



Bay of Quinte Federal Liberal Association

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September 2014 Newsletter

OUR CANDIDATE AND OUR ASSOCIATION



Bay of Quinte Candidate, Neil Ellis has spent his summer meeting Liberals and soon to be Liberals throughout our Riding.

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**BRIDGE FORUM FALL SPEAKER
SCOTT BRISON, CRITIC FOR FINANCE AND NATIONAL REVENUE COMES TO TOWN TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD, 7 PM, BELLEVILLE.**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Scott Brison is the Member of Parliament for Kings-Hants (Nova Scotia) and serves as the Liberal

Party Critic for Finance.

He is a member of the Trilateral Commission and has been named by the World Economic Forum (WEF) of Davos, Switzerland, as one of its "Young Global Leaders."

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Into No Man's Land: PTSD Awareness March through Bay of Quinte Riding



On Wednesday, August 13th, two men came walking through Quinte West on their way to CFB Trenton. They carried full military backpacks and a wooden cross. Steve Hartwig and Jason McKenzie left Victoria on June 23rd to walk across the country to bring awareness of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and to focus on changing the perceptions and stigma encountered.

In three years, 50 soldiers who have committed suicide as a result of their tours of duty in Afghanistan. The treatment that is available for PTSD is inadequate to address the needs of these members of the Canadian Forces. Otherwise there would not be the number of suicides. There has been a great reluctance on the part of the military to accept the condition in the first place and an even greater reluctance to provide adequate treatment.

Steve Hartwig shares his story and his reasons for making this journey on the web page www.intonomansland.com. Please take some time to find out about PTSD and what needs to be done to address this very troubling problem.



Our Candidate and Activities in the Riding this Month



Neil at Consecon Days



Nick at the Ploughing Match

Scott Brison (cont'd from page 1) He served as Minister of Public Works and Government Services, and Receiver General of Canada, from 2004 to 2006, the youngest member of Prime Minister Paul Martin's cabinet. Mr. Brison previously served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister with special emphasis on Canada-U.S. Relations.

Mr. Brison has had extensive private sector experience ranging from business start-ups and U.S. market development to serving as Vice-President of a Canadian investment bank. He is presently Chairman of SeaFort Capital in Halifax.

Mr. Brison and his partner, Maxime St-Pierre, and their two daughters, live in Cheverie, Nova Scotia, on the shores of the Minas Basin, home of the world's highest tides. He was born in Windsor, Nova Scotia and graduated from Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in finance. He enjoys economics, foreign policy, sea kayaking, downhill skiing and growing apples.

Bridge Forum 2014

Where **Belleville Yacht Club
82 Front St. S
Belleville**
Date **Tuesday, September 23rd**
Time **7 pm Open to Public**
Cost **No cost. Donations Accepted**

**Mike Bossio and John McLellan
meet voters at Coe Hill Fair**



A Message from Our President



Summer is fading; schools are about to open again. As we move closer to a general election, there is much work to be done. Neil Ellis, our Liberal candidate here in the new Bay of Quinte FLA has been busy visiting all sectors of our Riding. The response has been positive. An overwhelming number of residents are excited and involved. Their questions indicate they are ready for a change. The County, Quinte West and Belleville have hosted several events over the summer and the response has been good.

As exciting as the summer was, the Fall promises to be a positive time as Neil and Justin look to win at least 170 seats in the next general election. Mr. Harper seems to have difficulty

honoring his own fixed election dates, so we will keep you posted. The Fall Bridge Forum will get underway in September as we finalize the details with Scott Brison and Anna Gainey. Information will be posted shortly and we hope you will be as excited as we are. In the meantime, you are Liberal ambassadors in the Riding. We hope you will spread the message. Visit our website, www.quinte.liberal.ca.

Check our Face Book page: <http://www.facebook.com/quinteliberal>. Feel free to share this newsletter with your friends and colleagues. Most of all, I

hope you will stay positive and work with us to elect a Liberal government.
John Brisbois

-John Brisbois, President

Prime Minister Refuses to Take Action on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

OTTAWA – The Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, Justin Trudeau, today issued the following statement on the Prime Minister’s refusal to call a national inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls:

“The staggering number of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada is a national tragedy. The Prime Minister continues to demonstrate a tremendous lack of leadership and how out of touch he is with this issue and those deeply impacted by it.

