

Policy Questions

- 1. What do you believe are the main concerns of gender and sexually diverse people in Ontario? What specific actions will take to improve the lives and wellbeing of gender and sexually diverse communities?**

They should be concerned when hate towards them shows itself, and is not apologized for. More on that later with the other answers. If I notice people who are campaigning with hate, then I will call them on it.

- 2. Many gender and sexually diverse youth haven't seen themselves reflected in the curriculum. Where do you stand on the current elementary and secondary health and physical curriculum, and how will you ensure that youth get the information they need?**

I don't have kids, and so I don't think of it often. Then again other candidates for other parties have no kids, either, and have a lot to say, and so I want parents consulted. All parents of all children with their diverse gender identities taken into consideration. Straight and LGBT, everyone, and if there is anything I would spend money on, it would be a big consultation for as many opinions to be shared as possible. Parents were not consulted enough as far as the current curriculum is concerned.

- 3. Trans and gender diverse people lack quality, accessible healthcare in Ontario. In what ways do you think the Government can better support access to medical services and specialists for trans patients in the province? In what ways will you bolster access to trans-inclusive healthcare?**

Transitioning surgery is a big step so I respect that for those people it is a medical necessity for them. The surgery and the drugs too. Problem is that we don't have a lot of money for everyone, and that includes children with autism and more psychological intervention for people who are just about to find themselves on the street due to mental health issues. Those are just a few examples. I know I am running away from the question, a little. If we had more money to spend on transitioning procedures then I would promise more for it, as I would for anything else which needs more attention. For me any new spending means we have to borrow it at interest from the world's parasitic banking community. I have lots of suggestions for cuts to government spending which are not covered with these questions, and I cannot attempt to change the subject and monopolize what is your questionnaire with my own topics. Suffice to say that I take Gender Affirmation Surgery (sometimes called Sexual Reassignment Surgery or SRS) and Hormone Therapy as a necessity for some people and I wish I had more money for them because they deserve it.

- 4. The gender and sexually diverse community are disproportionately affected by mental health and addictions due to various social and economic factors. What steps will you take to improve the overall mental health and wellness of our community?**

I have had episodes of depression in the past, and had to take meds for it. If I had extra money to spend to help an LGBT person who is having a difficult time, I would spend it. Unfortunately we are broke, and while the other parties will say, "This is important, I will spend," they can only do it with more borrowing, which takes the wealth we have, and gives it to the banking community as interest. When that happens, families

of both straight and LGBT people suffer, and the cycle starts again. Sorry for repeating myself somewhat, with that.

- 5. Gender and sexually diverse people are less likely to be hired or secure stable employment, and experience wage disparity in comparison to their cisgender (non-trans) and heterosexual peers. What initiatives do you believe the Government can develop or support in order to reduce the rate of unemployment and underemployment in the gender and sexually diverse community?**

I am straight and underemployed at the moment, meaning that there are not as many graphic design contracts as I would like there, to be. Barrie has among the highest rates of unemployment right now, so if I can do better myself, then, I will consider subsidies for others. Right now, nobody is helping me and so there you have it. If there are subsidies for one group, there should be so for any other, I guess. If we did not have so much debt, then we could all consider options together.

- 6. What will you do to help end the one-year MSM (“men who have sex with men”) blood ban?**

It looks like the ban is getting smaller and most researchers are at odds with the government for not moving fast enough. If elected and then having the opportunity to consult with more researchers who also said the government was moving too slowly, then I would vote to do away with the ban.

- 7. What will you do to help end the criminalization of people living with HIV/AIDS in Ontario?**

After some reading [here](#), if people with HIV who are not carelessly or deliberately being unsafe and are having disclosure demanded of them, “for not disclosing their HIV status — even when there is no transmission and people have taken highly effective precautions that mean the risk of transmission is exceedingly small,” then I would vote for this demand to be set aside, or at the least, decriminalized. Until this questionnaire, I did not know this was happening to people for refusing to answer such things.

- 8. The principles of Truth and Reconciliation are important to addressing the impact of colonialism on Two-Spirit/gender and sexually diverse Indigenous peoples. What does your plan for Truth and Reconciliation look like? Will you fully implement the 94 Calls to Action, and how will you address the impacts of colonialism?**

I have a plan to get rid of TV Ontario. I don't have a plan for Truth and Reconciliation. I did go to the [Calls](#), and it is too much for a small party candidate like me to address while doing everything by myself. This question is very, very specific to your organization and I wish I had more time. There is time for me to say this: While I am Christian, I do not agree with the way white Europeans treated the Native People of this country. And, while I want to do away with TV Ontario, I would spend the money to have a new statue added in Orillia to go along with the refurbished statue of Samuel de Champlain, which would show Native people as heroic and wise. Yes that is art I would spend government money on and I hope that is somewhat satisfactory.

9. Organizations working with or for the gender and sexually diverse community struggle to gain or maintain long-term, sustainable funding. How will you support organizations, specifically ones that provide important health and social services and ones that work in arts, culture, and heritage?

If I had money to give, I would. I don't. No one else does, either. They will borrow it from the world's vipers, the bankers, at interest. Aside from that there are many good causes which need money, not the least of them are for children who suffer from autism. What money do you have, for them? Who comes first? There is so much good to do, yet the power of government to do so at our democratic urging, is weakened by so much debt, and so much work to be done and interest profit we have to pay, to the devils who loaned us their funny money.

