

# AGENDA

Summer Fling 2010 August 13-15, 2010  
Queen's University, Kingston ON

## FRIDAY AUGUST 13

<b>5:00 PM to 8:00 PM</b>	<b>Registration</b>	Watts Hall
<b>7:00 PM to 10:00 PM</b>	<b>Opening Ceremonies,</b> with our special guests: <b>Hon. Dalton McGuinty</b> , Premier of Ontario; and <b>Hon. John Gerretsen</b> , MPP for Kingston and the Islands. <b>Hon. Eric Hoskins</b> , MPP for St. Paul's	The University Club
<b>10:00 PM to 1:00 AM</b>	<b>Friday Social,</b>	The University Club

## SATURDAY AUGUST 14

<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Breakfast,</b>	Stirling Hall
<b>8:30 AM to 10:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>	Watts Hall
<b>9:00 AM to 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Policy Session 1,</b>	Stirling Hall
<b>10:00 AM to 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Executive Availability,</b>	Stirling Hall
<b>10:30 AM to 11:30 AM</b>	<b>Policy Session 2,</b>	Stirling Hall
<b>11:30AM to 12:00PM</b>	<b>Hon. John McCallum,</b> MP for Markham Unionville	Stirling Hall
<b>12:00 PM Lunch</b>	<b>Sponsored by the Young Liberals of Canada (YLC)</b>	Leonard Hall
<b>1:00 PM to 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Policy Session 3,</b>	Stirling Hall
<b>3:00 PM to 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Liberal Party of Canada Election Readiness Panel:</b> <b>Hon. Senator David P. Smith,</b> National Election Readiness Committee Co-Chair <b>Leah van Houten,</b> LPC Election Readiness	Stirling Hall
<b>4:00 PM to 4:30 PM</b>	<b>Hon. Sophia Aggelonitis,</b> MPP, Hamilton Mountain	Stirling Hall
<b>4:30 PM to 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Policy Session 4,</b>	Stirling Hall
<b>5:00 PM to 6:30 PM</b>	<b>President's Council,</b>	Stirling Hall
<b>7:00 PM to 10:00 PM</b>	<b>Banquet Dinner and Volunteer Awards,</b> Keynote Speaker: Hon. Senator David P. Smith <i>Sponsored by The Kingston and the Islands Federal Liberal Association</i>	Grant Hall
<b>10:00 PM until close</b>	<b>Saturday Social</b>	Elysium

## SUNDAY AUGUST 15

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Breakfast,</b>	Watts Hall
<b>9:30 AM to 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Policy Voting Period,</b>	Stirling Hall
<b>11:15 AM to 11:45 PM</b>	<b>Young Liberals of Canada session,</b>	Stirling Hall
<b>11:45 AM</b>	<b>Policy Results and Conference Closing,</b>	Stirling Hall

# MAP OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

## **WELCOME TO SUMMER FLING 2010,**

We cannot believe that Summer Fling is finally here. After months of planning we are excited so many of you could join us at Queen's University. This year will not disappoint! Be prepared for intellectual and stimulating debates on policy, remarkable socials, an amazing banquet and fabulous special guests.

Queen's University has much to offer us; from Watts Hall to Grant Hall to "the Hub," you will get to experience the best Kingston, Canada's first capital, has to offer.

Summer Fling is always a highlight of the Young Liberal calendar. Since it began, Summer Fling has provided an opportunity for Young Liberals across the province to advocate policies and to make sure our ideas are heard. We hope you take the opportunity this weekend to voice your views and listen to the ideas of other Young Liberals.

Summer Fling also allows you to get to know other Young Liberals and celebrate the cause of Liberalism. Thanks to Young Liberals like you, Summer Fling has always been a fantastic experience and we hope this be the best one yet. Make the most of the weekend, take advantage of all the great events, enjoy Queen's, enjoy Kingston and have fun.

We thank you for attending and hope you are ready for a memorable weekend!

Stay Liberal my friends.

Sincerely,

Jamie Kippen  
OYL Policy Director  
Co-Chair

Elizabeth Samuels  
QULA Director  
Co-Chair

Sean Torrie  
QULA President  
Co-Chair



# **PREMIER'S LETTER**

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# THE ONTARIO YOUNG LIBERAL'S EXECUTIVE MID-TERM REPORT

Greetings OYLers!

The first half of our term on the Executive has been extremely busy! Below are a few highlights of some of the OYL's activities over the past few months.

## Financial Update

The OYL Treasury is in good shape, beginning the year with a considerable surplus, and, as always, the OYL endeavours to ensure that riding and student clubs have the resources they require in order to be successful.

With the new OYL website up and running, riding and student clubs will have easier and more efficient access to OYL funding. We have increased the subsidy allotment in the OYL budget for club funding. The OYL Club Funding Program is for clubs in need of financial assistance for their events, projects and local initiatives. To apply for the program and obtain further details, please contact the OYL Treasurer Denise Lam at [dlam@oyl.org](mailto:dlam@oyl.org).

The Foundation for Liberal Youth (FLY) is a monthly withdrawal program by which members can donate directly to the OYL and give back to an organization that is purely volunteer-based. FLY membership is constantly on the rise, which in turn creates higher revenues for the OYL so that we are able to continue our tradition offering low ticket prices to our signature events.

It is important to ensure that the OYL is left with a sound financial base at the end of every term. It is a priority for us to be dedicated to accountability and transparency so that future OYL Treasurers and Executives can strive to be better each term for the benefit of their membership

## Communications Update

It has been a very productive few months for OYL Communications. Most prominently, we have completely revamped the OYL's website (<http://oyl.org>) offering improved function and aesthetics. Among the website's new features are an events calendar, which clubs are encouraged to use to promote their events; a photo and video gallery, to which you're encouraged to submit; and easily accessible information on OYL governance. The website is a dynamic one -- constantly changing to meet the needs of the OYL, and your feedback is essential to making the site as informative and user-friendly as it can be.

