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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mike Crawley

Opposition sucks. Every Liberal has probably thought that at least once over the last year and a half. Liberals are by nature positive and constructive. We see huge opportunities and want to do whatever is necessary to ensure Canada seizes upon them. In opposition, however, we are left to watch in frustration as a Conservative government ignores these opportunities and instead chooses to play petty political games. We all need to put this frustration aside and focus on the important work that needs to get done in opposition.

Our parliamentarian wing, of course, will continue to give voice to the 64 percent of Canadians who did not vote for a Conservative government.

Within the Party, there is much we need to do to earn the privilege of governing once again.

Firstly, we need to bring both card carrying and new Liberals together. Our boat cruise in August was once again a sold-out affair, even without the excitement of a leadership campaign that we had last year. In November, Liberals from across Ontario will gather in Deerhurst at the LPC(O) Annual General Meeting. I encourage you all to seek a delegate spot for this important meeting.

Secondly, we need to develop a new Liberal agenda that gives Canadians a positive alternative to the Conservative's right-wing policies. The Annual General Meeting will have a broad range of policy discussions and presentations. Your voice needs to be heard.

Finally, we need to be prepared for a campaign. Financially, LPC(O) is now in better shape than at any point in recent memory. This means we are not distracted with day-to-day financial pressures and can focus on election readiness. In this respect, we have nominated most of our candidates and a successful campaign college was held in Ottawa last June. Diane Mitchell has also re-joined the Party staff to raise money in Ontario for the election campaign. We need to also ensure our grassroots volunteers have all the skills needed to win. At the Deerhurst AGM, there will be several Liberal University courses where you can improve your own campaign skills and help others.

As stated above, Liberals are positive. Rather than 'sucking', if you'll excuse the slang, opposition is a time of new opportunities for Liberals. And an important part of seizing on these opportunities is to come together with your fellow Liberals in Deerhurst, near Huntsville, November 16th -18th. Please contact your riding association or call the party office at 416-921-2844 to find out more about becoming a delegate to the LPC(O) AGM.

Best regards



Mike Crawley
President, Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 16th – 18th, Deerhurst Resort

Mark the weekend of November 16th on your calendar!

Hundreds of Liberals will meet at the Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville for the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario)'s Annual General Meeting.

The weekend's agenda is packed with opportunity to discuss policy, attend workshops and interact with fellow Liberals from across the province!

Saturday will be highlighted with an address by our Leader, the Honourable Stéphane Dion, in addition to Riding Presentations and the Volunteer of the Year Awards!

Your Riding President should have received the official application form for the 2007 LPC(O) Riding Awards Program (RAP). This year seven major awards will be presented at the AGM and achievement certificates will also be awarded to the second and third place finishers in each region. The winning riding could be yours so we encourage each of you to participate by taking the time to discuss with your Riding and submit the application. Good luck to all!

For further information, please contact Sheldon Bell, VP Organization, at vice-president.organization@lpco.ca.

There will also be the election of various Management Board positions and Regional Presidents. Anyone interested in seeking a position must complete the appropriate documentation. Please visit www.lpco.ca for further information.

Entries for nominations and RAP must be received at the LPC(O) office no later than 5 p.m. (EDT) on Tuesday, October 16, 2007.

Delegate Selection Meetings will be held in ridings throughout October; check with your Riding President for more information on the DSM.

The LPC(O) AGM promises to be an exciting and unique event, especially as we will be in the beautiful Northern Region!

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

We would like to ensure members of our Party are informed of upcoming events rather than events that have occurred in the past. The new LPC(O) website allows Riding Associations the opportunity to advertise their events. Whether fundraising or social, please let us know what great things are happening in your riding so that we can keep our Liberal Members informed.

