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Welcome to the 2008 Ontario Young Liberals Eastern Region Policy Parliament!

Thank you for your participation in the Eastern Region Policy Parliament. The OYL is a member-driven organization and these events can only be successful if you get involved! We appreciate all the hard work and energy you have shown in crafting policies and coming to this policy parliament to advocate for your ideas.

The goal of the Policy Parliament is for young Liberals from Eastern region to come together to discuss, debate and prioritize policies you wish to move forward to the province-wide OYL Policy Parliament (also know as "OYL SummerFling"). Please note that we were not able to translate the policies into French due to timing, however, all policies discussed at SummerFling will be bilingual.

Policies ratified at SummerFling will become the OYL policy priorities for 2008-2009. We will focus our efforts on lobbying for these policies and encourage our colleagues in the Liberal party that they seriously consider adopting them. The OYL has an impressive track record over the years of successfully implementing policies, such as our support for the Kyoto Accord, high funding for post-secondary education, or the adoption of same-sex marriage.

Due to the timing of the OYL AGM and the by-election, the OYL Policy Parliaments are starting a little later than in previous years. Nevertheless, the OYL has a strong history of active policy parliaments and I have no doubt that this year will be no different. Also, the OYL looks forward to having another round of policy discussions in the fall of 2008.

In 2008-2009, OYL Policy Parliaments will be one component of policy action and development. We look forward to holding regional policy discussions, lobby days at Queen's Park and Ottawa, and actively participate in the Ontario Liberal Party and Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario)'s policy sessions. If you would like to get involved or become a member of the Policy Committee, please let me know!

I am sorry that I am not able to make the Eastern Region Policy Parliament – I am currently at the University of Guelph for the Southwest Region Policy Parliament. However, you are joined today by three of my wonderful colleagues who have provided a great deal of help organizing this event: Krista, Jacob, Adam and Patrick.

Thank you again for your hard work and brining forward ideas and policies you think will make a difference in the lives of Canadians and the citizens of Ontario.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (647.284.1282) if you have any questions.

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Canada's International Commitment to Peace

Submitted By: Matthew McCarthy, University of Ottawa Young Liberals

WHEREAS close to 400 000 people have lost their lives and more than 2.5 million driven from home in the Darfur genocide since 2003; and

WHEREAS Canada, as a G8 country, is committed to making international aid contributions of at least 0.7% of Canada's GNP by 2015; and

WHEREAS the African Union/United Nations Hybrid operation in Darfur (UNAMID) is authorized to deploy "up to 19,555 military personnel; 6,432 police, including 3,772 police personnel and 19 formed police units comprising up to 140 personnel each; and a significant civilian component"; and

WHEREAS UNAMID has reached little more than half of this target as of 31 January 2008; and

WHEREAS Canada played a leading role in the creation of the UN's Responsibility to Protect (R2P); and

WHEREAS Canadians are losing faith in the potential of governments to commit to R2P without requiring an analysis of self-interest; and

WHEREAS all people have the right to live in peace; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to raise its international aid funding to 1% of the Canadian GDP;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to ensure that at least two-thirds of the necessary increase be committed to aid in Darfur; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to ensure that future personnel reductions in the Canadian Forces' international operations coincide with an equal increase in Canada's contribution to UNAMID.

Safe Food Labelling for Persons with Celiac Disease

Submitted By: Tiffany Holdsworth-Taylor,
University of Ottawa Young Liberals

WHEREAS the Government of Canada is “dedicated to safeguarding food [...] which enhances the health and well-being of Canada’s people”;

WHEREAS it is estimated that 1 in 133 Canadians have celiac disease;

WHEREAS celiac disease is an autoimmune disease triggered by the ingestion of gluten;

WHEREAS people suffering from celiac disease must adhere to a strict gluten free diet for life;

WHEREAS gluten is a protein present in wheat, rye, triticale, barley and can be a hidden ingredient in hydrolyzed vegetable/plant protein, malt, spelt, kamut, certain drug products, as well as thickeners used in soups and dressings;