Now that the bulk of the work on the website has been completed, we'll be starting up 3 new "Comms Comms," or Communications Committees. This is a great way for members to get involved with the operations of the OYL. The three committees are:

Media Relations, Opposition Watch, and Web. If you're interested in joining, please email Communications Director Gabe De Roche at [gderoche@oyl.org](mailto:gderoche@oyl.org).

One of our top communications priorities this year was to increase the OYL's public profile. With Frosh Week on the horizon, and the potential for a federal election in the fall, this is a great time to focus strongly on reaching out to campus media to advance the Liberal cause.

### **Provincial Election Campaign Prep**

As you're all aware, the date of the next provincial election has been set for October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and preparations are well underway to deliver a third consecutive majority government for Premier McGuinty and the Liberals!

Our term on the Executive began with a special election readiness session with Campaign Chairs MPP Greg Sorbara and Minister Kathleen Wynne and MPP and OLP President Yasir Naqvi at the OYL AGM in Richmond Hill. They stressed the importance of preparation and organization in the lead-up to the election and invited youth to become involved in the planning process.

We have succeeded in establishing youth representation on almost all of OLP's campaign committees and youth have been making significant contributions to the discussions and campaign preparations. It is great to know that our input is valued and appreciated by the senior members of the party!

Work has begun on developing the youth strategy for the 2011 election campaign; as always, if you have any suggestions, we're here to listen! Please contact VP Provincial Christina Cindric at [ccindric@oyl.org](mailto:ccindric@oyl.org) with your suggestions!

### **Collingwood Conference**

As part of the preparations for the provincial election next fall, the Ontario Liberal Party held the Collingwood Conference this past May as a way to generate ideas and original thought in imagining Ontario's future.

Youth had a chance to participate during the weekend-long conference both as volunteers and as delegates. We had the opportunity to sit in on sessions with well-respected panelists and hear from notable guest speakers as Jeff Rubin and key-note speaker Malcolm Gladwell with special opening remarks by Premier McGuinty.

We as youth were fortunate enough to have a special day-long Collingwood Youth Summit at the start of the Collingwood Conference where we established youth priorities over a number of different policy areas. The Collingwood Youth Summit report is close to completion and will be a useful tool in informing the senior party of the youth priorities during the platform development process leading up to the 2011 election.

### **Canada at 150**

The Canada at 150 conference in Montreal this past March was a fantastic weekend of thought-provoking debate and discussion in a variety of policy areas. The conference was designed to address the challenges Canada faces as it approaches its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday and the changes necessary to keep our country strong.

There were a number of OYLers in attendance both as delegates and as volunteers; they all had the opportunity to hear from a number of distinguished panellists and discussants who stressed the importance of the next generation in finding and implementing solutions to the problems of today. As members of this next generation of leaders and thinkers, it was at times daunting to hear of the magnitude of the problems that the world faces and to know that it would be up to us to play an integral role in fixing these problems.

Perhaps, the most inspirational moment of the conference came at the end with Michael Ignatieff's closing speech. The passion and vigour with which he delivered his closing remarks was only further evidence that this is the leader who will bring our party and our country back to the status it once enjoyed and we are so lucky to have the opportunity to play an important role in that process as young Liberals.

### **Liberal Express**

Over the course of the summer months, Michael Ignatieff and the federal Liberal team have embarked upon a cross-country tour of community picnics and BBQs, town halls, farmers' markets and plenty of Tim Horton's whistle stops on the Liberal Express.

Many young Liberals sporting red t-shirts have been a visible presence travelling with the leader, media and caucus members on the bus as the Liberal Express makes various stops throughout Ontario. This has been a great experience for all young Liberals who had the opportunity to hop on the bus or to attend Liberal Express events in communities all across the country. The tour's goals of introducing Michael Ignatieff to Canadians all across the country and of re-energizing the party's grassroots in preparation for a looming possible federal election are quickly being achieved.

If you have an opportunity to join the Liberal Express as it makes its way across the country, please do and show the country that young Liberals are ready to work to deliver an election victory for Michael Ignatieff and the federal Liberal team!

### **Policy Parliaments**

This spring and early summer, all six of our regions held successful policy parliaments beginning in Eastern Region with such notable guest speakers MPP and OLP President Yasir Naqvi, federal candidate David Bertschi and Director of Policy in the Office of the Leader of the Opposition, Mike McNair; other prominent guests included: Chief of Staff to Michael Ignatieff Peter Donolo in Toronto; Bob Rae, MP for Toronto Centre and foreign affairs critic in Central; and Ted McMeekin, MP for Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale and former Minister of Government and Consumer Services in South Central.

New this year for the Northern Region Policy Parliament, which is held online each year, were video remarks delivered by Northern Region politicians including Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services and MPP for Sudbury, Hon. Rick Bartolucci.

Many great policies were discussed and debated; we look forward to hearing them further debated this weekend at Summer Fling!

### **Student Clubs**

Being introduced for the first time this year for student clubs are oyl.org e-mail addresses for all of the OYL student clubs. These will allow new and potential members easier contact to the OYL club at their university through the OYL website. As well, the new accounts allow for the sharing of documents and information between the Student Director and student club presidents.

A new handbook for student club presidents is also nearing completion and will be ready for campus orientation weeks across Ontario. This handbook is meant to help answer most questions that club presidents have and will allow them to spend more time focusing on building and growing their own clubs rather than trying to find answers to simple OYL process questions.

Also in the works is a new OYL guide on general election campaigns and effective ways that clubs can help win campaigns on campus. This guide will help campus clubs be more effective as a valuable resource during a writ period.

### **OYL Club Activities**

OYLers across the province have been extremely busy hosting and participating in a number of different events and activities over the course of the spring and summer months.

Eastern Region has been home to a number of remarkable fundraising and social events including the University of Ottawa and Ottawa-Vanier's fundraiser for Project S.T.E.P. This organization combats youth substance addiction and recently contributed \$1,000,000 to a residential treatment facility for young women. Not to be outdone, Ottawa-Orleans federal and provincial clubs hosted Bob Rae – who treated guests to a few songs on the piano – for a fundraiser, while the Nepean-Carleton federal and provincial clubs held an event featuring more elected officials and candidates than would be possible to list. Ottawa Centre engaged in a highly productive policy process in the lead up to the policy parliament while all clubs conducted regular canvasses for federal and provincial Members and candidates.

