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Subject: FW: To change legislation to compel every municipal politician, Councillor or Mayor, to step down from office when facing criminal charges laid by a police force.

November 25, 2012

Dear Mayor Joe Fontana and
Dear Councillors of the City of London

For your information,
I forward to you all my letter that I forwarded to all Liberal MPPs of Ontario today.

Yours truly,
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November 25, 2012

Dear Liberal MPPs of Ontario,

Re: Possible Legacy for the out-going Dalton McGuinty Government of Ontario:

(1) To change legislation to compel every municipal politician, Councillor or Mayor, to step down from office immediately when facing criminal charges laid by a police force until such time after the Councillor or Mayor has been cleared of all criminal charges.

(2) To change legislation to compel all municipalities to retain and pay for the services of an Ethics Commissioner and Auditor General, at least on a part-time basis (just like the 'free' services of the provincial Ombudsman, Andre Marin).

Larger City Centres like the GTA are already compelled to have the services of an Ethics Commissioner and Auditor General on a full-time basis.

I would like to urge all Liberal MPPs to persuade Premier Dalton McGuinty to call the Legislature back for a couple days to pass such legislation to restore the reputation of Ontario as a Province with strict standards of a Code of Ethical Conduct for all elected municipal politicians, Councillors and Mayors, that can set an example for all other Provinces and Territories In Canada.

This change of legislation would bring the Code of Ethical Conduct for municipal governments in line with that of all major private enterprise Companies, particularly Law Firms, as practised in the 21 st century. Such legislation might become one of the important *Legacies for the Liberal Dalton McGuinty Government here* in Ontario - just as the appointment of a truly independent Ombudsman, Mr. Andre Marin, has turned out to be.

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When Mayor Joe Fontana was charged with criminal offenses by the RCMP, this was the first time that I have felt **ashamed to be a Londoner**.

Yes, also that Mr. Joe Fontana as Mayor of London finds himself to be in a position to be facing criminal charges by the RCMP, but even more so that **he did not immediately step down from his office temporarily** until he has been cleared of all criminal charges.

This shows **a deep disrespect** for the Office of Mayor as well as for all Londoners who have the right to

expect that their elected City Councillors, in particular, their Mayor are able to devote their full energy to the performance of their duties on City Council without the distraction of an impending Criminal Court Trial for which they necessarily have to spend a considerable amount of time preparing with their defence lawyer.

Most important there is only one way for Mayor Joe Fontana to re-assure all Londoners that he will **not use the time until the trial** to act in City Council on all issues, most importantly for the Budget in any way that might be of personal interest to him in case he were convicted of any or all criminal charges or strike a '*a plea-bargain*' for his own benefit.

There is only one way for Mayor Joe Fontana to convince all Londoners to do so, that is, to step down from office immediately **until he has been cleared of all criminal charges by the Court.**

Mr. Joe Fontana's *presumed innocence until proven guilty* is protected by the fact that he can resume his office after the Court has reached a verdict of NOT-GUILTY!

Even '*ordinary*' Londoners **often face an automatic 'suspension'** from their positions *when being charged with a criminal offence* as part of the conditions of their employment in order to re-assure important customers or clients that the firm or company is committed that all its employees, particularly, any members of their management team are **not acting on behalf of the Firm or Company while under suspicion of a criminal offence.**

From our elected representatives, be they municipal, provincial or federal, citizens rightfully expect an even higher and stricter Code of Ethical Conduct **because they decide how to use the tax-payers' money, from the wealthy millionaire down to the larger number of average earners, right to earners of minimum wages who are often compelled to hold more than one job in order to make ends meet.**

For these reasons, decent persons would on their own immediately step down from an elected office or any position of *public trust* when faced with criminal charges.

Sadly, in Mr. Joe Fontana's, case the London Free Press has published a number of detailed Investigative Reports, one of which led to the investigation by the RCMP.

In all these Investigative Reports by the London Free Press runs one common thread through all the business enterprises Mr. Joe Fontana has been involved in, that is, the thread of unethical conduct, at times bordering on fraudulent like speaking as an ex-MP and ex-Cabinet Minister at meetings for potential investors of his boyhood friend's fraudulent investment company.

When convicted of fraud and fined by the Securities Commission, this gentleman confirmed that it was Mr. Fontana's role as a trusted former leading Parliamentarian to woo potential investors at those meetings to invest in his company. A number of trusting people lost their life savings - for the dream of '*rich profits*'.

Did Mr. Fontana know that his boyhood friend's investment company engaged in '*fraudulent*' investment schemes? Well, only Mr. Fontana can answer this question. However, he earned his share of *commissions*.

And so on and so on . . .

The very latest private enterprise, detailed in the London Free Press, of building '*green-energy production*' plants in Eastern European countries producing electricity from pig-manure made me chuckle a little *at the incredible energy* of Mr. Fontana.