WHEREAS section B.01.009. (1) of the Canadian Food and Drugs Regulations currently states that components of ingredients or of classes of ingredients that are not required to be shown on a label include:

11. flour
14. whole wheat flour
36. toasted wheat crumbs used in or as a binder, filler or breading in or on a food product; and

WHEREAS these three items must be avoided by persons with celiac disease; and,

WHEREAS many foods in which gluten is not a main ingredient may nonetheless be cross contaminated in the manufacturing or shipping process resulting in unintentional ingestion of gluten by persons with celiac disease;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to remove items 11, 14, and 36 from section [B.01.009.](#)(1) of the Food and Drugs Regulations; therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to require manufacturers to state if their product contains trace amounts of gluten, when gluten is not explicitly stated in the ingredients list, in one of the following formats:

1. “May contain traces of gluten”
2. “Not suitable for consumption by persons with Celiac disease”

Policy to amend the *Ontario Human Rights Code* to include 'gender identity' and 'gender expression' as prohibited grounds of discrimination

Submitted By: Ottawa-Centre Federal Young Liberals

WHEREAS transsexual and transgender people have no explicit human rights protection in Ontario;

WHEREAS transsexual and transgender people regularly experience harassment and discrimination in employment, housing, health care, education and access to public services on the basis on their gender identity and expression;

WHEREAS the Ontario Human Rights Commission has stated that "there are, arguably, few groups in our society today who are as disadvantaged and disenfranchised as transgenderists and transsexuals";

WHEREAS the Ontario Human Rights Commission has further stated that for transsexual and transgender people "fear and hatred combined with hostility towards their very existence are fundamental human rights issues";

WHEREAS the people and Government of Ontario hold as a fundamental principle their responsibility "to recognize the dignity and worth of every person and to provide for equal rights and opportunities without discrimination";

WHEREAS article 2.1(g) of the Constitution of the Ontario Young Liberals identifies the promotion of gender equality as a core objective of the association;

WHEREAS the Northwest Territories has established a precedent in Canada by amending section 5(1) the *Northwest Territories Human Rights Act* in 2004 to include protection from discrimination or harassment on the basis of 'gender identity';

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Young Liberals urge the Government of Ontario to amend the *Ontario Human Rights Code* to include 'gender identity' and 'gender expression' as prohibited grounds of discrimination for all purposes of that legislation.

Policy Background Information

Submitted by: Ryan Dyck, Ottawa Centre Federal Young Liberals

Transsexual and transgendered individuals are routinely harassed and discriminated against in communities across Ontario, and across Canada. They face transphobia and transmisogyny on a daily basis, they are excluded from public spaces and from receiving public services, they experience chronic unemployment and/or homelessness, their families often reject them, and they experience a disproportionately high rate of suicide. In short, they are in dire need of explicit protection from discrimination.

The Ontario Human Rights Commission defines gender identity as the following:

Gender identity is linked to an individual's intrinsic sense of self and, particularly the sense of being male or female. Gender identity may or may not conform to a person's birth assigned sex. The personal characteristics that are associated with gender identity include self-image, physical and biological appearance, expression, behaviour and conduct, as they relate to gender.

At birth, a child is assigned a gender by a health care professional based on observation of the child's genitalia. Society makes the assumption that based on this medical assessment a child will grow up to exhibit correspondingly masculine or feminine behaviours and appearances. However, this is not always the case. A person's felt identity or core identity may differ in part or in whole from their birth assigned sex. Individuals whose birth-assigned sex does not conform to their gender identity include transsexuals, transgenderists, intersexed persons and cross-dressers.

Until recently, the most academically accepted estimates indicated that 1 in 11,900 biological males are trans-identified, and 1 in 30,400 biological females are trans-identified.^{1*} Most recently, a new study conducted in the United States – awaiting publication – suggests that gender identity disorder (GID) prevalence may be as high as 1 in 505 for biological males, and 1 in 3,347 for biological females².