In Toronto, youth have been a huge part of the summer BBQ and community picnic circuit. The Toronto Pride Parade, in particular, was a highlight of the summer and saw a large number of OYLers marching in the parade alongside Liberal MPs and MPPs.

As well, with the arrival of the Liberal Express in Ontario towns and cities, droves of youth have appeared at events all across the province to welcome the leader and his

team. From the launch of the tour on Parliament Hill, to the Barrie Farmers' Market to a town hall in Brantford and celebrating Caribana at Much Music, OYLers have been there to welcome the Liberal Express!

A number of clubs were also founded in all regions, including four new clubs in the Northern Region this year, and we welcome them all to the OYL family!

### **Introduction of Executive Director**

This year marks a first for the OYL; the introduction of the Executive Director position. This full-time staff position was created to bring a sense of coherence to the organization's activities and to establish a continuity of priorities and goals for future generations of OYL Executives. The OYL would like to welcome Tiffany Gooch in her new role as Executive Director of the OYL! One of her priorities in the coming months is to put together a strategic plan for the OYL; consultations are currently underway, so if you have any ideas, please get in touch with Tiffany!

We look forward to continuing to work with you over the remainder of the year and we hope that everyone has a fantastic time at Queen's this weekend for Summer Fling 2010!

Sincerely,  
2010-2011 OYL Executive Board

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## **SUMMER FLING POLICY PROCESS**

A similar process will take place at Summer Fling. All 24 policies that were passed at the Regional Policy Parliaments will be collected and passed on to Summer Fling.

Step 1: Policy presentation shall be no longer than three minutes, during which time the policy should be introduced and its aims thoroughly outlined.

Step 2: People will have five minutes to ask questions. Questions should be short and to the point.

Step 3: Up to four people will speak in favour of the policy, and then four people will speak against the policy. This will be done in a rotating fashion. With all time limits, it is up to the moderator to determine if they need to be extended.

Step 4: At the end of this process, there will be an up-down vote, by a simple hands up majority, to determine whether this particular policy will advance to the ballot.

At the end of the weekend, each Young Liberal will be voting for their top 3 provincial and federal policies. The OYL therefore will come out of Summer Fling with 3 amazing federal and provincial policies.

**POLICY REGARDING PURSUING AN INTEGRATED CARE MODEL FOR SENIORS IN ONTARIO  
Ihor Korbabicz- Carlton University Young Liberals**

WHEREAS the balance between young and old is shifting drastically with baby boomers having less children and both Canadians and Ontarians alike living longer<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS the baby-boom generation is entering retirement years at an alarming rate, the consequences of which include a decline in physical activity and an increased dependence on others<sup>2</sup>; and

WHEREAS the Special Senate Committee on Aging's Final Report: *Canada's Aging Population: Seizing the Opportunity* identifies that the frail elderly, an increasing population segment represent a disproportionate amount of the use of hospital and nursing home care facilities<sup>3</sup>; and

WHEREAS in the report Dr. François Béland of the Université de Montréal [indicates] that it is time to "look at integrating services from the standpoint of meeting the needs of frail seniors, not in terms of the needs of departments, regional organizations, hospitals, [community centres] or home care services."<sup>4</sup>and

WHEREAS as progressive youth it is imperative for us to encourage proactive and intelligent policy that is consistent with a long-term vision for the vitality and positive social progression of the province of Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the OYL urge province of Ontario to move towards an integrated care model that coordinates support services for the increasing amount of seniors, guided by the framework developed by Dr. Marcus Hollander<sup>5</sup>, that includes but is not limited moving towards the following report recommendations:

- Integration of a broad domain of services, including, but not limited to, health care, case management, home and community services, and residential care services;
- Improved access to comprehensive care;
- Increased emphasis on health promotion, disease prevention and chronic disease management;

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<sup>1</sup>Special Senate Committee on Aging's Final Report: *Canada's Aging Population: Seizing the Opportunity* Available at: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/40/2/parlbus/commbus/senate/com-e/agei-e/rep-e/AgingFinalReport-e.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

