



## Bay of Quinte Federal Liberal Association

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## Summer 2014 NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As Lenore, David and Rita, and I paddle down the Black River on a beautiful day, it is good to remember that everyone needs rest, peace and tranquility. Politics is often an all-consuming passion that is good to stand back from every once and awhile. I hope you are taking some time to enjoy life and recharge your batteries. It is good to have a perspective as to what is important in our life. I wish

people in all parts of the world could enjoy this

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July 21, 2014

### Murray Canal District Association

The following is a letter written by David Dingle of the Murray Canal District Association in protest of the decision of Parks Canada and the Conservative Government to replace the Swing Bridge over the Murray Canal (Brighton Rd Bridge) with a single lane bridge.

Copies: Darlene Upton, Executive Director Parks Canada Canals  
Jewel Cunningham, Superintendent, Trent Severn Waterway & Rideau Canal, Parks Canada

Rick Norlock, MP Northumberland Quinte West  
Daryl Kramp, MP for Hasting Prince Edward  
Lou Rinaldi, MPP for Northumberland Quinte West  
Todd Smith, MPP for Hastings Prince Edward  
Mark Walas, Mayor, Brighton  
Peter Mertens, Mayor, Prince Edward County  
John Williams, Mayor, Quinte West  
Media Outlets

**Subject: Update on our efforts to change Parks Canada’s plans to replace the west Murray Canal swing bridge**

Dear Friends,

We continue to vigorously object to Parks Canada’s plans to replace the west Murray Canal swing bridge with a single lane bridge. Recent input from a highly regarded transportation safety expert has alerted us to a significant new concern. Permanent lane control signals as proposed for the new bridge are not common in Ontario. Unless they are properly designed, with consideration of all relevant data, the risk of accidents



and injury is real. For example, the design process should include studies of traffic flows – by volume, type and pattern – and consider the potential for rear-end collisions. The City of Quinte West Official Plan identifies the subject section of County Road 64 as a major collector roadway. We have no indication from Parks Canada that any of the requisite studies identified by our expert have been undertaken.

The group of concerned citizens grows every day as more people hear about this situation. The safety concerns must be expressly recognized and addressed. Conversion to a single lane bridge, with its permanent traffic signals, will generate significant negative economic and environmental impacts for the region - Brighton,

Quinte West and Prince Edward County. It is imperative that any decision taken by Parks Canada be based on consideration of all relevant factors. Our information about the decision process to date suggests that important data and considerations have been overlooked. For example, Parks Canada admitted on April 23, 2014 that it relied on traffic counts taken in 2008/9. We understand that a recent traffic count was performed, but not by Parks Canada. The dearth of data – and the apparent lack of concern about it – should be a source of alarm.

As of this writing we have had no substantive reply from Parks Canada to any of our communications and requests, though we expressly raised the safety issue only recently. We invite all concerned citizens to join us to:

- Help build awareness and help us get Parks Canada to suspend their efforts to build a dangerous and economically damaging single lane bridge to replace the west Murray Canal swing bridge.
- Help us to work with all levels of government and other appropriate groups and organizations to get the current bridge replaced with one suitable to the traffic volumes of all types of today and those expected during the reasonable lifetime of the new structure.

We are the Murray Canal District Organization. Please visit our website at [www.MurrayCanalDistrict.ca](http://www.MurrayCanalDistrict.ca).

Sincerely, Dave Dingle, MCDO Chair

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### **Liberals about the Bay of Quinte Riding this summer**



**John Brisbois and Lyle Vanclief 1**



**Candidate Ellis & Gavin North talk Bees 1**



**Liberal red everywhere 1**

There has been lots of Liberal action in the Bay of Quinte Riding this summer. Above John Brisbois, Association President with Lyle Vanclief, discuss Prince Edward County issues at the July 1<sup>st</sup>, Canada Day

Celebration in Wellington. Neil Ellis listens to Gavin North’s concerns about the decline of the bee population and the real danger presented by Neonicotinoid pesticides.

## Calling all Culinary Artisans



Again this year, we are going to publish another “Recipes to Nourish the Liberal Soul” cookbook as a fund-raising project and would like to make it bigger and better than ever.

To that end, we would appreciate receiving recipes reflecting the cosmopolitan nature of the Liberal community.

