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ONTARIO ELECTION'14

What Counts: Election 2014 by the numbers

FPO - LEADER'S MESSAGE - by Paul McKeever

The Ontario general provincial election of June 12, 2014 has drawn to a close, and each of us now will be drawn to reflect upon it. Most will tend to ponder numbers: the number of candidates, the percentage who voted, the number of votes received by a candidate, etc.. It's natural. And, of course, to a certain extent, it is necessary: who now holds office as a Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) at Queen's Park can be identified only by way of adding and comparing numbers. However, having been a candidate in more elections and by-elections than I can remember, I can tell you that, by far, the most important reflections and observations are qualitative, not quantitative. Whether a lot or a little of something is good or bad depends upon what thing one is speaking about.

Accordingly, at a time when everyone wants you to count and compare ballots, and in which everyone is therefore prone to conclude that more is always better, let me commend to your attention the following things, and their measures.

FIFTY-FOUR: The number of MPPs who - if they vote as a block - have the power to determine which bills become law (there are a total of 107 MPPs for Ontario). There are both good and bad aspects to the number being 54. More elected MPPs means more salaries to pay, but it also means better local access to MPPs for all Ontarians.

FIFTY-EIGHT: The number of newly elected MPPs who were nominated by the Ontario Liberal Party and who, under our system of government, now will vote as a block under the direction of the **ONE** person at Queen's Park who now will lead Ontario's government, and determine which laws are introduced or repealed - Kathleen Wynne. This is bad, not because it's one person, but because of the political orientation of

that person. If she is true to her word, Ontario's fiscal and economic situation is on a collision course for a repeat of what happened in New Zealand, and the earnings and future of younger Ontarians now will be taken from them for the benefit of people who did not or could not prepare for their later years. There will be increasing economic pressure upon younger Ontarians to leave their parents behind in Ontario, and to work where they still can find a job and prepare for their own futures with less risk of being expropriated.

TWENTY-EIGHT: The number of newly elected MPPs who were nominated by the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, and will vote in accordance with the directions of that party's leader. This is a good thing: had they won 54 or more seats, the PCs would have trimmed a tax here or there - just enough to fool pro-free-market individuals into believing that the PC party is committed to free markets. It's not - history stands as evidence that the PCs are committed to central planning - so we've all been spared a four-year set-back.

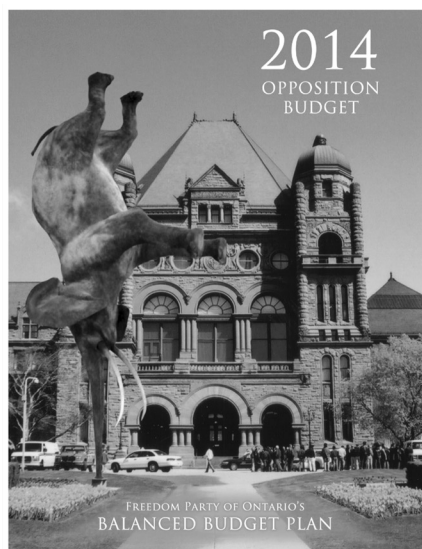
TWENTY-ONE: The number of newly elected MPPs who were nominated by the Ontario New Democratic Party, and will vote in accordance with the directions of that party's leader. This is a good thing: had they had 54 or more MPPs, the NDP would most certainly have returned Ontario to the collectivist social engineering experiments that existed under the Bob Rae NDP in 1990-05.

ZERO: The law-making power of every Ontario candidate - including Freedom Party candidates - who did not win their riding's election: only MPPs have a vote in the Legislature. This is a good thing: one cannot have a free society without a single system of objective law, recognized as law by all.