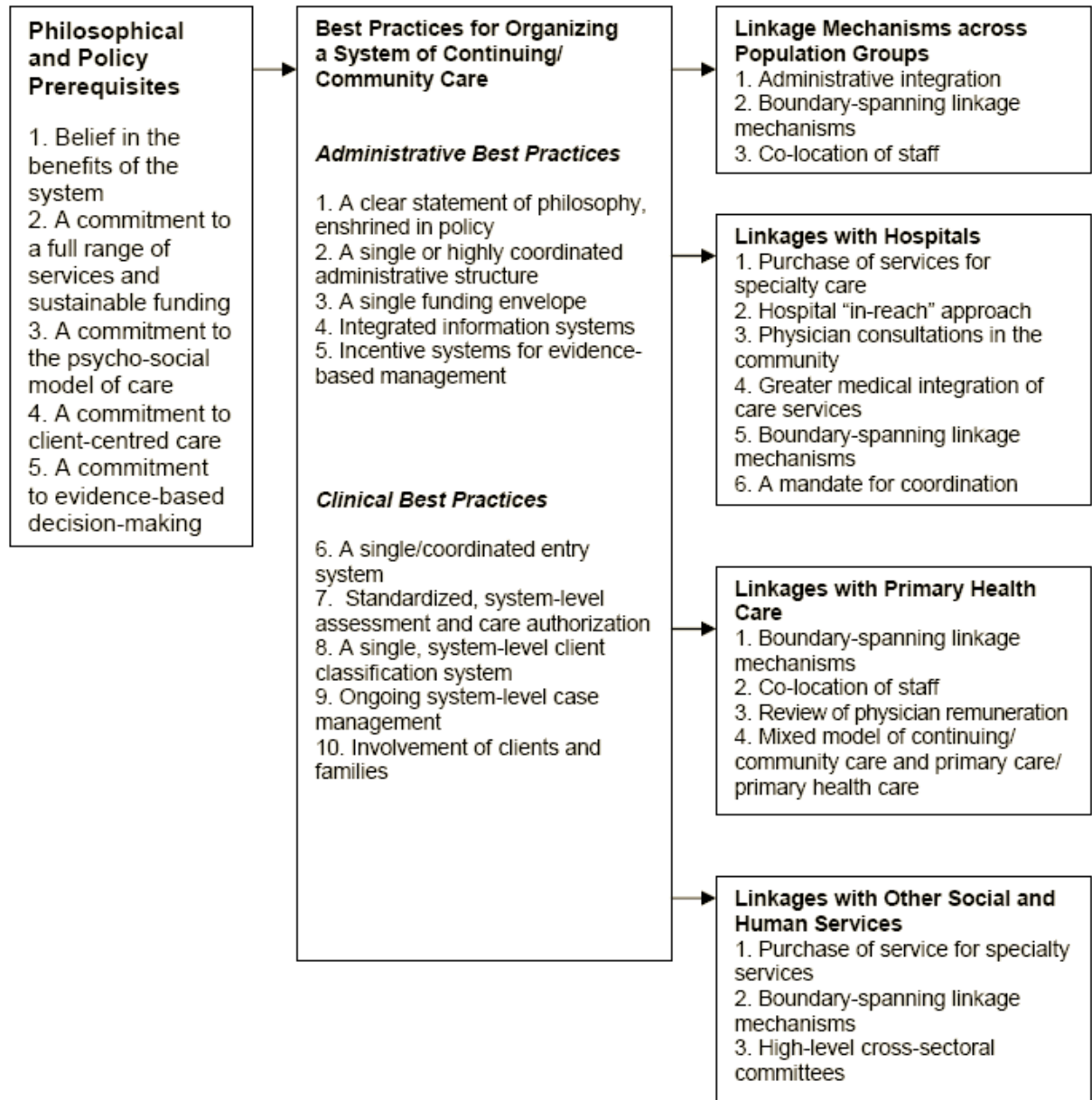
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<sup>5</sup> Appendix 1. Hollander, M. and M. Prince, "Organizing healthcare delivery systems." *Healthcare Quarterly* Vol. 11, No. 1: 44-54 in Margaret MacAdam, *Frameworks of Integrated Care for the Elderly: Systematic Review*, Canadian Policy Research Networks, April 2008.

- Expanded multi-disciplinary teams so the most appropriate care is provided by the most appropriate provider; and
- Increased emphasis on one-stop-shopping for seniors and their families.

## Appendix 1

### A Best Practices Framework for Organizing Systems of Continuing/Community Care Services



**INCREASED FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

York University Young Liberals

WHEREAS most mental health issues are treatable and many mental health service consumers are fully capable of successfully functioning in society when treated;

WHEREAS one in four Canadians will struggle with a mental health issue in their lifetime; and,

WHEREAS only 5.5% of the healthcare budget in Canada is spent on mental health services, despite the recommendations of the World Health Organization to allocate 10%;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an increase of funding for mental health services is allocated to 8-10% of the healthcare budget; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the services covered shall include, but not be limited to, professional counselling and access to prescribed medication.

*PROVINCIAL*

**TO INSTITUTE A BAN ON THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF BOTTLED WATER IN ALL PROVINCIAL PUBLIC SPACES; INCLUDING SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.**

Ottawa Centre Federal Young Liberal Association Author: Lauren Hunter

WHEREAS the proliferation of bottled water usage constitutes a large drain on finite natural resources and a significant cost increase for the Province of Ontario when supplying provincial public spaces with drinking water;

WHEREAS the cost of purchasing bottled water can be 240 – 10,000 times more expensive than the cost of tap water;

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has one of the best public drinking water systems in the world due to rigorous testing and stringent regulation;

WHEREAS bottled water companies are not always required to identify the sources of their water, and water bottling plants are inspected on average only once every three years;

WHEREAS water shortages have been reported in the Great Lakes region near the location of water bottling plants, as bottled water companies use municipal water and groundwater sources;

WHEREAS the production of bottled water is harmful to the environment, due to the high number of resources used to create and fill the bottles as well as the waste that is created after the bottles are thrown out;

WHEREAS there is a waste management crisis in Ontario, which has forced the province to take measures such as shipping excess waste to the United States for disposal;

WHEREAS many municipalities, school boards and campuses in Ontario have already undertaken the task of banning the sale and purchase of bottled water within their institutions;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Young Liberals urge the Government of Ontario to institute a ban on the sale and purchase of bottled water in provincial public spaces, including schools, hospitals, the Legislative Assembly and provincial government offices.

*FEDERAL*

**HIGH SPEED RAIL IN CANADA: DEVELOPING A PROGRESSIVE RAIL SYSTEM, WHILE ENSURING A GREEN FUTURE**

Jessica Stark and Richard Francella

WHEREAS Canada's railway system is currently an important travel option for Canadians and is an economically and environmentally justifiable alternative to other means of transportation which produce higher emissions,

WHEREAS Canada is subject to strong public pressure to achieve its carbon emission reduction targets as per the Copenhagen Accord,

WHEREAS VIA Rail currently faces low ridership due to its slow travel times and aging infrastructure,

WHEREAS high speed rail has been proven to have extremely positive effects on tourism in both Europe and Asia,

WHEREAS the United States has recently unveiled a high speed rail proposal of its own, and has urged Canada to also adopt a high speed rail system in order to compliment this planned network,

WHEREAS over 80% of Canadians favour the prospect high speed rail, according to a 2009 EKOS poll<sup>1</sup>,

WHEREAS a high speed rail system will provide an inter-provincial transportation option that has no reliance on foreign oil and provides efficient travel times for Canadians

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Young Liberals urge the Liberal Party of Canada

to significantly increase funding and create a policy for a high speed railway system as part of its platform.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this system would link major cities in widely used rail corridors in order to increase employment and ensure green and efficient transportation for Canadians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Canada would investigate the prospect of linking its high speed system with that of the United States in order to ensure travel constancy on shared routes.