10. How do you intend on increasing support to HIV/AIDS organizations in Ontario?

We are the most indebted sub-sovereign state in the world. Children with autism need money; HIV/AIDS organizations need money. Who gets it first? Where does it come from? Sorry to repeat myself. And sorry to sound mean, as if I don't care, when I do and just cannot promise to work towards borrowing more money at interest. If we were not so far in debt then we could all get together and share great ideas about how to build a better, or dare I quote Pierre Trudeau, "just society," for everyone. Debt spoils it all.

11. What steps will you take to end invasive, medically unnecessary operations on Intersex children?

I remember a story of a Canadian man, [David Reimer](#), who accidentally had his genitalia destroyed by a botched circumcision as an infant. He was raised as a girl, later began to live as a boy, and then developed severe depression as an adult and died by suicide. Intersex children should not be tampered with for gender reasons until they become adults themselves and make their own choices.

12. The rights of sex workers are important to the gender and sexually diverse community, with our community being well represented within the workforce. What will you do to help end the criminalization of sex work in Ontario, ensuring full labour rights and protections?

Even though I am with the NOTA Party, I still offer some of the Libertarian platform to go along with the 3Rs of Direct Democracy: Referendum, Recall and Responsible Government laws for true Legislative and Electoral Reforms. It is your body and as long as you do not force what you do on anyone else then go ahead and act as a sex worker, straight or LGBT. At any chance I would vote for sex workers to do as they please with other adults.

13. Gender and sexually diverse youth are overrepresented in the homeless youth population. What specific steps would you take to address the gender and sexually diverse youth homelessness crisis in Ontario?

The other parties will promise you more spending, which means more borrowing. I won't do that. Debt plus interest is so great, that people at large are unable to help each other. Government spending is not the answer to everything. People need help. We are broke. Be glad that no one starves in Ontario. At least we

have that. I would not vote to take welfare away from anyone, unless they deliberately cheated the system, or make it dependent upon working for it. Why? People who do not have a job are not murderers, and murderers get fed, too. That strays from the question although at the same time I try to make a point that while I cannot promise new spending, I am NOT going to act to take anything away that is with your question. For homeless people of any stripe, maybe we could change some laws and allow people to pitch a tent on public property. Years ago, I shot video and reported on a homeless man for my magazine, CROWE, who was on a hunger strike against a McDonald's on Bayfield Street, for kicking him out and banning him from the property, even though he was a customer and kept himself clean. He did not have a legal leg to stand on, yet I helped him take his things with him, back to his tent in the woods, every other day. That tent was only a few hundred meters away from a nice residential street. And technically speaking, he was breaking the law, even though he was harming no one. It is a complicated issue. I return again to solutions that others may laugh at, while those others promise more spending with money we do not have, and cannot afford to borrow.

- 14. Many gender and sexually diverse people are concerned about moving into retirement communities, care facilities, or having at home care out of fear of having to “go back into the closet” or because they fear they won’t receive sensitive, informed care. How will you ensure long-term care will competently accommodate and work with the gender and sexually diverse community? What steps will you take to improve long term care for our community?**

With so many licenses required to do anything these days. then yes, I would, for those in that industry of care, have them be required to add to their training, sensitivity for the LGBT community.

Party Questions

- 1. Does your party have any openly gender diverse and/or sexually diverse candidates? If comfortable answering: How many, and in what ridings? Also, what concrete steps will your party take to increase representation of gender and sexually diverse people among candidates?**

My former party, the Libertarians, did run Canada's first trans provincial candidate, Christin Milloy. And very unfortunately, the current leader of the Ontario Libertarian Party, an idiot by the name of Allen Small, defended one of their candidates, Allan Dettweiler, after he [compared LGBT people to bestiality](#) and [allowed him to run](#). And now, it is too late for that hater to be removed from the ballot. People in that riding can vote for unapologetic hate. This goes against the Libertarian beliefs that you can do whatever you want as long as you do not hurt others or take their property and money by force of violence. The party at this time is acting against its own principles by promoting those who hate.

Allen Dettweiler never apologized. [The leader apologized for him!](#) So the hater is allowed to hate and be welcome at the party: "I hope Allan regrets this, and I hope he apologizes," he said, "I apologize on his behalf."

And even though I am straight I am also a big fan of lesbian rocker, Joan Jett, and have a Blackheart tattoo. No hating, here. 😊

Shame on the Libertarian Party of Ontario, the only party in Ontario with a leader that endorses hate towards LGBT people for the 2018 election.

2. Does your party have policies and practices that are affirming of gender and sexually diverse people? If so, what are they? If no, will you commit to adding them?

Come on and run for us. We have a cool leader, not a jerk like Allen Small. 😊

We treat everyone equally and do not discriminate.

3. Have your staff and volunteers been through training on gender and sexually diverse topics and issues? If yes, please explain. If no, will you commit to participating in training on an ongoing basis?

What money do you think we have for training on...anything? I don't even have money for the NOTA signs people ask me for. Come on and be a candidate. We want you and put that in the answers please. As for a staff...it is just me. 😊 Volunteers? Got none.

My last note for this, I am speaking on my own behalf, and have not consulted with NOTA for any of these answers. That is the way they operate; if you are for the 3Rs of Direct Democracy: Referendum, Recall and Responsible Government laws for true Legislative and Electoral Reforms, you can thereafter offer whatever you like to the people, and see if they vote for you or not, providing that you are not offering a platform of hate, or against the interests of democracy itself. Hopefully my answers have offered an enthusiasm for what the LGBT community would want, along with respecting all their rights, even if I do not offer new spending.

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