

# My last hurrah to try to bring sensibility out of absolute stupidity

## As a citizen of Ontario I would like a question answered: Who is governing Ontario?

### Take your pick.

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The Liberal Government  
The OLG – Paul Godfrey  
U.S. Casino Operators

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#### Number One

The Liberal Government recently selected Kathleen Wynne as leader – part of her platform for supporters to elect her was her statement about granting municipalities the right to determine where casinos went. i.e. OLG against the City of Hamilton's request is to have the casino located at Flamboro Downs.

Within days after her confirmation she announced she would not be the halting OLG's controversial gaming modernization plan.

Go ahead keep the steamroller rolling over our communities.

Readers if you are not positive about her ability to govern check here appointment of Ted McMeekin representing the village idiots of the Liberal Party as a former Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs, known for his brilliant comment reported by the CBC. In November 2012 "Often at races you would have four horses racing for three prizes totaling \$40,000 with no one in the stands." Totally false. To me it looks like as a Politician you can say what you want, don't have to prove anything and since the press is used to politicians dumb statements they don't have to substantiate them.

Now known, I guess, for his exemplarily service to the party he is handed a new portfolio as Minister of Community and Social Services. If I were a Liberal MPP and were passed over for the Ministerial position given to Mr. McMeekin I would have been annoyed and question the new leader's lack of background checking. Unless he's a family friend. It might give you a read on our new Premier remember Ms. Wynne was part of McGuinty's power structure supporting all their programs like ORNGE, Power Stations etc.

#### Number Two

The OLG, headed by Paul Godfrey, appointed by the Liberal Party as Chairman of the Board since this is a crown corporation. He must believe that made him a king. Now in case you forget this was the Paul Godfrey who was going to bring a national football team in Toronto. This would require an unbelievable amount of money to be raised; it's logical for him to assume the U.S. casino operators had it all. The President of Sands Casino in Las Vegas income reported last year by Sands Casino was \$13,000,000, the chairman \$11,000,000. Good place to go for financial support to buy a football team or invest in Canadian casinos, if one venture failed why not try another, could be some cash fallouts.

Godfrey and Phillips with the financial muscle available from the U.S. casinos and the Liberal Government stepping aside since McGuinty resigned, Godfrey and Phillips may have decided to ramrod the OLG program down everybody's throat with whatever it takes. Great program, Tannenbaum controls the bingo in Ontario and US casino operators control casinos in Ontario.

#### Number Three

It doesn't sound right, Godfrey dictating to the U.S. casinos the Masters Of Business but it does sound right the other way around, Choice 3, casinos dictating to Godfrey, Godfrey to Government and devastation to the province of Ontario. Whether we realize it or not, it is probably how it will workout if we don't try and stop it.

#### How

Step 1 - insist that the OLG publish a full report on Caesars Windsor operations, from day 1 to 2010, 2011, 2012's. It will show you how much money it has cost Ontario taxpayers. How much money the OLG has given cities on a restricted basis to accept their casinos.

The OLG's contracts are like an old Neilson's chocolate bar, every piece different.

Cities of Windsor and Casino Rama are promised money each year but it stops after 20 years. Then Niagara Falls is promised \$3,000,000 a year in perpetuity. The whole program sucks. There is no program; it depends on what the OLG or the casino needs to get their way. It's like the OLG gambler playing with somebody else's money, who cares what we spend or lose.

Lets look at Caesars Windsor Casino, these are the figures from public accounts report for 2011, 2012.

These figures are after the OLG paid for the property and the casino to be built originally and 408 million spent in 2008 for improvements to the casino.

Here's the current situation from OLG's reports on Casino Windsor 2011, 2012.

