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GLEN MURRAY WINS THIRD ONTARIO LIBERAL LEADERSHIP DEBATE
Strong Performance In Ottawa Tops Off Pre-Holiday Campaigning On High Note

OTTAWA —Glen Murray strongly impressed Ontario Liberals gathered for the third all-candidates leadership debate with his passionate commitment to make sure that Ontarians will “never, ever” have to live with PC cuts to hospitals and social services.

“All of us have seen what happens when Tories take over,” Murray said to solid applause.

“We’ll make sure that we never, ever have to live through the kind of crap we’ve lived through with Conservative governments with closed hospitals and destroyed services again.”

Noting that Ontario Liberals have a solid record of building hospitals and schools and expanding social services, Murray’s strong debate performance drew positive attention from media as well as the audience.

“And that’s a wrap. Glen Murray @renewliberal came out on top. Most specific ideas. Took on most sacred cows,” is how *Ottawa Sun* columnist Anthony Furey described Murray’s debate performance on Twitter.

“@Glen4ONT dominates a second #olpldr debate. He’s batting .500,” tweeted Rob Benzie of the *Toronto Star*.

Tuesday’s debate marks the third time that Glen Murray has emerged from an OLP debate as the clear winner — the candidate with ideas and a strong record of action and achievement.

“On my scorecard, Glen Murray wins,” said Steve Paikin, host of TVO’s *The Agenda*, after the first debate in Ingersoll. “He was utterly impressive in the way he mixed solid performance and policy.”

Following the second debate in Thunder Bay, the *Toronto Star* wrote: “The former Winnipeg mayor appeared the best versed on northern issues, speaking passionately about the need to help aboriginal youth and harness the potential of a region too often ignored at Queen’s Park.”

In Ottawa, Murray warned the hospitals and social programs are at risk unless Ontario Liberals work together to continue to win elections. Earlier, he released a comprehensive background paper on reforming and modernizing the Ontario Liberal Party.

The *Globe and Mail* and the *Canadian Press* also quoted Murray’s energy and party reform positions at length:

“The manner in which Mr. McGuinty pulled the plug on two gas-fired power plants slated for

Oakville and Mississauga shows why the Liberals need to put all cabinet ministers and MPPs in charge of government. Mr. Murray and other candidates have said too many policy decisions were made in the Premier's Office without consultation," wrote the Globe.

Glen Murray would bring in a different Ontario Liberal government, building on the current government's successes in areas such as education, yet open to new ideas that will 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 — working together to protect and renew our hospitals and social services.

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