In the recent past, if protected at all trans-identified individuals have been tenuously protected under the grounds of disability, and, more recently, sex. There exists no explicit protection for trans people in the Code. In fact, the Northwest Territories is the only region in Canada to include protection on the basis of gender identity within its human rights legislation. A few cities, such as Toronto and Ottawa, have included such protection in their respective municipal bylaws. Federal NDP MP Bill Siksay has twice introduced a private member's bill

¹ *Standards of Care for Gender Identity Disorders*, Sixth Version, Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, Inc. (February 2001), 2.

* It was generally believed that this study underestimated prevalence as it reflected only those individuals who had been assessed by gender identity clinics, and did not account for those who remained "in the closet" or transitioned successfully without detection or medical assistance.

² Mary Ann Horton, Ph.D., "The Prevalence of SRS Among US Residents," draft submitted for publication to the *International Journal of Transgenderism* (30 March 2006), 6.

in the House of Commons proposing an amendment to the *Canada Human Rights Act*. Bill C-326 carried through first reading in June 2006, but has not progressed since. Similarly, in March 2007 provincial NDP MPP Cheri DiNovo introduced the private member's bill entitled "Toby's Law" in the Ontario Legislature proposing an amendment to the *Ontario Human Rights Code*. "Toby's Law" was carried through first reading, but has not been reintroduced since the October 2007 general election. To date, no representative of the Liberal Party either federally or provincially has introduced such a bill.

In 1998, the British Columbia Human Rights Commission made a recommendation to the BC Legislature that the *BC Human Rights Code*, pointing to the "inadequacies in dealing with this type of discrimination under the existing categories [of sex/gender and disability]". Further, the 2000 Report of the Canadian Human Rights Act Review entitled *Promoting Equality: A New Vision*, asserted that "to leave the law as it stands would fail to acknowledge the situation of transgendered individuals and allow the issues to remain invisible. . . We recommend that gender identity be added to the list of prohibited grounds of discrimination in the Act."

A policy to hold a *National Day of Action* on poverty reduction and to support the implementation of a national child care plan in Canada

Submitted by: the Ottawa-Centre Federal Young Liberal Association

WHEREAS Premier Dalton McGuinty has identified poverty reduction as one of the government's priorities and continues to provide additional funding to support families and individuals most in need;

WHEREAS the Ontario Young Liberals are equally dedicated to reducing poverty in Ontario;

WHEREAS children and youth are disproportionately affected by poverty;

WHEREAS the provinces are in need of the Federal government's support in combating poverty and tackling the problems with child care;

WHEREAS the Federal Government must recognize the strong need for an effective national child care plan to assist working families;

WHEREAS the Federal Government holds with it the necessary resources and necessary supports from stakeholders to implement a national child care plan for all Canadians;

WHEREAS the *Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada* has voiced its shame on the Federal Government's cut of nearly \$1 billion to child care in the 2007 budget and have made the claim that tax credits do not build a system for most families in need of child care;

WHEREAS it is unacceptable that in 2006 the number of new child care spots opening up decreased by almost half compared to the increases each year between 2001 and 2004;

WHEREAS the Federal government must be urged to take action on child care and to create forward moving solutions to reduce poverty in Canada; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Eastern Ontario Young Liberals urge the Federal government to implement a long-term national child care plan while working in partnership with the provinces; and,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Eastern Ontario Young Liberals support having a nation-wide Day of Action to raise awareness for poverty reduction in Ontario and across Canada.