*FEDERAL*

**ENSURING A MINIMUM LEVEL OF ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY**  
McMaster University

WHEREAS until very recently technology such as access to a computer or the internet was considered to be a luxury good, which was held only by those with expendable funds to purchase the necessary equipment and to acquire the necessary training.

WHEREAS in the recent decade, many basic necessities in one's life have been moved online - whether it is a senior citizen who is registering for their pension, a student registering for University or a Canadian citizen filing their taxes.

WHEREAS without the ability to access and use technology, one would be at a significant disadvantage.

WHEREAS those Canadians who live in urban centres can find easy access to technology by walking to the nearest library or internet cafe, this is not as simple for Canadians who reside in a rural setting.

BE IT RESOLVED that all Canadians have access to technology

BE IT RESOLVED that facilities such as public libraries and community centres not only host communal technical equipment, but also to hold free basic lessons on how to use the equipment.

BE IT RESOLVED that individual provinces develop an access program for their province and that the Federal Government be responsible for overseeing these programs and subsidizing their budgets.

BE IT RESOLVED that the programs are adapted in each community based on the needs of the demographic of the particular community (e.g. for senior citizens or K-12 students).

**EXTENDING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS TO PART-TIME STUDENTS**

Ottawa Centre Federal Young Liberal Association Author: Lauren Essiambre  
WHEREAS job creation is a top priority for the Liberal Party of Canada,

WHEREAS youth unemployment currently stands at nearly twice the national average at 15.6%\*,

WHEREAS youth employment strategies such as Canada Summer Jobs and Federal Student Work Experience Program exclude those students who are not enrolled full-time in post-secondary education,

WHEREAS not all post-secondary students are able to pursue full-time studies due to financial constraints or family commitments, among many other reasons,

WHEREAS the majority of students fund their studies entirely or in part with income from employment,

BE IT RESOLVED that government-run youth employment programs be extended to include part-time post-secondary students as eligible participants.

\*March 2010, Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

**BILINGUAL JUDGES**

Justin Tetreault

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada is the highest court in Canada and the guardian of our Constitution, including the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;

AND WHEREAS Bill C-232, an NDP private members bill has passed the House of Commons that would make it mandatory for Supreme Court Justice nominees to be fully bilingual;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada has translation services fully available to all parties; AND WHEREAS in many areas of Canada, rates of bilingualism are low.

AND WHEREAS the important work of the Supreme Court of the Supreme Court of Canada necessitates having the best legal minds in Canada on the Court;

AND WHEREAS without this law, bilingualism is already a factor considered in selecting judges, with 8 of the 9 current justices being fully bilingual;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Young Liberals encourage Liberal Senators to vote against Bill C-232

**THE AMALGAMATION AND RE-DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES REGARDING SUSTAINABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

Derek Taylor (MacMaster University) & Hillary Buchan-Terrell (Oakville Young Liberals)

The solution which we propose to ensure a sustainable Canada is two fold. Firstly, it is necessary to amalgamate the existing policies, into one fluid policy. It will also be necessary to ensure that the newly amalgamated policies would be adequate to meet the level of sustainability set out and required by this policy within Canada. Although leaders in the political, legal and business world are at the top rung in their given field, they are not experts regarding sustainability or climate change. In order to determine the effectiveness of our policies, a panel of sustainability, climate change experts and scientists alike would be formed. There would be a greater focus placed upon punishing organizations who do not subscribe to sustainable practices, as well as measures put into effect to deter organizations from simply absorbing the consequences, as they view the profit of their unsustainable acts to be greater. Not only will the new sustainability policy outline what regulations are necessary for non governmental organizations to be sustainable, but the policy will also contain a template for future policies to be sustainable. The amalgamated sustainability policy would direct the way in which all new policies would be formed. Policies formed after the creation of the amalgamated sustainability policy would have to meet specific environmental standards, to ensure that Canada would remain sustainable. A specific use of this policy is described below:

WHEREAS the United Nations Commission for Sustainable Development was created in Rio in 1992 to deal with specific problems in a more detailed and effectual manner.

WHEREAS in 2002, countries around the world agreed to create tenures for sustainable production and consumption.

WHEREAS, under the Liberal government, Canada attempted to join this initiative

WHEREAS current waste diversion systems are not sufficient to deal with all garbage efficiently and effectively, especially plastics

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada ought to take leadership on this issue, as it is a crucial part of the sustainability of our environment and a green economy

BE IT RESOLVED that stiffer legislation on both unsustainable production and consumption is necessary to mitigate the costs (environmental and financial) of waste

BE IT RESOLVED that materials that are not biodegradable, recyclable or reusable, must be reduced in usage or replaced by more sustainable materials (i.e. Styrofoam)

BE IT RESOLVED that subsidies are made available for manufacturers (notably the agricultural industry and our farmers) of sustainable materials that are produced and consumed (i.e. Bio-plastics)

BE IT RESOLVED that if unnecessary packaging and material use cannot be reduced any further, sustainable materials are used instead (i.e. biodegradable, food-grade bio-plastics for bread and milk bags)

BE IT RESOLVED that unsustainable materials are priced competitively with those that are not sustainable; so as to encourage and enable businesses to make the most cost-effective choices for their profit margins, but also choose the materials that are the least destructive to the natural environment

*PROVINCIAL*

**OHIP PROVISION FOR PSYCHOTHERAPY**  
UTM Young Liberals

WHEREAS the services offered by a general MD or a psychiatrist (FRCP) are covered by Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP), they do not offer counseling services as would be the case with psychotherapists

WHEREAS the services offered by private psychotherapists are quite expensive with hourly sessions starting at \$40-\$80 per hour on average or through the purchase of a private health insurance plan, the general MDs or Psychiatrists who are covered by OHIP are usually overbooked and wait-times can last up till six months.

WHEREAS an individual may be suffering from general problems such as coping up with anxiety or temporary depression, counseling services may not be offered by general MDs or trained Psychiatrists as only prescription drugs may be obtained from such service providers.