An Evening with Romeo Dallaire and Michael Ignatieff
Friday, October 19, 2007

The Judy Ball
Tuesday, October 30, 2007

An Autumn Eve with Justin Trudeau
Monday, November 5, 2007

Hon. Garth Turner, PC, MP and the Halton Federal Liberal Association
Invite you to meet Hon. Ralph Goodale
Thursday, November 22, 2007

An Evening with Bob Rae
Thursday, November 22, 2007

WWW.LPCO.CA

A new look, a new feel, a new level of communication

The LPC(O) website was re-launched the first week of August with a whole new look and feel.

The site was designed with a focus on providing current and up-to-date information while highlighting the accomplishments of Liberals in Ontario, and upcoming events.

Be a part of the new lpcoco.ca, tell us about your event and send us your "Liberal life" photos and we will be sure to post them. The site changes frequently so be sure to check it out often!

Simply visit the site and tell us what you think by sending an e-mail to feedback@lpcoco.ca

NEW MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FORMS

Updated and easier to use

The August meeting of the LPC(O) Executive Board saw the debut of the latest version of our New Membership Form. It's easier to read and to fill out; signing up new members will be more straightforward than ever!

The addition of the ChequeMate section will help ridings with local fundraising (more on the chequeMate program below).

Please note that all previous membership forms will expire 31/12/2007, and as such will be invalid for use after that date. New Membership Forms have been sent out to all Ridings and are available for your use.

Is it time to renew your membership?

Every fall, Liberals across the province receive notice to renew their membership. This year's notices have been redesigned to make them clearer and easier to use.

If you have any questions, please contact membership@lpco.ca

CHEQUEMATE

It's your move!

The ChequeMate plan is a simple, yet highly effective way of donating regularly to the Liberal Party through a pre-authorized chequing plan.

You decide how much to give, you decide where it should go. Simply decide how much you would like to donate monthly, return the form with one void cheque or with credit card information, and we'll take care of the rest.

Through the ChequeMate plan, you can donate to your local riding association, or to Party. It's your choice.

ChequeMate contributors receive numerous special benefits including invitations to the Annual ChequeMate Reception, and, of course, ChequeMate plan members receive the same tax benefits as other donors.

The Liberal Party of Canada depends on supporters like you. We recognize it isn't always easy attending fundraising events or being there when needed. A pre-authorized chequing plan makes it easy to give, and provides your local riding association or the central party office with a steady revenue stream. This helps to ensure a solid financial footing for our party, not just when an election is called, but also during the important years between elections.

Whether it's \$10 or \$100, your monthly donation will go a long way toward ensuring that the Liberal Party of Canada can continue to provide strong leadership for our country and maintain a strong presence in your community.

So what are you waiting for? [Click here](#) to complete the form and become part of the ChequeMate Plan today. It's your move!

REGIONAL POLICY REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

The LPC(O) Policy Committee is composed of 12 regional representatives (2 for each region). Some of their responsibilities include advising the V.P. Policy on process, assisting EDAs in carrying out the policy process, providing training in policy development, and organizing regional policy events in conjunction with the Regional President.

At the up coming AGM, each Region will be voting on a Policy rep to join the current committee which was elected last year. (Please [Click here](#) for a list of current members.)

For further information please contact Maryanne Kampouris vice-president.policy@lpco.ca

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I know I speak for everyone in this office when I convey my heartiest congratulations to Nicole Lovell and her staff at 10 St. Mary for the outstanding work done on the Provincial Campaign. Liberals across Ontario can be proud of the results and the well run, well executed campaign by Dalton and his campaign team. As you read this we are still not certain when we might be on the campaign trail ourselves. We do know however that we have an incredible group of new and returning candidates. As we prepare for our upcoming AGM, we are working to ensure that the agenda is both exciting and educational. Doug Ferguson and his Liberal University “professors” have promised a full compliment of campaign courses. I urge you to mark November 16, 17 and 18th on your calendar. This will be an opportunity to meet the newest members of the LPC(O) staff, meet the newest candidates and their teams, and to renew old friendships as we share best practices and plan the way ahead.



Hon. Judi Longfield
LPC(O) Executive Director