

Your Money's Worth!

Freedom Party in Action!

1984 - 1991

WORKING TOGETHER FOR FREEDOM!

Freedom Party may be new, but it's no "fringe party." It's a major party just getting started!

We take freedom seriously. Our record of action proves what can be accomplished even before we have any members elected in provincial parliament. Literally hundreds of millions of tax dollars have already been saved, and thousands of Ontarians have been able to exercise a new choice at the polls because of Freedom Party.

The events and accomplishments listed in this pamphlet are by no means a total accounting of Freedom Party's record of action or demonstration of its influence in the communities where the party is currently active. They represent but a small sampling of our most significant activities and accomplishments and are fully documented in Freedom Party's newsletter, the Freedom Flyer. Back-issues and other related literature, publications and news clippings are all available to those who want to learn more about Freedom Party.

It's a cause worth fighting for: FREEDOM. Together, we can make a difference, because we know we already have...

OUR RECORD OF ACTION...

...WORKING FOR SOLUTIONS

1984:

January: **Freedom Party** is founded.

April: **Freedom Party** fights **censorship**; testifies before the federal government's **Fraser Committee** in support of **freedom of speech**.

June: Freedom Party launches **anti-tax** campaign in London, Ontario; forms the **No-Tax For Pan Am Committee** and starts delivery of 65,000 8-pg brochures to city households outlining the folly of spending \$110 million tax dollars to host the 1991 Pan-Am Games in the city; over 140 letters of support appear in local press; campaign attracts over 1100 local supporters.

June: **Freedom Party** re-affirms its commitment to **freedom of speech** by becoming the only officially-registered political party in Canada to go on record supporting the **National Citizens' Coalition's** successful court challenge to the federal government's Bill C-169, drafted to prevent anyone other than an officially-registered political party from buying political advocacy advertising during a federal election campaign.

September: **Freedom Party** successfully **challenges organized labour** by supporting employees against union ratification at **Eaton's** in London; a **Freedom Party**-drafted and produced brochure is distributed at **Eaton's** locations across Canada, and is cited as the decisive factor preventing union certification in every location the pamphlet is used. Result: hundreds of employees retain their **freedom of association**.

1985:

January: **Freedom Party** campaigns for **freedom of choice in education**. In an address to the **Shapiro Commission on Private Schools**, FP leader Robert Metz recommends that education taxpayers be permitted to direct their tax dollars to the school(s) of their choice.

April-May: **Freedom Party** participates in its first **provincial election**, fielding three candidates in London, where the party is headquartered. Campaign strategy geared towards increasing direct membership support (rather than exclusively emphasizing votes) helps build a strong base of support from which to expand.

June: **Freedom Party's No-Tax for Pan-Am** campaign ends in victory! We prompt **federal sports minister Otto Jelinek** to cancel federal subsidy of the event, while pressure from our information campaign forces **Liberal leader David Peterson** and **London South MPP Joan Smith** to **reverse their stand** on provincial taxes for the event.

August: **Freedom Party** supports the **National Citizens' Coalition's** campaign to help Merv Lavigne challenge **compulsory union dues**, and the purposes on which such dues may be spent.

October: Freedom Party launches **education campaign** against **censorship**; over 5000 copies of **Censorship Alert!** distributed through retail outlets across Ontario.

November: Freedom Party leader Robert Metz addresses Toronto-area landlords and condemns Ontario **rent controls**.

1986:

April: Freedom Party organizes largest public petition ever submitted to London's city hall; over 5000 protest a 32% self-awarded pay increase for aldermen and a 42% pay increase for P.U.C. commissioners.

August: Freedom Party launches its second major **anti-tax campaign**, successfully blocking expansion of a BIA (**Business Improvement Area Tax**) in East London.

October: Anti-BIA tax campaigns extend across Ontario; politicians start reacting.

December: Freedom Party launches public campaign for **freedom of choice in Sunday shopping** in London, St. Thomas, Toronto, Mississauga. Extensive media coverage generates national attention.

1987:

February: Freedom Party testifies before Ontario's Standing Committee on the Administration of Justice **against forced pay equity legislation**.

February: Freedom Party testifies before Ontario's Select committee on Sunday Shopping in favour of **freedom of choice in Sunday shopping**.

March: FP leader Robert Metz publicly condemns motives of Toronto mayor and councillors opposed to freedom of choice in Sunday Shopping.

March: Freedom Party defeats union ratification at the University of Western Ontario in London.

April: Freedom Party honours Toronto furrier and **Sunday shopping rebel Paul Magder**, whose personal fight for freedom of choice in Sunday shopping took him to the Supreme Court of Canada; 110 supporters attend a \$50+ per plate dinner; extensive media coverage generated.