WHEREAS majority of Ontarians looking for counseling may not need prescribed drugs necessarily, rather a person to talk to under client-privacy privileges, this may only be attained by contacting a local private psychotherapist in return for an unaffordable fee for Ontarians with a modest income background.

WHEREAS clients from various diverse backgrounds who undertake counseling services experience general improvements in their everyday life such as decreased defensiveness, increased expressive abilities, improved relationships with people and increased self self-esteem, such improvements cannot be matter under the invigilance of a general MD or psychiatrists who are covered by OHIP.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Ontario is urged to cover the services offered by licensed psychotherapists through OHIP, therefore encouraging individuals from modest backgrounds to seek counseling services and not contain them due to unaffordability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government of Ontario is encouraged to subject General Practitioners to increasingly empower themselves with the knowledge of psychotherapy, therefore allowing individuals seeking immediate counseling services to contact their general practitioners (GP) or family doctors. This will prevent Ontarians from going through the trouble of finding a Psychotherapist in the first place in case of emergencies.

*FEDERAL*

**IMPLEMENTATION OF KELOWNA ACCORD**

Kaniz Mouli

WHEREAS, the standard of living in Aboriginal Reserves is comparatively lower than rest of Canada.

WHEREAS, 60% of Aboriginal students on-reserve, 43% of Aboriginal students off-reserve have dropped out of high school, compared to 9.5% of non-Aboriginal Canadians

WHEREAS, 7% of First Nations, 9% of Métis and 4% of Inuit people have a university degree compared to 23% of non-Aboriginal Canadians

WHEREAS, in 2007/2008, Aboriginal adults accounted for 22% of prison admissions although they represent only 3% of the Canadian population

WHEREAS, 17% of victims of homicide and 23% of those accused of committing a homicide between 1997 and 2004 were Aboriginal

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada spends substantial amount of foreign aid to other countries.

WHEREAS, the measures outlined in Kelowna Accord will improve the education, housing, and economic opportunity of Aboriginal Community

BE IT RESOLVED, the federal government implements the Kelowna Accord

**AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY TO MONITOR FIRST NATIONS' WATER**

Submitted by: Onnela Pukk

WHEREAS the responsibility for ensuring safe drinking water on reserves is shared between First Nations communities and the Government of Canada.

WHEREAS a year after the Federal Conservative government promised to draft drinking water standards for First Nations communities, there is still no bill before the House of Commons.

WHEREAS as of June 30, 2010, there were still 114 First Nations communities across Canada under a Drinking Water Advisory.

BE IT RESOLVED that an independent agency be developed by the government of Canada to monitor and treat water where First Nations depend on it.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada enact a policy that creates this independent agency, intended to monitor and treat water while training First Nations on how to perform these tasks themselves as well.

**PROVINCIAL**

**ALLOWING UFC IN ONTARIO**

Justin Tetreault

WHEREAS Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) is one of the most popular sports in the world;

AND WHEREAS the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) has held four successful events in Canada;

AND WHEREAS MMA has been legalized in Nova Scotia, Quebec, British Columbia, Alberta, and Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is one of the only jurisdictions in North America to prohibit MMA;

AND WHEREAS the UFC has made it clear that they want to hold events in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS UFC 101 in Philadelphia resulted in an estimated impact of \$7.7 million for Philadelphia's economy with an additional \$3.7 million paid out in wages and 106 jobs created.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Young Liberals encourage the Ontario government to sanction MMA

**SPRING BEAR HUNT**  
Holly Garnett

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario estimates that the population of black bears in Ontario is the largest in North America. Before the Spring Bear Hunt was cancelled in 1999 the bear population numbered between 75 000 and 100 000.

WHEREAS the Spring Bear Hunt helps to control and regulate the bear population.

WHEREAS, according to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, controlling the bear population through the Spring Bear Hunt helps entire ecosystems. When the population is less sizable, it limits competition between bears for food. This also helps other wildlife like moose and deer, that are unable to survive when the growing bear population hunts them for food.

WHEREAS it is already illegal to hunt a female bear with her cubs.

WHEREAS, due to the overpopulation of bears, most Northern communities find that nuisance bears enter their communities in search for food. These bears damage houses and cottages, make messes with garbage and garbage dumps, and even wound and kill humans and domestic animals.

WHEREAS the police and the Ministry of Natural Resource must preoccupy themselves with calls to trap and kill bear too close to human populations.

WHEREAS the Spring Bear Hunt helps the economy of Northern Ontario, a region that is already suffering for a lack of jobs and economic activity. Before the Spring Bear Hunt was cancelled in 1999, bear hunters stimulated the Northern economy through paying for their lodging, guides and food while visiting the North for spring hunting trips. Without the Spring Bear Hunt, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters estimates that the Northern Ontario economic has lost between 350 and 500 million dollars.

WHEREAS, municipal, provincial and federal government profit from about 4 million dollars each year in taxes from the Spring Bear Hunt.

BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial Liberal government reinstate a regulated Spring Bear Hunt.

**GOING OFF ROAD AND ONTO THE RIGHT TRACK: A POLICY ON SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

Hillary Buchan-Terrell, Oakville Young Liberals

WHEREAS our transportation infrastructure is lacking and eroding; whilst rapid population growth in our urban and suburban areas entails increased usage, wear and tear

WHEREAS in order to combat climate change and reduce our carbon footprint, we must increase efficiency and conservation, especially in our transportation sector

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation has a role to play in allowing and encouraging the use of green technology in the industry as transportation is the greatest area of consumption of fossil fuels

WHEREAS a Priced zones is the most efficient and effective model for road pricing within our greater metropolitan areas as a way to: improve traffic flow, help to diminish traffic accidents, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution and fossil fuel consumption

WHEREAS road pricing, more specifically priced zones, has been successful in major global cities including: London, Milan and Stockholm

WHEREAS the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario recommends in his May 2010 Annual Greenhouse Gas Progress Report that the province institute a similar model of road pricing

