



Local Liberals at 2014 Kitchener-Waterloo Santa Claus Parade



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Waterloo Federal Liberal Member Newsletter



“Canadians are looking for better, open, and modern government. Together, we can offer an example of Parliamentarians reaching across the aisle in pursuit of a common goal.”

President’s Update

Welcome to the winter 2014 issue of our newsletter for riding members. This past fall was an active one for the Waterloo riding association.

We had a good turnout at our Pub Night on Oct. 16, where MP Arnold Chan was our special guest.

We were also pleased by the response to the Kitchener-Centre Liberal Association’s town hall meeting on Nov. 9, “Is Canada Treating Our Veterans Fairly?”

On Dec. 3, over 100 people turned out to hear the contestants for the nomination in our riding at an All-Contestants Q&A Meeting. The Liberal Party has not yet set a date for our riding’s nomination meeting, but we look forward to selecting our candidate early in 2015.

Waterloo Liberals also raised a total of \$145 for the Food Bank of Waterloo Region at the Q&A Meeting.

Best wishes to you and your family for a joyous and safe holiday season and a happy new year.

Eric Davis
President, Waterloo Federal Liberal Association

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Highlights from “Is Canada Treating Our Veterans Fairly?” town hall on Nov. 9



Wayne Morris, Gordon Greavette, Ken Knisley, Frank Valeriote, Kerry Townson, Bruce Moncur, Ryan Pagnacco

The Kitchener-Centre riding association organized a Town Hall to discuss the question, “Is Canada Treating Our Veterans Fairly?” It took place on Sunday, November 9th at the Kitchener City Hall.

The Town Hall included the following compelling speakers, followed by a question-and-answer session:

- Lt.-Col. Gordon Greavette (Ret’d) – PhD in military history and Chair of Liberal Studies at Conestoga College
- Cpl. Ryan Pagnacco (Ret’d) – Veteran wounded in Afghanistan, author of “Two Days in Panjwayi,” an essay that is part of the book “Outside the Wire – The War in Afghanistan in the Words of its Participants,” published in 2008
- Cpl. Bruce Moncur (Ret’d) – Veteran wounded in Afghanistan, founder of the Afghanistan Veterans Association of Canada, and candidate for the federal NDP nomination in the Windsor-Tecumseh riding
- Kerry Townson – Mother of an Afghanistan veteran and co-founder of the Families of Canadian Soldiers in Afghanistan support group in Waterloo Region
- Ken Knisley – Father of a wounded Afghanistan veteran

- Frank Valeriote – Member of Parliament for Guelph and Veterans’ Affairs Critic for the Liberal caucus

The speakers addressed a range of issues facing veterans and their families. After they all spoke, it was clear that the answer to the question, “Is Canada Treating Our Veterans Fairly?” is sadly and shamefully “No.”

Pub Night with MP Arnold Chan

On Oct. 16, Waterloo Liberals held one of their regular pub nights at the Huether Hotel and we were honoured to have MP Arnold Chan as our special guest.



MP Arnold Chan (left) at Communitech

For more information about his visit to Waterloo Region, go to <http://lpc.ca/9lbn>.



Nomination Contestants (Bardish Chagger, Cathy MacLellan, Jan D'Ailly, Dan Herman) with moderator Gabriel Tse

Volunteer

There are many ways in which you can help elect a Liberal in Waterloo in the next federal election.

To learn how you can help, please visit:

waterloo.liberal.ca/volunteer-opportunities

Donate

Having sufficient funds is critical to winning elections.

To donate to the Waterloo riding, visit:

waterloo.liberal.ca/donate

Click “One-Time Donation” to make a one-time donation or click “Victory Fund Donation” to set up recurring monthly donations.

Nomination: All-Contestants Q&A Meeting

Four people (pictured at left) have submitted applications to the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario) (LPCO) to be contestants for the Liberal nomination in Waterloo.

Please visit waterloo.liberal.ca/nomination to learn more about them.

On Dec. 3, the contestants organized a Q&A Meeting during which members could ask questions submitted on paper or Twitter. The event was moderated by Gabriel Tse, the LPCO director for our area. Over 100 members turned out to hear the contestants.



We encourage you to follow us on Twitter (twitter.com/WatLib), Facebook (facebook.com/KWFLA), or Google+ (plus.google.com/114171724998661946390) to keep up to date with news about the nomination process.

Support Liberal private members' bills

Because the Liberal Party is not in government, the only option for Liberal MPs to propose legislation is via private members' bills.

We would like to bring your attention to two private members' bills, which are currently working their way through the legislative process:

- Justin Trudeau has proposed the Transparency Act, which you can find out more about here: <http://lpc.ca/transparency>
- MP Ted Hsu has proposed a bill to bring back the long-form census, which you can find out more about here: <http://lpc.ca/9npe>

Upcoming events

The following key events are anticipated during the next quarter, but they have not yet been scheduled:

Nomination Meeting

- Date: The LPCO has not yet set a date.
- Location: TBD

Annual General Meeting

- Date: Late January to early March. Date will be set by LPCO and will take place either after or at the same time as the nomination meeting.
- Location: TBD

As soon as dates and locations of the above events are determined, we will communicate them to members.

To keep up to date with events that may be added after this newsletter is published, please visit our website:

waterloo.liberal.ca/waterloo-events

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Pub night with Arnold Chan

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