*11b. The OLG and the Operator of Caesars Windsor have agreed that both the operating and capital renewals reserves at Caesars Windsor, totaling \$426,000 at March 31, 2012 (March 31, 2011- \$6,860,000, April 1, 2010 - \$5,013,000), although contractually set aside for the other uses, are available to fund current operations, given the continuing negative cash flows at Caesars Windsor.*

#### 26d. Caesars Windsor

*In connection with the terms of an agreement between Caesars Windsor and the City of Windsor (the "City"), the Corporation agreed to provide the City with compensatory payments over 20 years with payments commencing May 1, 1998 of \$2,600,000 per annum for the first ten years and \$3,000,000 per annum for the last ten years. It's over in 2018. Niagara Falls get 3,000,000 a year forever.*

*In fiscal 2012, the Corporation transferred cash of \$62,000,000 to Caesars Windsor for their working capital requirements. The Corporation has committed to transfer up to \$85,000,000 to Caesars Windsor in fiscal 2013 for working capital. Given the continuing negative cash flow at Caesars Windsor.*

Where does the money come from? Our Taxes?

CAESARS IS STILL LOSING MONEY EACH YEAR AND THE OLG (ONTARIO TAXPAYERS) ARE MAKING UP THEIR SHORT FALLS INCLUDING THE OUTSIDE OPERATORS (U.S. CASINOS) OPERATING INCOME.

Multiply this by 40 times and you will realize that there is possibly no benefit to Ontario with the OLG's modernization plan except increases to the province's deficit.

With regards to McGuinty, I believe he was no more than Godfrey's puppet in this whole program to eliminate SARS for the benefit of U.S. casino operators. Doing away with communities right to hold a referendum on whether they wanted casinos in their area, coercing Horwath into the NDP's abstinence from the budget vote. Then maybe suggesting he jump ship and resign to avoid future repercussions. And maybe from being forced to reinstate the SARS program. Looks like a repeat of Captain Francesco Schettino of the Costa Concordia, head the ship for the rocks and then jump off, one difference, the first mate, Duncan maybe decided he didn't want to go down with the ship and be left without someone to tell him what to do.

Like Schettino, they will carry the stench with them to their graves. I feel sorry for their families.

With regards to Horwath (the weather vane, whichever way the wind blows) in spite of strong resistance from her members and her own previous commitment that she would not give approval to the 2012 budget without plans to protect jobs and horse racing. I guess she forgot because she and her party did abstain and settled for two tax increases, one for taxpayers and one for corporations.

As of now there is little can be done to stop Godfrey's steamroller. He has possible control of the lush casino contracts whether it bankrupts the province or not.

The casinos probably don't have to account for their figures to anyone. Nine out of ten casinos in the U.S. are facing bankruptcy, which probably means they pay no business taxes to the government. That is what we are facing. However, we cannot correct or change a provincial politician who we elect as Ontarians to represent our best interests. They turn out to be no more than toothless watchdogs of our interests barking for a job and food.

However, maybe we can stop a fiddle. Forget about your MPPs trying to act on your behalf, which I'm sure they do but they are not listened to, the top two or three of the Party make their own decisions. Based on what they think your only chance to stop this nonsense of a casino or slot machine on every corner is your local councilors. You control their destiny everyone or two years. If you see them change their vote on accepting a casino you know a lobbyist probably got to them with salesmanship or financial promise. The result of the whole exercise could tell you who is legitimate and who can be swayed. Look to Hamilton's council they made their decision and basically told the OLG what had to be done. I figured Hamilton would be the first city to slow down or stop the OLG steamroller.

I've owned horses since 1956 and I've seen a lot of rodeos. Twelve years ago the government insisted a community had to have horse racing to get a casino, now the government (OLG) says to the track owners if you don't run a casino on our terms you will not get any race dates. Who has the club?

To anyone who cares, this is my last of three articles and the end of my first communion money. I was born in Hamilton in 1931 and my occupation is a pedlar. I don't have a PhD in Economics but I did graduate from FR Close Technical Institute and the University of King and James in Hamilton, and I can smell a rat from wherever I am to Queens Park due to ORNGE and power plants, maybe it's already infested.