BE IT RESOLVED that a transition must occur from a focus on cars and trucks to public transportation initiatives (expanding routes of buses, trains and subways; ensuring a cost-effective public transportation method; utilizing green technologies in public transportation, such as hybrid or electric vehicles; increasing our public transportation infrastructure and funding)

BE IT RESOLVED that disincentives are placed on inefficient, costly and polluting transportation practices

BE IT RESOLVED that road pricing is instituted on major commuter routes within the urban and suburban centers in Ontario

BE IT RESOLVED that Ontario adopt the road pricing system of "Priced Zones"

BE IT RESOLVED that revenues collected from the road tolls are earmarked specifically for sustainable transit projects and initiatives, thus encouraging not only efficiency but conservation

**TO INCREASE CANADA'S FINANCIAL, TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION IN  
CONFLICT-AFFECTED STATES**

Ottawa Centre Federal Young Liberal Association Author: Catherine Vanner

WHEREAS it is widely recognized that education can be a valuable peace-building tool in promoting the long-term stability and prosperity of countries experiencing or recovering from conflict;

WHEREAS education should be a key component of the Federal Government's approach to addressing the roots of international conflict, terrorism and instability;

WHEREAS the school environment provides a stabilizing and protective environment for children in emergency situations;

WHEREAS the Federal Government has pledged its support for the Millennium Development Goals and the Education For All initiative, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which call for universal access to quality basic education;

WHEREAS enrolment rates of children at the primary and secondary level are consistently lower in conflict-affected states, and an estimated 37% of school children live in situations of conflict or fragility;

WHEREAS basic education is a drastically underfunded sector in humanitarian assistance, accounting for only 2% of Canada's humanitarian assistance in 2006-2008;

WHEREAS of Canada's twenty focus countries, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Haiti, Sudan, Ethiopia, Senegal, Colombia, West Bank/Gaza, and Indonesia can be considered conflict-affected;

WHEREAS approximately five times less Canadian sector-allocated Official Development Assistance (ODA) for education is distributed to conflict-affected states than other low-income states;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Ontario Young Liberals urge the Federal Government to significantly increase the allocation of ODA and technical support to education in conflict affected-states.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Ontario Young Liberals encourage the Federal Government to accompany its financial support for education in conflict-affected states with meaningful international political support for the development of education systems in conflict-affected states.

**AMENDING THE CRIMINAL CODE OF CANADA TO INCREASE SENTENCING MINIMUMS ON  
IMPAIRED DRIVING**

York University Young Liberals

WHEREAS in 2006, according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), alcohol and/or drugs were involved in 1,278 traffic fatalities, 75,374 injuries and 163,893 property-damage-only crashes, culminating in total financial and social costs of these losses at an estimated \$12.8 billion;

WHEREAS in 2006, MADD released the findings of a survey indicating that over 80% of Canadians support “effective impaired driving laws” and “appropriate sentences”;

WHEREAS the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators’ Road Safety Vision 2010 project called for 40% reductions in the percentage of alcohol-related traffic fatalities and serious injuries, but an independent mid-term evaluation reported that no province or territory was on track to meet the alcohol-related traffic fatality target;

WHEREAS convicted impaired drivers currently face only a mandatory penalty of \$1000 for a first offense, a sentence of 30 days in jail for a second offense, and a sentence of 120 days in jail for a third offense;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minimum punishment under *s.255(1)* be \$1000 for a first offense, a sentence of 60 days for a second offense, a sentence of one year for a third offense, and a sentence of five years for subsequent offenses within a ten-year time period;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the minimum punishment under *s.255(3)* for impaired driving causing death be a sentence of ten years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the minimum punishment under *s.259(4)* for driving while suspended due to a prior impairment conviction (without causing death) be a sentence of two years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the minimum punishment under *s.259(4)* for second or subsequent convictions of impaired driving causing death be imprisonment for life; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT adequate funding be provided by the federal government for programs that seek early identification of chronic re-offenders of impaired driving.

**FEDERAL**

**INVESTING IN RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR OFF-GRID COMMUNITIES**

Miranda Hussey, Oak Ridges – Markham Young Liberals

WHEREAS off-grid communities are currently forced to rely on fossil fuels being transported to the community at an incredible expense for energy;

WHEREAS we should be making every effort to decrease fossil fuel consumption and increase the use of renewable energy sources;

BE IT RESOLVED that a funding program be developed that remote communities can tap into for the purpose of investing in renewable energy technologies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the municipality must also contribute to the project, and has responsibility for any maintenance that may be required after the project has been completed.

**PROVINCIAL**

**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROVINCIAL UNIVERSAL DAYCARE SYSTEM**

Katherine Johnston, Oakville Young Liberals

WHEREAS child poverty is rampant in Canada as one in six children are living below the poverty line

WHEREAS women are a vital portion of the labour force

WHEREAS an increasing demand for child care is becoming more expensive, rising on average more than the total rate of inflation every year

WHEREAS there is a need for more subsidized child care spaces in Ontario

WHEREAS the Organization for Co-operation and Economic Development has given Canada a poor rating on the child care report card, stating that the current system is fragmented and that children are not receiving the stimulation needed during early year

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Canadian government replicates the Quebec system and subsidies all regulated child care facilities so that the daily cost of child care is only \$7 a day

**FEDERAL**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUSTAINED FEDERAL PUBLIC TRANSIT FUNDING PROGRAM**

Jonathan Pinto, Peterborough Federal Liberal Youth Association

WHEREAS public transit systems in Canada are the only in the G8 that do not receive stable operating funding from their national government; and

WHEREAS a lack of long-term commitment at the federal level to provide stable operating (as well as capital) funding to public transit systems has meant that transit development has not kept up with population growth or land use patterns for at least two decades, as well as a runaway increase in fares:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Ontario Young Liberals urge the Liberal Party of Canada to draft and support federal legislation that would provide stable, long term capital and operating funding to public transit systems across the country.

