



SEPTEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

This is the official newsletter of the
TORONTO PARTY FOR A BETTER CITY

Municipal Election

Our slate of candidates:

Ward 4

[Glenn Vaughan](#)

Ward 5

TBA

Ward 10

[Edward Zaretsky](#)

Ward 15

[Ron Singer](#)

Ward 24

Babak (Bob) Nahiddi

Ward 28

[Howard Bortenstein](#)

Ward 36

[Glenn Middleton](#)

Ward 38

[Sean Gladney](#)

Ward 41

[Danny Chien](#)

Ward 43

[John Laforet](#)

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Party in election mode.

By Stephen Thiele, President

On October 25, 2010, Torontonians will head to the polls to elect a new Mayor and a new council.

For the past month, the Mayoral race has deteriorated into a campaign of smears and chicken suits. In what people are now describing as a circus sideshow, voter apathy is gaining a stronghold as they mention that none of the 5 front-running Mayoral candidates are worthy of support.

The people want the candidates to talk about the issues. And so do we.

For four years, the Toronto Party for a Better City has consistently spoken about the issues. For four years, our party has advocated for balanced transportation. For four years, our party has fought for greater fiscal responsibility and accountability at City Hall. We opposed the car registration tax and the municipal land transfer tax from the outset and often times told the city politicians to stop the waste at City Hall and to exercise fiscal restraint. Of course, the majority refused to listen.

Our candidates have now been campaigning day-in and day-out in the former cities of Scarborough, Etobicoke, North York and Toronto. The response they are receiving to our policies is very positive.

The people are very pleased that the Toronto Party spearheaded the lawsuit against the City to recover nearly \$150,000 paid to Councillors Adrian Heaps and Giorgio Mammoliti for legal fees they incurred to defend compliance audits arising out of the 2006 election campaign. Moreover, the people want us to sue them a second time as a result of the arrogance City Council displayed last month when they again chose to ignore their lawyers' advice and appealed the taxpayer-friendly decision of the Divisional Court.

The Toronto Party and its candidates are prepared to stand up for the taxpayer of Toronto. We will do it in court and we will do it in the Council Chamber when our candidates are elected to represent you.

A PARTY PRIMER

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TORONTO PARTY

1. When was the Toronto Party for a Better City created?

The Toronto Party was created in October 2006. It became an incorporated without share capital corporation in December 2010. The reason for incorporation was that as a volunteer association, the Toronto Party lacked legal standing to pursue a lawsuit against the City of Toronto and members of City Council who voted to compensate their colleagues for legal expenses they incurred in relation to election compliance audit applications and expenses incurred in defending a personal defamation law suit.

2. Can the Toronto Party legally exist as a municipal political party?

Ontario legislation does not formally recognize municipal political parties. However, this does not make the Toronto Party, or any other municipal political party in Ontario, illegal. In fact, when the Toronto Party was first created, its founding members corresponded with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the legal recognition of municipal political parties in Ontario. The Ministry responded by saying that municipal political parties were not prohibited in our province.

3. Why do we need a municipal political party when we have provincial parties able to help municipal candidates?

In Ontario, federally and provincially registered political parties, like the Liberals, Conservatives, Ontario Progressive Conservatives, and New Democratic Party, are prohibited from making contributions to municipal candidates. In letter and in spirit of the law, these parties (as well as their respective riding associations) have been prohibited from inserting themselves into the municipal election process, yet they do so anyway. In the 2006 municipal election, it was widely reported in the newspapers that the NDP held a nomination meeting to select a successor to Councillor Olivia Chow. In this election, the Toronto Star reported that George Smitherman was receiving the assistance of number provincial Liberal MPPs and federal Liberal MPs and was benefited with a mailing to 75,000 identified Liberals in Toronto.

4. Is the Toronto Party affiliated with any provincial or federal political party?

The Toronto Party is not affiliated with any provincial or federal political party. Individual members are entitled to be members of provincial and/or federal parties, but the philosophy of the Toronto Party is to be non-partisan or multi-partisan.

5. Are municipal parties new to Canada?

No. Both Quebec and British Columbia have formally recognized and well-established municipal political parties. These parties have been existence for more than 50 years and are regulated through appropriate provincial legislation.