ZERO: The law-making power of every MPP not nominated by the Ontario Liberal Party. Even if Ontario's NDP-nominated and PC-nominated voted the same way, as a 49 MPP block, they would not have enough votes to prevent the Liberals from passing or repealing a law. Apart from having limited ability to draw the media's attention to corruption or mismanagement by the governing Liberals, these 49 MPPs essentially have no more power or influence over what goes on at Queen's Park than you do. Arguably, this is good, for one reason: the government that holds a majority can think beyond the range of the moment, and make a plan for what is good in the long run, instead of constantly bargaining to stay in power by trading short term gain for long-term pain. It is doubtful that the Wynne Liberals will use that potential well, but several more years of annual raids on the public purse almost certainly would have resulted were we in a minority government situation.

NINE: The net number of Ontario ridings no longer represented by MPPs associated with the Progressive Conservative Party. Although still Ontario's Official Opposition, the Progressive Conservative Party lost 24% of its representatives in the Legislature. As a result, TVO's Steve Paikin asked a post-election panel whether the Progressive Conservative Party is, in effect, on a course to extinction. For all parties

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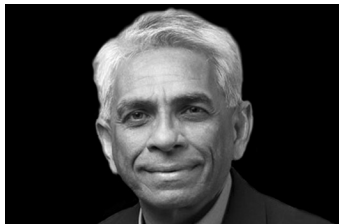


AT LEFT: Freedom Party's 2014 Opposition Budget, available on Freedom Party's official web site, also served as Freedom Party's 2014 election platform.

As the only Ontario political party to present a budget dealing with the 'elephant in the room' - health care costs - FP's proposals were publicly reviewed and scrutinized by several members of the media and found to be a very credible plan to balance the budget. Watch for details of FP's proposal's in upcoming newsletters and reports!

LONDON CALLING - ELECTION 2014

FP candidates generate the debate in London-area election campaigns



SALIM MANSUR

SALIM MANSUR - LONDON NORTH CENTRE

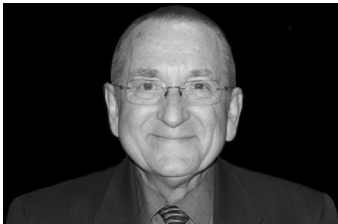
A resident of the riding, **Salim Mansur** is an associate professor of political science at *Western University* in London.

Widely known through his long time association as a nationally syndicated columnist for the *Sun* media, he has also been published in the *Globe and Mail*, the *National Post*, and various other magazines and journals in the U.S.

Salim is a Distinguished Senior Fellow with the *Gatestone Institute* in New York, a member of the Board of Directors for the *Center for Islamic Pluralism* based in Washington, D.C., and a founding member of Toronto-based Council of *Muslims Facing Tomorrow*. He has also served as an academic consultant with the *Canadian International Development Agency* (CIDA).

As someone who has experienced the chilling absence of individual rights and freedom in society widely prevalent across many parts of the world, he has devoted much of his writing and public speaking to the defence of free speech, individual rights and respect for the dignity of the individual that are the building blocks of liberal democracy.

BELOW: - from the May 22, 2014 edition of the *London Yodeller*, the newspaper ad below represents *Freedom Party's* first foray into print election advertising. Like the ad published in the *London Free Press* (see page 4) the ads promoted the four FP London-area candidates.



AL GRETZKY

AL GRETZKY - LONDON WEST

Al Gretzky is a familiar name in London West. Well known as the uncle of the famous Wayne Gretzky, he has been a resident of Byron for decades.

A trusted and respected figure in the riding, Al has been an outspoken and dedicated advocate for freedom and, in particular, freedom of speech. Al was a member of the local chapter of the *International Free Press Society*, the group that helped sponsor the appearance of many controversial speakers in Canada, including America's infamous Ann Coulter and Holland's Geert Wilders.



CLARE MALONEY

CLARE MALONEY - ELGIN-MIDDLESEX-LONDON

A resident of the riding, **Clare Maloney** served for three years as a councillor for the Township of Malahide. While in office, he held the office of Planning Chair.

Clare, who puts his age at "60 times around the sun", is a 36-year employee of Canada Post. The father of two also contributes to functions of the Knights of Columbus, and is a Member for the Pastoral Council for *Our Lady of Sorrows* parish in Aylmer.