### Recipes can include, but are not limited to:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• appetizers &amp; beverages;</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• vegetables;</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• salads &amp; dressings;</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• desserts &amp; other sweets;</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• soups &amp; sauces;</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• breads;</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• main dishes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• allergy sensitive recipes such as gluten and nut free.</li></ul>

Recipes well-suited to using locally-available produce, such as wine and cheese, are especially welcome.

While this project will proceed throughout 2014, we need you to send your favourite recipes as soon as possible to avoid last-minute production issues.

Please submit as many of your culinary favourites as you can to: [maggienorris@sympatico.ca](mailto:maggienorris@sympatico.ca)

Thank you to those who contributed recipes to our current edition.

Maggie Norris, Volunteer Director



# The Right to Care - It's time for a National Child Care Program

by Jenn Donville

Now that the Bay of Quinte Liberals have secured a strong leader in Neil Ellis, and buoyed by the success of the provincial Liberals in June, it is time to identify and promote the issues closest to the hearts of our constituents and all Canadians in preparation for the upcoming Federal Election. Amongst the hot button issues, a national strategy for early learning and childcare is an urgent concern and has been recognized as a Priority Resolution at the Federal Liberals' Biennial Convention in Montreal.



Aside from its importance in battling child poverty and ensuring healthy development, an effective early childcare and education system is a key contributor to women's empowerment and the achievement of gender equality in the workplace. It is a factor in successful, adaptable economies, promotes GDP growth, and is correlated with increased opportunities for social mobility. This is borne out in evidence-based research that repeatedly emphasizes the

myriad social and economic benefits of quality, accessible and affordable early child care programs.

So where does Canada stand? Our record is not good: Canada has fallen far behind our European contemporaries in the provision of quality early childcare and education. Analyses by the OECD puts Canada *very last* amongst its membership in public spending on early learning and child care programs for 0-6 years, and 4<sup>th</sup> to last in spending on benefits and services for families with young children, despite ranking 4<sup>th</sup> highest in GDP per capita. Childcare is costing parents more in Canada than anywhere else in the OECD - the cost to children is immeasurable.

The Harper government's cancellation in 2006 of the Foundations Program set up by Martin's Liberals was a gravely missed opportunity and has resulted in a steady decline in the quality, availability and consistency of child care across the country (excepting Quebec, where child-care is heavily subsidized by the government). The monthly child-care benefit of \$100 is a poor substitute and a woefully inadequate level of assistance for most families who struggle to afford climbing child-care costs. Low and middle-income families are forced to settle for inadequate, unlicensed care - which at best is shortchanging children and at worst is harming them, as evinced by the tragic cases of daycare negligence across the GTA in the past 12 months.



The Federal Liberals have fought tirelessly for decades to implement a national childcare program to support Canadian families and honour the rights of children to achieve their full potential. Families throughout the Bay of Quinte area, and across Canada, deserve a federal government that recognizes the rights of children to quality, accessible childcare and is committed to ensuring its universal provision.

<http://www.liberal.ca/files/2010/05/Priority-Resolutions-EN-FINAL.pdf>

<http://childcarecanada.org/documents/research-policy-practice/12/02/canada%E2%80%99s-history-never-was-national-child-care-program>

<http://childcarecanada.org/sites/default/files/StateofECEC2012.pdf>

<http://www.canadianlabour.ca/national/news/canada-lags-other-oecd-countries-child-care>

[http://www.childcarecanada.org/sites/default/files/BN\\_EarlyLearning06.pdf](http://www.childcarecanada.org/sites/default/files/BN_EarlyLearning06.pdf)

## **A Message from Our President (Cont'd from page 1)**

**Dear Members and Supporters:** A quiet and shared experience on the river.

I am encouraged as summer events provide a venue for Neil Ellis to meet and convince troubled voters that there is a better alternative

than the current government. On Canada Day I accompanied him in Wellington and Quinte West for their Canada Day events. I was impressed by his willingness to listen and speak to so many people. It is evident that he really does want people to have a voice and a government that believes that just society can be a reality.

While we wait for a Liberal government, Mr. Harper continues his relentless campaign to remake Canada into a corporate run country. The Chief Negotiators for the Trans Pacific Partnership are working on censorship rules that could affect us for generations. The CBC is a major threat to Harper's vision. He is slowly dismantling it at our expense. The Fair elections act is right out of the Republican handbook. This morning those are my top three. Unfortunately, most of Mr. Harper's actions are waiting to be in my top three.