Politique de Recyclage

Présenté par: Patrick Levesque

Attendu que souvent, les appartements n'offrent pas d'accommodements permettant à leurs locataires de recycler et que plusieurs résidants ne recyclent pas, tout simplement parce qu'aucun services adéquats ne leurs sont offert;

Attendu qu'il y a souvent très peu de raisons incitant les propriétaires à offrir de tels services, puisqu'il n'existe aucun encadrement légal ou conséquence lorsqu'aucun service de recyclage n'est offert;

Attendu que les manufacturiers produisent cinq kilogrammes de déchets afin de produire un kilogramme de marchandise disponible au consommateur et qu'à chaque jour, en Amérique du Nord, nous produisons suffisamment de déchets pour remplir 70,000 camions à vidanges. Après une année, s'ils étaient tous alignés de pare-choc à pare-choc, ils atteindraient une distance équivalente à la moitié de la distance terre-lune;

Il est résolu que le gouvernement provincial attribut des fonds pour aider des municipalités à mettre en place des programmes et des services de recyclage extensifs et faciles d'accès dans les appartements et les autres types de résidences à plusieurs unités, là où aucun n'existe déjà ;

Il est en outre résolu que ce programme inclut aussi les appartements et résidences qui possèdent un service de recyclage inadéquat;

Il est en outre résolu que cette campagne constitue un programme pilote qui, par la suite, s'étendrait afin d'inclure d'autres participants tels : les restaurants, les commerces au détail, etc.

Il est en outre résolu qu'un ensemble de directives sur le programme de recyclage soit implémenté, afin d'assurer une homogénéité parmi les participants du programme;

Recycling policy

Submitted By: Patrick Levesque

WHEREAS apartments often do not provide adequate recycling facilities for their tenants and many residents do not recycle simply because the service is not adequately offered to them;

WHEREAS there is often little impetus for landlords to provide such services, as there is no legal framework or ramification for not providing recycling facilities; and,

WHEREAS manufacturers produce five kilograms of waste in order to produce one kilogram of consumer goods and in North America, we produce enough waste to fill 70,000 garbage trucks each day. Lined up bumper to bumper, over a year, they would stretch halfway to the moon; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the provincial government establish a fund to assist municipalities with implementing extensive and easy recycling programs in apartments and other multi-unit residences, where none already exist;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this program extend to other apartments and residences that have substandard recycling programs as well;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a set of legally mandated recycling guidelines be established and implement, so as to ensure homogeneity among program participants; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this campaign act as a pilot program that would eventually expand to include other actors, such as: restaurants, retail, etc.

Politique anti-fumée

Présenté par: Patrick Levesque

Attendu que le gouvernement de l'Ontario planifie établir une loi afin de bannir le fumage de cigarettes en voiture lorsque des enfants à bord et attendu que le gouvernement McGuinty dit que les Canadiens devrait faire tout en leur possible pour garder leurs enfants en sécurité et en santé;

Attendu que les enfants qui respirent de la fumée secondaire sont plus disposés à souffrir du syndrome de la mort subite du nourrisson, d'asthme et de maladies cardiaques;

Attendu que les médecins disent que, dans le cas des enfants, les risques associés à l'exposition à la fumée secondaire incluent les maladies respiratoires, la maladie de l'oreille moyenne, de l'infection au bas des voies respiratoires;

Attendu que les médecins disent aussi qu'une exposition peut mener à une incidence plus élevée de cancer et de maladie cardiaque lors de la vie adulte;

Attendu que les enfants vivant dans une demeure n'ont aucun autre choix que d'endurer la fumée secondaire et les parents sont responsables de la santé de leurs enfants;

Il est résolu que le gouvernement de l'Ontario devrait initier une campagne étendue de sensibilisation contre le fumage en présence d'enfants et dans les demeures où vivent des enfants;

Il est en outre résolu que cette campagne cherche à décourager les individus de fumer dans une demeure ou tout autre habitation fermée; mettre l'emphasis sur les risques négatifs pour la santé et l'irresponsabilité de fumer dans de tels endroits clos, lorsqu'un enfant est présent ou lorsqu'un enfant vie dans cette demeure sur une base quotidienne, afin de changer le comportement social négatif et de mener à du changement positif.