PAUL MCKEEVER - LONDON FANSHAWE

Paul McKeever is the Leader of **Freedom Party of Ontario**. Paul joined **Freedom Party** in 1992, and worked on the London area campaign of later-to-be party leader **Lloyd Walker** in 1995. Paul first ran as a candidate for **Freedom Party** in Ontario's 1999 election. He also became a **Freedom Party** spokesperson that year.

Paul replaced Lloyd Walker as party leader in 2002 and has led the party through the elections of 2003 and 2007. He is also chief spokesperson for the **No Tax for Pan Am 2015** committee.

Paul is an employment litigator by profession. He opened his law office in Oshawa in the spring of 1997. His clients' cases have been reported in the *Lawyers Weekly* newspaper, and on the front page of *The Toronto Star*.

Paul has made or appeared in numerous videos that can be watched on **Freedom Party of Ontario's** *YouTube* channel (the most popular *YouTube* channel of all Ontario political parties), and on his own *YouTube* channel. Paul's *YouTube* channel is more popular than that of Canada's Prime Minister, and Ontario's Premier.

Paul's columns have appeared in the pages of the *Toronto Star* and the *Financial Post*. He has been a guest on numerous radio and television programs, including: Ryan Doyle, John Oakley, Michael Coren, Christine Williams. He also writes a blog concerning philosophy, politics, law, and current events.



LONDON MEDIA - HITS AND MISSES

City's daily paper, the London Free Press, fails to inform voters about FP

LONDON - May 7-June 12, 2014 - Many voters in the London market were left wondering why the city's main newspaper, the **London Free Press**, gave **Freedom Party** candidates in the city near ZERO election coverage, while simultaneously the **FP** campaigns and candidates were practically monopolizing talk-show radio shows, and getting at least fair coverage on other media, including **CTV News**, **SUN News**, and a host of other media in the area. In fact, on radio talk shows like **Andy Oudman's Talk of the Town** on **CJBKam1290 Radio** and **Andrew Lawton's** show on **CFPLam980**, that very issue was raised several times, causing the credibility of London's only daily paper to be called into question. **Freedom Party's** London campaigns were supported by an unprecedented advertising blitz, including the party's unique three colours lawn signs that were highly visible throughout all of the London ridings, along with paid advertising in the *London Free Press*, the *London Yodeller*, *SUN television*, *CJBK radio*, *CFPL radio*, and other miscellaneous media.



PAUL McKEEVER

Given the high profiles - and past electoral results - of the London **FP** candidates, one is certainly forced to call into question why the *London Free Press* would run a feature on the *Green Party* leader, while never doing so on **Freedom Party** leader **Paul McKeever** who was running in the city of the paper's coverage area - and where **FP** is headquartered. Consider too that **FP** candidate **Clare Maloney** was a previously-elected councillor, and that **FP** candidates **Salim Mansur** and **Al Gretzky** gave their political opponents a good run for their money when each of them ran as candidates in previous federal elections. In Al Gretzky's case, 21,690 ballots (35.7% of the ballots cast) were cast in his favour when he ran as the federal *Conservative Party* candidate in the election of 2006 (he finished just 1,329 ballots behind then-popular Liberal incumbent Sue Barnes). In the London West by-election of 2013, he drew 5% of the vote as candidate for the fledgling **Freedom Party**, beating-out the *Green Party* candidate, and coming within striking distance of the *Liberal Party* candidate. And Salim Mansur secured 21.1% of the ballots cast in London West when he ran for the *Canadian Alliance Party* in 2000.

In the end, it may well be that the lack of *Free Press* coverage is a good thing. Given the paper's attitude towards **Freedom Party**, and the friction between the paper and **FP** in the past, any coverage offered would likely be negative or false. During the last by-election, *Free Press* reporter **Patrick Maloney** repeatedly attempted to tie Al Gretzky's **Freedom Party** candidacy in London West with the ideas of Dutch *Freedom Party* leader **Geert Wilders**, with whom Gretzky had little in common. Thanks to Paul McKeever's intervention, the fictional *Free Press* story was never written - and that's a story for a future edition of this newsletter. Stay tuned for more details! [end]



Ali Chahbar
@AliChahbar

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Can't think of a more appropriate candidate for the Freedom Party of Ontario than Salim Mansur & I dont mean it in a positive way
#LdnOnt

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5:55 PM - 7 May 2014

Reply to @AliChahbar



Paul McKeever @McKeever_tweets · 20h
.@AliChahbar A statement that speaks volumes about you, and about the good judgment of London West voters in 2013.

