). They explained how a whole life insurance policy can help anyone to "become your own banker"
<https://infinitebanking.org/product/becoming-your-own-banker>

2025 Executive Committee

The following volunteers make up your current Executive Committee following our 2024 Convention.

- Leader Mark Snow
- Deputy Leader vacant
- Chairman Michelle Lashbrook
- Vice-Chair Joel Eckert
- Treasurer/CFO Darcy Neal Donnelly
- Secretary Coreen Corcoran
- Recording Secretary Jim McIntosh
- Campaign Director Scott Marshall
- Member at Large Nunzio Venuto
- Member at Large Joseph Nunno

I know others who have looked into IBC in the past and suggested that it is not for everyone. It may be suitable for some people depending on age and personal circumstances. As a sales presentation, the IBC presentation was done well. It appeals to typical libertarians who want financial and tax freedom from the exploitation of governmental and financial institutions.

Following lunch, elections were conducted for the Executive and Ethics Committees. Mark Snow remains Leader, no surprise. Other positions were filled with familiar faces and some new ones.

The final session was an open discussion led by me. I have long advised that the OLP rebrand itself as the Less Government Advocates of Ontario. The OLP celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2026. I believe this to be a good time to reflect on the OLP's past methods and assess if they have produced the kind of electoral results that one might expect from 50 years of effort. I also suggested the OLP to shift focus to the kind of grass roots activism put forth by Dr. Kerstin Kelly and Maggie Braun. I invited them both to the convention to inspire more "boots on the ground" activism by Libertarian advocates.

The left wants government to be your Mommy. The right wants government to be your Daddy. The Libertarians want to treat you like an adult.



2024 CONVENTION

by Gene Balfour, continued ...

My rationale? Consider that all OLP members have joined as concerned citizens that want change, but the OLP only becomes active every four years to prepare for elections. The OLP is dormant for the three years in between. This time can be well spent in activist causes that meet Libertarian ideas of a better Canada.

The discussion proved there remains a great deal of loyalty to the Libertarian name within the OLP leadership. This, coupled with the belief that the Party's sole mission to be a political party, means the focus will likely remain on fielding as many ballot candidates as possible in every election. Traditional campaign goals and methods will remain the path forward.

While the OLP Executive Committee will remain committed to its mission as a registered political party, there is nothing to stop individual OLP members from becoming more engaged in activism through organizations led by people like Maggie Braun and Dr. Kerstin Kelly. I wonder after the discussion, however, if some of the new OLP Executive Committee members will express an interest in exploring "partnerships" with activist "freedom groups". Surely, synergies will be found could be of mutual benefit to all stakeholders. If this shift comes to pass and receives unanimous support within the EC, I will likely volunteer my time and experience to Mark Snow to support that cause.

For me, OLP Convention 2024 has been the most hope-inspiring annual meeting since 2017 when the EC was committed and organized to help leader Allen Small field 117 candidates. This achievement provided over 95% of Ontario voters at least one "less government" in the OLP ballot choice. I am left wondering: if those 117 candidates had been listed as 'LESS GOVERNMENT ADVOCATES of Ontario', would they have received more or fewer votes?

I am considering testing this theory. Next election, I may run as Independent for Less Government to see if it produces more votes. I have never reached 2% of the popular vote in nine elections as a Libertarian candidate. I did, however, exceed 2% as a PPC candidate federally in 2019. I have run 3 times as a Libertarian in my home riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding. If I were to exceed 2% as an Independent for Less Government, it would support my theory that this name and brand change for the OLP is worthy of serious consideration.

An hypothesis that warrants testing? Food for thought.



