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Third Bridge Forum to feature John McKay, MP Scarborough Guildwood



A Garden Picnic hosted by Donna and Hugh O'Neil

Location: 25 McColl St., Trenton

Date: Thursday, 23 July 2015

Time: 6.PM

Bridge Forum Garden Picnic Fundraiser

BBQ chicken dinner, sides and dessert
Tickets: \$125 or Bridge Forum Supporter *
Call: 343 600 0900 Email: info@quinteliberal.ca





Neil Ellis (2nd from left) with Quinte West Kinsmen



Justin Trudeau and 2015 Candidates Unveil Policy on the Economy, the Environment



New billboard at foot of Coleman St., Belleville. Check it out!



Celebrating Canada Day around Bay of Quinte riding! Terrific time meeting so many people - including Sir John A himself - in Picton

President's Report



As the summer begins it seems that Mr. Harper will call the election for October. There is so much damage control for the Conservatives it is unlikely he would do otherwise. Our candidate Neil Ellis will need as many volunteers to help as possible. His goal is to reach every household in the Bay of Quinte Riding. He needs your help to accomplish this.

With a little training you can be part of the Liberal team. Please call Bev or Margaret at 343 600 0900 and they will get you started. You can do door to door with Neil

and his team or join the growing number of phone volunteers. Feel free to drop by the Belleville office on Bell Blvd. in the Reid's Dairy Plaza.

As Justin Trudeau releases more of his platform it is becoming increasingly clear that the destruction Mr. Harper has created can be undone, and a government for all Canadians can replace the Harper nightmare.

I invite you to take part in Neil's summer campaign. We will have fun and bring REAL CHANGE to the Bay of Quinte.

John Brisbois
President

Liberals Celebrate Pride Day in the Parade, Park



Saturday, July 4th, was an amazing day recognizing the spirit of inclusiveness in the Bay of Quinte Region with the spectacular Pride Parade in Belleville. What a showing from all across the community. Crowds lined the route, cheered on participants and joined them later on at Zwicks Park for a festival. The Bay of Quinte Liberals set up a tent and handed out material, fans, buttons and signed up volunteers. Thanks to our

amazing BOQ Liberal Team for another terrific showing on this sunny summer day when everyone - well, almost everyone - shared in the spirit of pride and acceptance.

Phase Two Starts Now!

Election fever is in the air, and the campaign team to elect Neil Ellis is entering an exciting new phase.

Within the Bay of Quinte riding, canvasses and phone banks are in high gear. Volunteers are reaching out to constituents with the Liberal message of Fairness for the Middle Class. The pace is inspiring. Every week, we're knocking on over 2,000 doors and making an additional 700 calls.



As we enter the second phase of the campaign, Interim Chair, Lenore Begley will be stepping back. Matt Richardson will be assuming the role of Campaign Chair. We welcome Matt, and look forward to his technical expertise, as well as the high energy

he brings to the team that will help maintain a strong forward momentum.

This will be an exciting, jam-packed summer. Team Ellis will continue to go door-to-door throughout the riding spreading the Liberal message. Neil would like to meet your friends and neighbours over coffee, or perhaps for a wine and cheese party. If you would like to host an event on behalf of Neil please call the office, or email Margaret (Events) at elysianfield2015@gmail.com or Jennifer Nunn (Volunteers) jinnun@hotmail.com

There are still plenty of volunteer opportunities. Be a part of REAL CHANGE. Join Team Ellis today!

If you are interested in helping send Neil to Ottawa, go online to www.neilellis.liberal.ca/volunteer or call [343 600 0900](tel:3436000900). Information sessions and volunteer training are available.

Lenore Begley and Neil Ellis

Liberal Environment Critic Headlines Next Bridge Forum Speaker, July 23rd,

******* We're changing the venue for the third Bridge Forum event of 2015. John McKay, Liberal Environment Critic is coming to Trenton**

Join us on Thursday July 23rd for a Garden Picnic hosted by Hugh and Donna O'Neil at their home, 25 McColl St, Trenton for the third Bridge Forum Event. Tickets are \$125. *For Bridge Forum supporters, the meal is included. Contact Ian Batt 613 476 7142 or Norah Buckley 613 394 1081 for tickets.

John McKay Backgrounder

John McKay was first elected as the Member of Parliament for Scarborough East in the 1997 federal election and re-elected in 2000. In June 2004, John was elected to the new riding of Scarborough-Guildwood with 58% of the vote. Most recently, John was re-elected in May of 2011 to serve his sixth term in the House of Commons. John has always lived in Scarborough. He attended five local schools as well as the [University of Toronto](#) at Scarborough (UTSC), where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree. After graduating he attended Queen's University where he obtained a Bachelor of Laws degree. After successfully completing the Osgoode Hall Bar Admission course, he went into the private practice of law.

He has assumed leadership positions in the legal community, serving with the

Durham Bar Association (Past President), the County and District Law Association (Executive Member), the Canadian Bar Association (Real Estate Executive), and as a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada's Committee on Title Insurance.

John is also the past moderator of Spring Garden Church, Vice-President of CIDO (an organization devoted to community banking in developing nations), and a past member of the Advisory Council of Durham College. He runs regularly, plays hockey and is an avid golfer. He and wife Carolyn Dartnell have five children.