I had to laugh because it reminded me as a Canadian citizen who was born in Germany of the business dealings of the German-Canadian businessman Karl-Heinz Schreiber, if on a somewhat smaller scale, but just as *passionate*.

Both gentlemen actually proposed quite valuable projects, backed up by very reputable German Companies.

Mr. Schreiber proposed factories to be built in the Maritime Provinces and/or Newfoundland for the production of military vehicles of excellent quality that might have made a valuable addition to Canada's Armed Forces as well as for possible exports to other countries.

Mr. Fontana proposed the building of *tested and proven-successful technology* for the Green-Energy production plants.

Both gentlemen paid hefty *consultant fees* to the right government or local municipal officials - what unfriendly critics might compare to *bribes*.

Unfortunately, again both gentlemen failed to come up with the initial money outlay by appropriate large-enough financial *sponsors*...

It also appears that both men were done in by a similar flaw in character, their *personal greediness*.

Mr. Karl-Heinz Schreiber's book-keeper turned state-witness for the branch of the German government agency (similar to the American IRS) trying to prosecute Mr. Schreiber for not paying his proper share of income tax for his earnings from his business '*ventures*' - after Mr. Schreiber refused to cut in his 'faithful' bookkeeper for a larger share of the '*profits*'.

I am speculating that the person who anonymously submitted the brown manila envelope to the London Free Press with the detailed accounts about both weddings of Mr. Fontana for his two sons, staged at the

Marconi Club, was just like me appalled about Mr. Fontana's personal greediness.
With the salary of a federal Cabinet Minister Mr. Joe Fontana was unable to pay for his first son's wedding *'out of his own pocket'*?
And he nearly did get away with it by paying for it from misappropriated tax-payers' money!

I find it very curious that the RCMP was unable to dig up more evidence than the London Free Press had already provided with the photo-copied stub of the federal government cheque for \$1,500, but not any trace for the second about \$17,000 federal government cheque that the former manager of the Marconi Club stated he had likewise received for the balance of the cost of the wedding.
If the former Manager had not bothered to photocopy the stub for the first lower \$1,500 deposit cheque, the RCMP probably would not have found any evidence of tax-payers' money having been misappropriated by the federal Cabinet Minister Joe Fontana.

That's where the **Board of Internal Economy** in Canada's federal Parliament comes in.
The Board of Internal Economy has been known to act somewhat like a *'Fraternity'* or *'Sorority'* for all fellow MPs or Senators.
When an MP or Senator is found out to have spent tax-payers' money he or she is not entitled to spend, the Board of Internal Economy 'quietly' calls the 'offender' on the carpet and gives him or her the opportunity to pay back the 'misappropriated' tax-payers' money.
If the offender 'complies' and pays back the 'misappropriated' tax-payers' money, the Board of Internal Economy 'quietly' closes the case.
Since now **no tax-payers' money has been 'lost', no net harm has been done to the tax-payers** and apart from a strong warning, in the eyes of the Board of Internal Economy there is no need to *'shame'* the offender in public.
This confidential 'gentleman's' agreement has helped a number of involved MPs or Senators *'to mend their ways'* from then on.

Since I believe that the former Manager of the London Marconi Club has told the truth about having received two government cheques for the total of about \$20,000.- from someone on behalf of Mr. Joe Fontana, it appears that Mr. Fontana still had good friends to let any trace of the second major cheque of more than \$17,000 *'disappear'* in the *'confidentiality'* of the *'proceedings'* of the Board of Internal Economy.

Since the Manager of the Marconi Club had now received payment for the full cost of the 2005 wedding there was no longer any need for the Manager to also photocopy the stub for the second cheque.
Thanks to the existence of the photocopy for the first \$1,500 cheque, Mr. Fontana could not deny the transaction and now had to provide some other *'explanation'*.
Most likely, being unwilling to admit the truth, Mr. Fontana *'landed'* the additional charges from the RCMP.

The Investigative Report by the London Free Press likewise details similar problems for the Marconi Club to collect payment for the second wedding staged by Mr. Fontana there that took about 100 days for the Marconi Club to collect - and then only after granting Mr. Joe Fontana a significant discount.

No doubt,
Mr. Joe Fontana is a man of an admirable *great energy and works very hard*, but who sadly does not shy away from *unethical behaviour* in order to also try to build his own *personal fortune* alongside his *public service*.

Just a couple days ago another Londoner tweeted on Metro-News that Mayor Fontana had also managed to provide city contracts **without any bidding** to two companies where Mr. Fontana also serves as the CEO for both companies - of course, he would have needed the support of some fellow City Councillors.
You would think the Mayor would have insisted on open bidding by other companies just in order **not to be accused of 'Conflict of Interest'**.