May: Freedom Party's anti-BIA tax campaign draws unprecedented reaction by **Hamilton City Council** which unanimously passes motion to have Ontario's Attorney-General investigate the feasibility of charging **Freedom Party** with "spreading false news." One municipal councillor charges that **FP** literature is "changing people's minds on this issue," and thus represents a threat to municipal tax increases.

May: Freedom Party protests London garbage strike by providing Londoners with limited free garbage pick-up service for the duration of the city's municipal garbage strike; over 70,000 pounds of garbage from over 5,000 London households is hauled away to private landfill sites in the constructive protest spanning 20 days. 5,000 brochures advocating **contracting out of municipal services** are distributed during campaign.

July: Freedom Party pickets the postal picketers during their violent postal strike; **FP** campaigns for **competition in postal services** and condemns the violence and coercive tactics employed by postal union.

August: On-going **anti-BIA tax campaigns** expand to over thirty Ontario communities. Ten proposed BIAs are prevented from being established, while three existing BIAs are abolished, an Ontario precedent.

August-September: Freedom Party participates in its second **provincial election**, expanding representation to St. Thomas, Mississauga, and Toronto areas.

December: Freedom Party launches **education campaign**; starts publication of **Consent**, featuring ideas and opinions on individual freedom by writers and contributors from all over the North American continent.

December: Education campaign expands with production of the 1988 **Calendar of Individual Freedom**.

1988:

February: Freedom Party launches **public advertising campaigns** (including full-page newspaper ads) for **freedom of choice in Sunday shopping**.

March: Freedom Party participates in its first Ontario **by-election** in the riding of **London North**.

April: Freedom Party leader Robert Metz goes head-to-head on the **Sunday shopping** issue with Ontario **Solicitor-General Joan Smith** and Dresden mayor **Les Hawgood**.

August: Freedom Party supports **freedom of choice in Sunday shopping** before Ontario's **Standing Committee on the Administration of Justice**.

November: Freedom Party participates in its second Ontario **by-election** in the riding of **Welland-Thorold**.

December: Freedom Party education campaign goes global; 1989 Calendar of Individual Freedom ordered from as far away as India, Australia, Europe, and all across the United States and Canada.

December: FP leader **Robert Metz** challenges **Ontario Solicitor-General Joan Smith** on **Sunday shopping**; Smith's response: "If people elect a lot of people from the **Freedom Party** they'll get **less regulations...**"

1989:

April: **Freedom Party** condemns **Worker's Compensation Act** at official hearings, claiming that the act violates **workers' rights**.

May: **Freedom Party** protects the environment. City of Welland is accused of dumping raw sewage into the Welland River; provincial ministry orders sewer hookup but city refuses; **FP's Barry Fitzgerald** vows he'll "make sure" sewage is cleaned up.

September: **Freedom Party's anti-BIA tax campaigns** attacked by **Mississauga mayor Hazel McCallion** who lashes out against tax protesters by stating "It's the **Freedom Party** that's in action! That's what we're up against..."

November: **Freedom Party** expands **education campaign** to public forums; public confusion between **democracy, majority rule**, and how the incompatibility of the latter with **freedom** is debated across the province.

1990:

January: **Freedom Party** protests **against** Ontario's Bill 8 and **official bilingualism**.

January: **Freedom Party** critiques **no fault insurance** at public hearings.

March: **Freedom Party** saves the environment; city of Welland finally starts treatment of the raw sewage being dumped into the Welland River. Fitzgerald promise kept.

July: **Freedom Party** campaigns for **lower taxes and reduced government spending** in its third **provincial election**

November: **Freedom Party** launches major media campaign **against** issues ranging from **high taxes** to **racist government policy**.

December: **Freedom Party** helps organize local chapters of the newly-formed **Ontario Taxpayers' Coalition** in an effort to **stop tax increases**.

1991:

February: **Freedom Party** launches its own **anti-tax campaign** along with its own accompanying newsletter, the **Tax-Ax**.

March: Freedom Party campaigns for freedom of choice in education; FP leader **Robert Metz** challenges London's Board of Education trustees to defy Rae government edicts that artificially cause education expenditures to rise.

March: Freedom Party submits brief to the **Special Joint Committee on the Process for Amending the Constitution of Canada**.

April: Freedom Party condemns provincial NDP's **rent control** options; FP leader **Robert Metz** accuses NDP of placing political interests above housing affordability for Ontarians.



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government is to protect your
freedom of choice,
not to restrict it.