John's position and significant accomplishments in Parliament:

- Liberal Party of Canada Critic for the Environment - 2013 to present
- Liberal Party of Canada Critic for Defense - 2011 to 2013
- Chair of the Standing Committee on Government Operations - 2010 to 2011
- Vice-Chair of the Canada-U.S. Inter-Parliamentary Group - 2009 to present
- Sponsor of Bill C-300, a bill respecting corporate accountability for mining, oil and gas companies in developing nations – 2009 to 2010
- Senior Member of House Finance Committee – 2004 to 2010
- Official Opposition Critic for Small Business and Tourism - 2008
- Successfully sponsored Private Members Bill C-293, An Act Respecting the Provision of Development Assistance Abroad & received Royal Assent May 29, 2008
- Chair of Caucus Committee on Economic Prosperity - 2007 to 2008

TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Highlights of the Liberal Policy on the Environment:

- A Liberal Government will attend the Paris climate conference, and within 90 days, hold a First Ministers meeting to work together on a framework for combatting climate change and reducing Canada's carbon emissions.
- Partner with provinces and territories to establish national emissions-reduction targets, and ensure they have targeted federal funding and the flexibility to design their own policies to meet these commitments, including their own carbon pricing policies.
- Phase out subsidies for the fossil fuel industry in order to fulfill Canada's G-20 commitment
- Work with the United States and Mexico to develop an ambitious North American clean energy and environmental agreement.

Excerpt from Justin Trudeau's speech on the Environment and the Economy



Canadians get that our wealth comes from our land and water, so we treat them with respect. That's why we're so disappointed in the Harper Conservatives.

In the last decade, as every other country in the world moved forward into clean tech, into building a stronger, more sustainable economy, Harper took us backwards. By denying climate change, he denied Canadians opportunity; the opportunity to strengthen our economy, to take advantage of the ingenuity and talent of our people, and to take the lead in the race to create new, high-tech, clean jobs.

No country was better positioned to take advantage of those new opportunities in the global economy than Canada. No country in the world had stronger assets and weaker leadership. No government got it more wrong than Harper's. A Liberal government will make it right.

Today, I'm here to announce our plan for real change for our environment, our economy, and our future. We need to take real action on climate change.

It is time Canada put a price on carbon pollution. We'll work with the provinces within 90 days of the Paris UN climate change conference to establish a framework for reducing Canada's collective carbon footprint.

We'll invest in clean technologies. We'll look to the future and develop a Canadian energy strategy that delivers security and energy conservation while investing millions in new clean tech. To create more clean jobs and investment overall, we'll enhance tax measures that help all companies innovate, grow, and create jobs.

We'll attend the Paris UN climate change conference with the Premiers to clean up the mess in our own backyard. We'll put some teeth back into the environmental review process, the one gutted by Harper.

To make sure even more Canadian families get to enjoy our country's natural beauty, we'll make admission to National Parks free in 2017, the 150th anniversary of Confederation. We'll pay for this by cutting the lavish Canada 150 advertising budget, because our country's beauty speaks for itself.

Finally, we'll protect our wildlife and our water by increasing the amount of protected marine and coastal areas to 5 per cent by 2017 and 10 per cent by 2020.

These are just the highlights. You can find the rest of our plan for real environmental and economic change at realchange.ca.

And those two things, the environment and the economy, they go together like paddles and canoes. Unless you have both, you won't get to where you are going, because you can't have a strong economy without a healthy environment. If we want to leave both to our children and grandchildren – if we want them to inherit clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and sail on, and a strong, vibrant, high-tech economy with good jobs – we've got to do them both together.

The world has changed in the last 10 years. Stephen Harper doesn't get it. Now and in the future, the path to economic growth and good middle class jobs is through strong environmental policy.

We've got to act now. We can create clean jobs, grow our economy, and protect our environment by working together.

Not just different leadership, better leadership. Not just a new team, a stronger team. Because real change means a new plan for Canada. Thank You.

Justin Trudeau

Other Liberal Policy Highlights

Fair Elections

When the federal government passed fixed election date legislation, it left a loophole that allows unlimited spending in the period leading up to the official writ period.



Liberals will review electoral spending limits, and also ensure that political party spending between elections is subject to limits.

Prepare Youth to Vote

Many Canadians are not on the voters list when they turn 18. That needs to change. We will work with interested provinces and territories, and support Elections Canada, to register young Canadians as a part of their high school curriculum.

This would include Elections Canada staying in contact with them if they change addresses after graduation. We'll support this registration as part of a civic ceremony in high schools, celebrating our right and responsibility to vote.

Finally, we will support Elections Canada in proactively registering Canadians from groups that historically have lower voter turnout, such as students.

Repeal Anti-democratic Conservative Laws and Crack Down on Election Fraud

Liberals will repeal the anti-democratic elements in the Conservative *Fair Elections Act* and scrap the *Citizen Voting Act*, which were designed to make it more difficult for Canadians to vote, and make it easier for election lawbreakers to evade punishment.

Liberals will restore the voter identification card as an acceptable form of identification. We will also increase penalties so that there are real deterrents for deliberately breaking our election laws. For more info on Justin's Plan follow, <https://www.liberal.ca/>

How to get involved?

Come and work with us. Join the campaign to send Neil Ellis to Ottawa. Call our Belleville Office: 343 600 0900 or email: info@quinteliberal.ca