To conclude, I want to bring your attention to a local issue. You may recall the one lane bridge proposal for the Murray Canal. There is an article by David Dingle in this newsletter I think you should read. Both Mr. Norlock and Mr. Kramp have implied that Parks Canada is the culprit and there is little they can do. I hope both of them can spend some quality time with Mr. Harper after the next election

See you at Ribfest in Belleville this weekend and at the Ploughing Match, August 20,21,22.

[www.hastingsfarmshow.com/](http://www.hastingsfarmshow.com/)

Follow us on the Bay of Quinte FLA page. <https://www.facebook.com/quinteliberal>. You

can also still contact me at our old email address at [info@quinteliberal.ca](mailto:info@quinteliberal.ca)

*-John Brisbois, President*

## Easy Tips for Going Green

Buy an inexpensive reusable water bottle, and stop buying plastic disposable bottles. Then watch *The Story of Bottled Water*, a short movie about the bottled water phenomena.



Do you have a tip for next month? Let us know and we'll try to include it! Contact us via the info found on the newsletter banner.

## Liberal statement on government failure to respond to Mount Polley emergency

POSTED ON AUGUST 7, 2014

VANCOUVER – Liberal MP for Vancouver Quadra, Joyce Murray, today issued the following statement on the Mount Polley tailings pond spill near Likely, British Columbia:

“Monday’s devastating tailings pond spill from the Mount Polley mine has become an unprecedented disaster for the Cariboo region of British Columbia. Worse still, the 10 billion litres of polluted water is threatening to contaminate British Columbia’s salmon bearing watersheds. It is clear that managing this volatile situation requires the concerted efforts of Canadians and our federal government.

“The Conservative government has completely ignored the growing ecological emergency that is

unfolding in British Columbia. The federal government has a responsibility to support a response to such emergencies, yet still we have seen no action from the Prime Minister or from the Minister of Public Safety, Steven Blaney.

“Instead of focusing on this environmental catastrophe, Blaney and other Harper ministers have launched a smear campaign against Justin Trudeau, citing the ‘alleged’ questionable activities of a mosque he visited in his riding. However, after eight years in government, the Conservatives have done nothing to address a purported security threat that Canada’s Minister of Public Safety himself alleges to exist.

“The Harper government and the Public Safety Minister should be using their resources to help Canadians through the crisis in BC, not to smear political opponents. While Conservatives stay focused on us, we will stay focused on Canadians.”



## Mark your calendar.

Check out the Rednersville Road Art Tour this Labour Day Weekend!

Doors are open on the **Labour Day Weekend from 10 am to 4 pm.**

Take one, two or three days to see our studios and workplaces, as well as enjoy some spectacular views and gardens.

The Rednersville Road, or Prince Edward County Road 3, follows along the shore of the Bay of Quinte from Highway 62 at Rossmore. Watch for the signs at each tour stop and have a wonderful time!

<http://www.rednersvilleroadarttour.com>



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## The Story of Us

The McColl Clan ventured to North America from Scotland in the 1840's and were deeded land from the Crown to begin farming in what would become Canada. Our part of the family settled in an area north of the thriving towns of Stockdale and Wooler (just north of Trenton). The original farm is still in our family name and located on McColl Road.

McColl's have been actively farming from the beginning, clearing the land, milking cows, raising beef, pork, chicken for meat and cash cropping, following good animal husbandry practices, proper crop rotation and nutrient management.

BJ McColl Farms journey from, "farm to fork", began with a vision by Bryan to fill a need to provide Ontario lamb for market versus imported lamb. Researching lamb, altering our barn and crops then purchasing Ewes for our farrow to finish operation, we are on our way. Bryan's sister Lisa was working for a local restaurant and made us aware that they have lamb on their menu. They have to purchase it from someone. Why not us? We approached them and our first sale was made. Thinking if one restaurant liked our lamb maybe others would as well. We now supply many local restaurants and have expanded to include wineries and personal consumption.

BJ McColl Farms believe in providing the best product possible to our customers. When raising our lambs, we feed them grain and hay that was planted, grown and harvested ourselves. We only purchase salt blocks, vitamins, minerals and lamb starter ration. We are proud to say, " We know and grow what our lambs consume."

BJ McColl mission statement: To provide our customers with top quality product, strive to be competitive with our pricing and provide top of the line customer service.

BJ McColl farms is looking forward to, *Meeting Your Needs and Exceeding Your Expectations*. We hope that you enjoy our lamb as much as we enjoy delivering it to you.

Bon Appetit

Bryan and John McColl and Family