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GLEN MURRAY PROPOSES ONTARIO LIBERAL PARTY REFORMS *Member-Led Process Would Look At Leaderships, Nominations, Policy, Participation*

TORONTO — As Premier and Ontario Liberal Leader, Glen Murray would reform the Party with members leading the way to decide leadership, nomination, policy and easier, more affordable participation.

“When you join the Ontario Liberal Party, you should be joining a modern, 21st century organization that’s easy for you to talk to with your ideas, that listens carefully, that makes sure you can participate and that you can afford,” Murray said.

Glen Murray’s plan lays the groundwork for a 21st century Ontario Liberal Party. It includes:

- Reducing the cost of participating in out-of-town meetings, policy conferences and Annual General Meetings — members would be asked to discuss ideas such as a travel subsidy funded by a 25 per cent contribution from all the non-refundable entry fees in the current leadership race.
- Committing to regular town hall meetings with members when the Leader or MPPs visit ridings for fundraising or other events, and creating a central online registry for booking visits by the Leader and MPPs.
- Deploying technology so members can participate in policy development and campaign training online and they can stay in the loop about what’s going on in the Party and government through one central web portal.
- Asking members to consider alternatives to the current system of nominating candidates — right now in vacant ridings, the Leader can choose a candidate without a riding nomination meeting.
- Calling for the membership to consider a One Liberal, One Vote contest for subsequent Leadership races.
- Creating a policy “wiki” where members can contribute and share their ideas for Ontario.

Glen Murray would bring in an Ontario Liberal government that builds on the current government's successes in areas such as education and health care, and add reforms that will do more for modest- and middle-income Ontario families and students and help dynamic start-up companies create good jobs.

Glen Murray's leadership campaign of ideas and action is built on renewal for Ontario families and our economy:

- Tax cuts for the middle class and small business
- No-money-down university or college tuition
- Cities and towns that work
- Smart government that listens with a modernized Ontario Liberal Party — including a stronger voice for the North.

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