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Simon O'Riordan @SimonORiordan · 19h
@McKeever_tweets @AliChahbar Ali doesn't really understand these election things.

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Andrew Brannan @drewfactor · 12h
@AliChahbar unless you are hiding latent Jihadist sympathies or hiding naked power lust, you have nothing to fear...or do you? #onpoll

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Ali Chahbar @AliChahbar · 3h
@McKeever_tweets Did I hit a nerve cowboy? It's ok Keevs, I'll let you get back to the grind. You do after all have an ebxn to place 6th in.

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Paul McKeever @McKeever_tweets · 5s
@AliChahbar Classy to the end, I see.

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IS 2013 BY-ELECTION LONDON WEST PC CANDIDATE ALI CHABHAR BITTER?

LONDON - September 22, 2014 - During a discussion about the *Islamic State of Iraq and Syria* (ISIS) on his Monday CJBKam1290 broadcast of *London Calling*, talk-show host **Andy Oudman** commented: "**Ali Chahbar** is somewhat bitter, from what I've been told, about this show - me in particular - asking questions about his wife's role in a campus organization with respect to anti-Semitism. He feels that those concerns may have cost him the election."

That election was the London West 2013 by-election, when **FP's** candidate there was, as again in 2014, **Al Gretzky**, and it was **FP** leader **Paul McKeever** who was behind raising "those concerns" to which Oudman referred. That may - in part - account for the May 7, 2014 disparaging tweet (pictured at left) made by Chahbar which was directed at **FP's** London North Centre 2014 candidate **Salim Mansur**.

Bitterness aside, the comments demonstrate that **Freedom Party's** role in the election had a definite impact on its outcome - one that is not necessarily measurable in literal **FP** vote counts (even though Gretzky received 5% of the votes in the 2013 by-election), but also in affecting the issues raised. [end]

EXPANDED PROVINCE-WIDE FP ELECTION COVERAGE TO FOLLOW

A complete list of **Freedom Party's** Election'14 candidates, along with highlights of the province-wide campaign and spot lights on some of the significant ridings, will follow in upcoming **FP** newsletters and mailers delivered directly to your door. Candidates, issues, policies, and ideas. We're also behind in reporting on many of our on-going non-election activities and events. With the next Ontario election not expected till 2018, now is our opportunity to catch up.

Be sure to be on **FP's** mailing list so that you won't miss your future mailings of *FpNEWS & Commentary*, *Freedom Flyer*, and *Consent*. As always, the price of power is your \$upport!

BALANCE THE BUDGET

this year and every year, *without* massive job cuts.

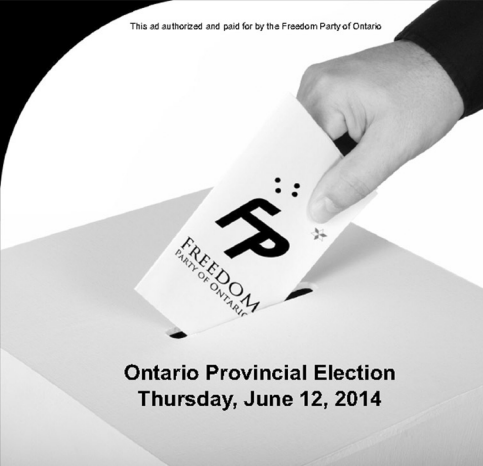
PULL THE PLUG

on already-existing over-priced, "green energy" deals, *without* a penalty.

ELECT

Your Freedom Party candidate in the four London-area ridings.