“Mr. Harper is on the wrong side of history – the federal government must take urgent action to end this national tragedy. Despite repeated calls for a public inquiry from the families of victims, provincial governments, Indigenous communities, and international organizations, the Prime Minister and his government have repeatedly refused to call a public inquiry.

“Liberals have long stood with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities, and Canadians across the country, in calling for a full, public, transparent inquiry mandated to determine the causes of the nearly 1,200 missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. National leadership and action are urgently needed if we are to put an end to this violence.”

Tips for Going Green

1. Reducing water use is a good way to help do your part for the environment. The Provincial Government suggests that you check every faucet in your house to make sure that it is not leaking. A dripping faucet can leak as much as 100 litres of water over a 24-hour period. That is 3,000 litres a month. A leaking faucet is estimated to fill two swimming pools in one year.



fridge instead of running the tap until the water is cold.

3. Check the instructions on your water heater

because some units have a “vacation setting”.

Do you have a tip for next month? Let us know and we'll try to include it! Contact us via info@quinteliberal.ca

Vote 2015

Neil Ellis and Marjorie Bletcher enjoy a light moment at Boston Pizza in Trenton



**Team Ellis
Hugh O'Neill, John
Brisbois, Ross Rae**



Journalists for Human Rights

JHR's Core Principles

JHR is an organization that:

- seeks to eliminate the need for the work it does
- creates change without creating dependency
- runs needs-based programs with sustainable, long-term impact
- works with local media on pressing local human rights issues
- believes in the inherent equality of all human beings
- respects all human rights equally
- believes in the power of open and free discussion to create positive change
- upholds the most stringent of human rights standards in its own operations
- builds long-term and respectful relationships with its partners, volunteers, staff, funders and stakeholders
- actively works with local partners in countries of operation



Journalists for Human Rights

JHR Launches New Scholarship for Aboriginal Journalists

Journalists for Human Rights and Loyalist College are proud to announce a new scholarship opportunity for emerging Aboriginal journalists in Ontario. The JHR and Loyalist College Aboriginal Reporters Scholarship will give two emerging Aboriginal journalists the opportunity to attend the Loyalist-Trent eight-week summer institute in



journalism. Scholarship recipients will study the fundamentals of reporting and technical journalism skills with students enrolled in the Trent-Loyalist Joint Major in Journalism. Scholarship recipients will be selected from a talented pool of candidates who have participated in community-based media training during JHR's Northern Ontario Initiative.

The Loyalist-Trent Summer Institute in Journalism will take place at Loyalist College Campus in Belleville, Ontario throughout May and June 2014. The scholarship will cover participants' tuition and accommodation costs for the duration of the program. Photo: **JHR trainer Kimberly Stinson (center) leads a photography session with JHR project participants in Fort Severn.** Courtesy of Robin Pierro

Legalization of Marijuana:

The facts if you please

The Liberal Party of Canada has endorsed a policy paper for the Legalization of marijuana. Here are some facts.

Marijuana will not be sold to children.

In Ontario the legal age to purchase cigarettes and alcohol is 19. The same age will be applied to the purchase of marijuana. The same procedure for buying cigarettes and alcohol will be applied to buying marijuana.

Zero tolerance and stiff penalties will be put in place for those either selling to children or smuggling across our borders.

For many children buying marijuana is the first time they come into contact with gangs and other aspects of organized crime.

Marijuana *grown in Canada* is currently being exchanged for guns, cocaine, heroin and other drugs, supporting drug cartels in Mexico, and Central and America.

While legalizing marijuana will not shut down those cartels, it will take a large percentage out of their money flow.

It will allow our resources to be redirected to guarding our borders against smuggling, and going after other components of organized crime.

The legalization of marijuana will add 3-4 billion to tax revenues based on 3 million annual users. (RAND's 2009 report.)

The legalization of marijuana will add jobs in areas such as sales, research, quality control, marketing, tourism and public education to name a few.

The Lancet the leading medical journal globally, has compared the harm of 20 drugs using a 0-3 scale to measure addiction. The results:

Heroin - 3.00	Barbiturates - 2.01	Amphetamine - 1.67
Cocaine - 2.37	Alcohol - 1.93	Cannabis - 1.51
Tobacco - 2.23	Benzodiazepines - 1.83	LSD - 1.23
		Ecstasy - 1.13

Neil Ellis Campaigns in Bay of Quinte Riding

Neil Ellis and Sandra Carter in Trenton



Neil's supporters turn out to meet and greet