Even when Mayor Joe Fontana presented his second *'zero-tax-increase' budget against the advice* of two consecutive top City Financial Administrators, he did it again *'somewhat fraudulently'* by raiding some of Reserve Funds of the City of London like affordable housing and other social programs, some of which the City of London is compelled by provincial legislation to provide like wheel-chair access to public buildings.

In his election campaign Mr. Fontana had promised to create enough new employment to make up for the shortfall of the tax revenues.

I would have appreciated Mayor Fontana more if he had had the courage to be honest and had said:
"Yes, I promised enough new jobs to bring in needed new revenue that would make up for the short-fall of tax money for the zero-tax-increase budget. However, the economy around us in Ontario, yes, in the World around us has deteriorated **over which we in London have no control**. So I ask the citizens of London for their understanding that **under these new circumstances we now need to raise our over-all taxes for this budget . . .**"

The top financial Administrator for the City of London warned about the substantial extra-cost for the future budgets of London as result of Zero-tax-increase budgets now.

I am sorry, but I no longer *'trust'* Mr. Fontana to lead the Budget discussions in the best interests of our City of London.

Whatever *'development'* plans he may propose, in the back of my mind I will always have the *nagging question* : "What is in it for him - in particular, if he should be convicted of one or more criminal charges and had to leave office?"

We Londoners need Mayor Joe Fontana to step down from office **immediately** until he has been cleared of any criminal charges.

We also need our provincial government to amend the legislation to compell any elected City Councillor or Mayor to step down from office immediately after any police force has charged him or her with a criminal offence.

His or her right of *presumed innocence until proven guilty* is preserved by allowing the affected Councillor or Mayor to resume his or her office again after having been cleared of all criminal charges.

Dear MPPs,

we ask you all for your support to persuade Premier Dalton McGuinty to act on this matter right now as another incentive to Ontario's voters to re-elect another Liberal government after the next provincial election is called.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Adam J.R. Gedies

Short wrap-up of previous concerns.

Dear Liberal MPPs of Ontario,

I hope that you will be able to persuade the rest of your Liberal Caucus to **reverse** the decision with respect to Ontario's racing horses as outlined in the letter below so that I can vote Liberal again in the next provincial election.

For me the racing horse issue is a **fundamental issue because it touches our values as humans.**

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Subject: Euthanizing Race Horses

To

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Hon. Chris Bentley

Minister of Energy & Commissioner of Board of Internal Economy

Hon. Ms. Deborah Matthews

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Dear Premier Dalton McGuinty

and

dear Cabinet Ministers

By nature I have always been 'liberal' in my 'philosophical' outlook.

However, that does not mean that I automatically vote Liberal in provincial or federal elections.

In particular, since we do not have some sort of proportional election representation, I look at both, party program, but just as crucial at what Party Leader will make the best provincial Premier or Prime Minister of Canada at the time of election, and I do not hesitate to vote strategically, trying to achieve my personally desired end-outcome.

Though I personally respect Mr. Chris Bentley and Ms. Debbie Matthews highly as my current and former MPPs,

I give you all fair notice now that **I will vote 'strategically' against our current Liberal government in the next provincial election once the euthanizing of Ontario's former race horses is started.**

I will be doing this because of the **fundamental lack of decency and incredible lack of gratitude towards our race horses here in Ontario** who brought a **modest form of gambling to Ontario as the fore-runners of the Casino Slot machines.**

With the advent and increase of Casino style slot machines, here in London, at least, we have established a mutually fair partnership how to fairly divide up the profits of the increased gambling via slot machines at the Fairgrounds.

Now I curse the accountant who has come up with the idea of increasing the gambling profits in Ontario even more by replacing the race horses with inanimate slot machine 'robots' and other usual Casino games altogether.

I curse that particular person because of the lack of basic humanity that humans and horses have been *workmates* for many centuries in all sorts of fields.

Yes, we had to let go of our horses as our major *work partners* in mining and general transportation and to a large extent in farming.

However, on the race tracks we can still *celebrate* our human connections with horses.

Thousands of people still make their living with caring for and driving those race horses - still attracting many people to watch and enjoy the races.

As well as there are still many people making their living as 'secondary' suppliers, feeding and bedding the horses and providing all the equipment for horse racing, harnesses, race 'carts' and so on.

As a token of gratitude those of us who support responsible gambling in all forms, Casinos and the sale of lottery tickets certainly want a fair share of these lottery profits *re-invested* in our *pioneers in gambling*, our race horses on the tracks.

So if personal *profit greed* from our total gambling revenue in Ontario *wins by withdrawing* a reasonable support for our race horses to keep them viable and the euthanization of horses begins, then I will join our rural Ontarians to help vote our current Liberal government out of office at the very next provincial election.

I do not forgive the abandonment of basic human values.

Sincerely,

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