This ad authorized and paid for by the Freedom Party of Ontario



Ontario Provincial Election
Thursday, June 12, 2014

London North Centre - **SALIM MANSUR**
 London West - **AL GRETZKY**
 London-Fanshawe - **PAUL MCKEEVER**
 Elgin-Middlesex-London - **CLARE MALONEY**

www.freedomparty.on.ca

AT LEFT: - Freedom Party's June 10, 2014 London-area election message as it appeared in the first section of the London Free Press.

The ad highlighted FP's 'pull the plug' policy on already-existing green energy deals without penalty, and FP's plan to balance the budget without massive job cuts. Thus a clear alternative to the muddled policies of PC leader Tim Hudak was being offered to voters. Each issue created a great deal of controversy in the London ridings, particularly on the talk-radio shows, where the local FP candidates, leader Paul McKeever, and president Robert Metz could be heard with regularity. The conversations and excitement generated can be heard via FP's on line archive.

One number to call...

519-681-3999

Freedom Party

Due to changing communication preferences and technologies, Freedom Party's long-held dedicated FAX and 1-800 toll-free telephone numbers have been discontinued.

References to either of these numbers on printed FP literature and/or back-issues of FP newsletters and publications may still be encountered until print supplies are exhausted. Please be aware that effective immediately, there's just one phone number to call: 519-681-3999. For other contact options, refer to address and e-mail information at the bottom of this page.

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other than the PCs that is a good thing. However, it is a particularly good thing for Freedom Party because those who erroneously think that they can achieve individual freedom by working to change the PC party from within will see that they have even less to lose now by leaving the heavily-indebted PC party and working with a debt-free party that was founded, in principle, on the idea that government's role is to defend and promote individual freedom.

ONE: The number of political parties in Ontario that want rational governance via a government that works to ensure that no one's life, liberty, or property is taken from her without her consent. Namely: Freedom Party. That is a good thing. In all other jurisdictions on this globe, there are none.

FORTY-TWO: The number of heroic Freedom Party candidates who made it possible for voters in 42 ridings to elect a Freedom MPP in defence of their own freedom. On behalf of all of those voters, and of the rest of Freedom Party's members and supporters, I say to all of you, with the greatest respect, admiration, and appreciation, thank-you.

FOUR: The number of years we have to prepare for the next election, which will occur on or about Thursday, October 4, 2018. That, most certainly, is a good thing. During a period of minority government, the possibility of a snap-election - like the one we just experienced - arises at least once or twice every year. Snap elections are definitely bad. When an election date is known well in advance, a party can plan all aspects of its effort. It knows how long it has to do fund raising. It can plan events, such as candidate training sessions and candidate nominations. It can tell potential candidates when they would be involved in an election

(which makes it easier for potential candidates to decide whether or not they will run as a candidate).

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVEN: The number of candidates we will nominate for the 2018 election, if enough of us simply decide to commit to working for our own freedom. And, for those who do commit, it is most certainly a good decision. The only alternatives are to work for those who want to take our lives, liberty, or property without our consent, or to surrender to them.

These, to me, are the things that count when it comes to the prospect of forming a government that will defend your freedom to pursue your own happiness in this province. I encourage you, likewise, to look beyond ballot counts. Do not be led to conclude that because another party's candidates got more votes or won more seats, they are somehow standing for something good or better. As author/philosopher Ayn Rand once wrote: "No value - esthetic, philosophical or moral - can be established by counting noses". So it was with the value of your candidacy, and so it is with the value of Freedom Party.

If your political goal is a freer, better Ontario, the distance or time that you travel will be of no value to you if - wittingly or unwittingly - you have failed to walk closer to freedom. As the old song for freedom-seeking southern slaves instructed, you must "follow the drinkin' gourd" to find the star that will guide you to freedom; follow the star represented in Freedom Party's logo as a trillium; follow the philosophy of rational governance that will lead this province along a path toward freedom. I invite you to continue walking that path with me and with the thousands of Ontarians who marked their ballots for Freedom in 2014. [end]

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