

# POLITICAL ACTION NOW

A Newsletter for Unit Presidents, Political Action and Communication Committee Chairs

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## Join a Political Party!

The last few weeks have confirmed the importance of party politics in Canada. No one can ever say again that Canadian politics is boring!

There are many reasons to join a political party. As a member you may participate in debates to determine party policies to address such issues as standardized testing, childcare and economic policy that set the stage for election platforms.

The Ontario NDP has a leadership vote scheduled for March 6-8 2009 in Hamilton. Under the ONDP's one-member-one vote policy you can help choose the leader. At the same March convention, the ONDP may debate continuing its support for publicly-funded Catholic schools. The only way to participate in this debate is to attend this convention by joining the party and becoming a delegate. **To attend this convention, you must join the**

### **ONDP before January 6, 2009.**

#### **How to join**

It's EASY to join a political party. You must be a Canadian citizen and 14 years of age or older.

#### **Ontario Green Party:**

You must agree to abide by the constitution, policies and principles of the OGP and may not belong to another Ontario political party. Membership fees are \$25.

#### **www.opg.ca**

Phone: 416-977-7476, or  
Toll Free: 1-888-647-3366  
P.O. Box 1132, Station F  
Toronto, ON, M4Y 2T8

#### **Ontario Liberal Party:**

You may not belong to another provincial political party. Membership fees for youths and seniors are \$5, and \$10 for adults.

#### **www.ontarioliberal.ca**

Phone: 1-800-268-7250  
Mail: 10 Mary Street, Suite 210,  
Toronto, ON, M4Y 1P9

#### **Ontario New Democratic Party:**

You are required to abide by the

constitution, policies and principles of the ONDP and may not belong to any other federal or provincial political party. Fees are \$25 for individuals who are employed, \$5 for those who are not. **www.ontariondp.com**  
Phone: 416-591-8637 or  
Toll Free: 1-866-390-6637  
Mail: 101 Richmond Street, E.,  
Toronto, ON. M5C 1N9

#### **Ontario Progressive Conservative Party:**

You must agree to support the constitution and the statement of principles of the Ontario PC party and may not belong to another Ontario political party. Membership fees are \$10.  
**www.OntarioPC.com**  
Phone: 416-861-0020 or  
Toll Free: 1-866-822-3837  
Mail: 410-19 Duncan Street,  
Toronto, ON, M5H 3H1.

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