REFUNDABLE

applied to your 2025 Income Tax Return

Ontario Political Tax Credits

75% on the first \$500.05 donated

50% between \$500.05 and \$1,666.82

33.33% between \$1,666.82 and \$3,400

Donated during the 2025 calendar year

Ontario Residents Only

Budget Friendly to give Monthly	Your Annual Total Donation	Refundable Tax Credit	Actual Cost of your Support
4.00	48.00	36.00	12.00
5.00	60.00	45.00	15.00
6.00	72.00	54.00	18.00
8.00	96.00	72.00	24.00
10.00	120.00	90.00	30.00
12.00	144.00	108.00	36.00
15.00	180.00	135.00	45.00
20.00	240.00	180.00	60.00
30.00	360.00	270.00	90.00
40.00	480.00	360.00	120.00
50.00	600.00	425.00	175.00
75.00	900.00	575.00	325.00
100.00	1200.00	725.00	475.00
125.00	1500.00	875.00	625.00
150.00	1800.00	1002.80	797.20
175.00	2100.00	1102.80	997.20
200.00	2400.00	1202.79	1197.21
225.00	2700.00	1302.78	1397.22
250.00	3000.00	1402.77	1597.23
275.00	3300.00	1502.76	1797.24
283.33	3400.00	1536.09	1863.91

Why Run as a Libertarian Candidate

By Scott Marshall, Campaign Director

Running as a libertarian candidate in an election can be a powerful way to advocate for personal freedom, limited government, and individual responsibility. Here are a few reasons why someone might choose to run as a libertarian:

1. Promote Individual Liberty

At the core of libertarianism is the belief that individuals have the right to make their own choices, free from coercion by the government or others. Running as a libertarian candidate allows you to fight for the principles of self-ownership, autonomy, and the protection of personal rights.

2. Reduce Government Overreach

Libertarians believe that government is best when it's small, efficient, and limited in scope. By running as a libertarian candidate, you can challenge the ever-expanding role of the government in people's lives. This includes fighting for lower taxes, reducing bureaucratic red tape and regulations, cut wasteful spending, and empower local communities.

3. Defend Economic Freedom

Libertarians argue that free markets—unfettered by government intervention—lead to more innovation, greater prosperity, and better opportunities for everyone. Running as a libertarian gives you a public the platform to champion economic freedom and advocate for less government control over businesses, wages, and markets.

4. Support Personal Responsibility

Libertarians believe that individuals are accountable for their own actions and decisions. This means reducing reliance on government programs and empowering people to make decisions for themselves. Advocate for allowing individuals to make choices about their health care, education, and retirement without government monopolies or interference.

5. Champion Fiscal Responsibility

Libertarians are committed to fiscal responsibility, advocating for balanced budgets and reducing debt. Running as a libertarian candidate means standing against reckless government spending and pushing for sound economic policies that put the interests of taxpayers first.

6. Offer a True Alternative to the Status Quo

Many voters are frustrated with the current system which often feels like it's more about maintaining power for the connected elites than serving the people. By running as a libertarian, you provide a genuine alternative to the status quo—an option for those who feel their values and concerns aren't represented by the mainstream parties.

7. Empower Voters Who Want More Choices

In many elections, voters feel stuck between the "lesser of two evils" when choosing between the major parties. By running as a libertarian, you give voters who believe in liberty and limited government an alternative to vote for—one that aligns with their values more closely.

8. Voluntary Cooperation Over Forced Compliance

Libertarians believe that social and economic cooperation should be based on voluntary interaction, not state coercion. As a candidate, you can advocate for voluntary solutions to societal issues, whether it's charity, mutual aid, or cooperative business models. Empower local communities and organizations to address issues such as poverty, housing and even education without depending on government mandates or funding.

9. Protect Civil Liberties

Libertarians are passionate about protecting civil liberties, including free speech, privacy, and the right to be left alone by the state. By running as a libertarian candidate, you can make it a central issue in your campaign, drawing attention to government surveillance, overreach, and restrictions on personal freedoms.

10. Fight Against Crony Capitalism

Libertarians oppose cronyism—the use of government power to benefit specific businesses or individuals at the expense of others. Advocate for the elimination of corporate bailouts and government subsidies for large businesses, and push for a truly free market where companies must compete on their merits.

11. Inspire a New Generation of Activists and Voters

Running as a libertarian can inspire younger generations who are disillusioned with the political system to get involved and vote for a candidate that represents their ideals of freedom, responsibility, and self-reliance.

Conclusion:

Running as a libertarian candidate offers a platform for promoting freedom, fiscal responsibility, and individual rights while challenging the growing power of the state. By standing for limited government, personal autonomy, and economic freedom, you can offer voters a genuine alternative to the status quo and inspire change in the political landscape. If you're passionate about defending liberty, advocating for a fairer society, and empowering individuals, running as a libertarian candidate can be a powerful way to make a meaningful difference.