*PROVINCIAL*

**IMPROVING ACCESS TO ONTARIO GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS (OGS)**

Rex Law, Oak-Ridges – Markham Young Liberals

WHEREAS the need for educated graduate level students are necessary to maintain and improve Ontario's Knowledge Economy

WHEREAS the government of Ontario is increasing the number of Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) by 1000. This raises the total number of scholarships from 2000 to 3000 scholarships offered each year.

WHEREAS more opportunities are now available to fund graduate studies

WHEREAS the deadline to apply for OGS does not accommodate undergraduate students in Ontario. Applications must be submitted by mid-October in order for students to be eligible for a scholarship for graduate studies the following year. This creates a tight time constraint that results in failed, incomplete, or absent applications

WHEREAS many students fail to know about the OGS opportunity, find out after the deadline has passed, and fail to submit an application due to preoccupation with important graduate entrance examinations and graduate school applications that are due around the same time

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities provide greater accessibility, including a reasonable deadline and greater administrative application assistance to students who are applying for the OGS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities complete a full comprehensive audit and review of the OGS to ensure that students from many disciplines and faculties are offered a fair chance of receiving a scholarship

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontario Graduate Scholarship is introduced and promoted earlier in undergraduate studies so that students who aspire to enter into

graduate school will have an opportunity to plan and complete their application ahead of time.

*PROVINCIAL*

**EMPOWERING CIVIC INVOLVEMENT IN ONTARIO'S YOUTH THROUGH EDUCATION**

Guillaume Blais - University of Guelph Young Liberals

WHEREAS our youth are now being born into a much more aware and educated society than that of our parents and grandparents,

WHEREAS education continues to be a priority of the current government and the opportunity exists to provide leadership on both national and international fronts,

WHEREAS the current system of civic education fails both in its delivery and adequacy for the youth of Ontario,

BE ITS RESOLVED that the Ontario Young Liberals demand that a review be undertaken to evaluate the state of civic education in Ontario and that the need for direct youth involvement in such discussions be vocalized.

*PROVINCIAL*

**TAKING PROACTIVE MEASURES IN PREVENTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Submitted by: Alyx Mamo, University of Guelph Young Liberals

WHEREAS dating and domestic violence is an important topic of focus, with Spousal violence making up the single largest category of convictions involving violent offences in non-specialized adult courts in Canada.

WHEREAS physical and sexual abuse results in government expenses of over \$4 billion in social service, criminal justice, lost employment days and health care intervention costs<sup>i</sup>. These costs are a drain on the country and will continue to burden the Canadian and Provincial governments in the foreseeable future.

WHEREAS the effects of domestic abuse are especially detrimental to children exposed to such violence. The consequences of children exposed to violence can include emotional trauma, depression, injury and permanent disability, as well as other physical, psychological and behavioural problems that can extend into adolescence and adulthood. Children raised in violent family environments also are at risk of becoming abusers or victims themselves during adolescence or adulthood, furthering the cycle of abuse in Canadian society.

WHEREAS approximately 7% of students in 11<sup>th</sup> grade have reported being hit, slapped or intentionally physically hurt by a girlfriend or boyfriend in the previous 12 months<sup>ii</sup>.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Young Liberals recommend that the Ontario government take preventative measures and be proactive in teaching young people the skills and insights so as to not engage in violent or controlling behaviour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a mandatory skills based program be implemented in every high school in Ontario, to include education on dating violence, respect for others in intimate relationships, problem solving and anger management. This will allow our school systems to promote healthy relationships and families as the foundation of our society.

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<sup>i</sup> L. Greaves, O. Hankivsky, J. Kingston-Riechers, *Selected Estimates of the Costs of Violence Against Women*. (London, Ontario: Centre for Research on Violence against Women and Children, 1995)

<sup>ii</sup> *Understanding Teen Dating Violence: Fact Sheet 2009* (National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2009)

**PROVINCIAL**

**INCREASED FUNDING FOR LEGAL AID ONTARIO**

Gloria Li, Toronto Centre Young Liberals & York University Young Liberals

WHEREAS community legal clinics in Ontario are understaffed and underfunded, thus, affecting the quality of service and sustainability;

WHEREAS Legal Aid Ontario (LAO) is cutting administrative costs by closing local Legal Aid offices and substituting the former service with a toll-free service, which can leave clients frustrated as the waiting time can become lengthy;

WHEREAS LAO is making changes to the Clinic Resource Office (CRO) leading to the loss of specialization, a resultant decrease of its efficiency and a reduction in resources made available to the 79 community legal clinics throughout Ontario;

BE IT RESOLVED that each community legal clinic be properly staffed with a team of staff lawyers and community legal workers reflecting the numbers of potential clients in its catchment area; and

BE IT RESOLVED that LAO create a service which provides real-time interactive human assistance machines, which cuts administrative costs but also maintain the value of visual interaction between LAO staffs and clients; and

BE IT RESOLVED that LAO reinstate the barrister service which it has cut from CRO to assist clinics in working on big cases.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD REVITALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

Adlan Taramov, Toronto Centre Young Liberals

WHEREAS Low-Income Neighbourhoods can experience:

- Increases in income inequality
- Challenges to the social fabric of the community
- Decreases efficiency of social institutions

WHEREAS Low-Income Neighbourhoods can experience:

- High rates of unemployment and underemployment
- Increasing risks of depression - mental health related
- Lower school graduation rates
- Increase in crime/organized crime rates
- Deterioration of housing and general quality of life

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Young Liberals urge the government to work with local governments, businesses, nonprofit and community organizations in order to find development plan and strategies that would unlock existing resources and potential for the economic development, improving public services, and quality of life;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the government introduce:

- A Neighbourhood Investment Tax Credit in order to encourage businesses and individuals to support development projects and services; and,
- A Community Development Grant in order to improve motivation, skills, and quality of life of the residents
- Small Business Loan Program in order to provide financing for business start-up and expansion
- Neighbourhood Energy Retrofit/Conservation Projects in order to create more local jobs and increase energy efficiency of the housing. These projects will pass on the savings from energy conservation directly to the residents thus helping low-income and single-parent families