No Smoking Policy

Submitted by: Patrick Levesque

WHEREAS the government of Ontario plans to pass a law to ban smoking in cars with children onboard and whereas Premier McGuinty's government says that Canadians should do everything they can to keep their children safe and healthy;

WHEREAS children who breathe second-hand smoke are more likely to suffer *Sudden Infant Death Syndrome*, asthma and cardiac disease;

WHEREAS doctors say that the risks to children from exposure to second-hand smoke also include respiratory illnesses, middle ear disease, lower respiratory tract infections;

WHEREAS doctors also say that exposure can lead to increased incidences of cancer and heart disease in adulthood; and,

WHEREAS the children living in a household have no other choice but to endure the second hand smoke and parents have the responsibility for their children's health; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the government of Ontario should move towards the launch of an extensive awareness campaign against smoking in the presence of children and in the homes where children live; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this campaign seek to discourage individuals from doing so in a home or any other enclosed dwelling; emphasizing the negative health risks and irresponsibility of smoking in such enclosures when a child is present or when a child lives in that home on a permanent basis, in order to affect negative social stigma that can lead to positive change.

Ending the Bottled Water Craze

Submitted by: Queen's University Liberal Association

WHEREAS the consumption of bottled water is continuing to rise despite growing concerns about environmental sustainability and financial reasonableness;

WHEREAS large amounts of energy are needed to produce and transport plastic water bottles. In fact, it is estimated that the industry uses 20 million barrels of oil each year just to make the plastic;

WHEREAS large amounts of water are wasted in the manufacturing process, "for every litre used for bottled water it takes three to five litres of water." This extra water wasted in the bottling process is a major concern in light of environmental concerns regarding clean water's finite availability; and,

WHEREAS each day an estimated 60 million plastic bottles are thrown away causing significant and disturbing amounts of waste; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Liberal Party should work towards the elimination of the provision of bottled water in public institutions and government offices;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Liberal Party work towards regulating the sale of bottled water in educational institutions such as on university and college campuses, and in elementary and high schools; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Liberal Party must campaign to allocate government funding for the improvement and expansion of public water fountains and recycling options.

Hospital Funding Disclosure and Accountability

Submitted by: Queen's University Liberal Association

WHEREAS accountability in publicly funded health care facilities is currently lacking;

WHEREAS sustainability of a public healthcare system is largely dependent on fair distribution of funds and their efficient use for patient services;

WHEREAS innovation in service delivery and patient satisfaction requires vast improvement;

WHEREAS allocations of funds must be appropriately administered; and

WHEREAS administrative costs of health care need to be controlled and managed; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the provisions of the *Public Hospitals Act (1990)* are reviewed, and/or amended, and stringently applied;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT hospital boards meet expectations for strategic improvements and fund allocation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT hospital administration must consistently meet credible reporting requirements to enable transparency; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the government call for a general audit of hospitals by provincial auditors.

Building a Standardized Electronic Health Record

Submitted By: Queen's University Liberal Association

WHEREAS the shortage of general practitioners and more sporadic care across Canadian healthcare systems means that we can no longer rely on the GP as the single manager of patient information;

WHEREAS the rising costs of healthcare and continued funding restrictions demand higher levels of performance to ensure its sustainability;

WHEREAS standardized electronic health records (EHR) improve healthcare quality through timely access to accurate information across Canada;

WHEREAS the information transmitted through EHR helps manage wait times and improve patient access by triaging patients and scheduling across the entire health care system;

WHEREAS containing communicable disease outbreaks is greatly facilitated by EHR; and,

WHEREAS Canadian governments have not consistently articulated EHR as a specific policy priority; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a system of EHR be established for all Canadians by the year 2010; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in implementing EHR, privacy must be respected and personal health information must be protected and held in complete confidentiality.

Graduate Worker Incentive Program

Submitted By: Katie Jellett, Ottawa-Orléans Provincial Young Liberals

WHEREAS Canada and Ontario suffer a critical teacher and doctor shortage, let alone shortages in several graduate program professions,

WHEREAS these shortages are most severe in rural areas,

WHEREAS the key to eliminating this shortage can be contingent on individual financial situations,

WHEREAS graduate school can cost up to \$10,000 a year; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Liberal Party adopt a Graduate Worker Incentive Program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Ontario Liberal Party use this program to encourage more students to pursue graduate degrees and professional designations; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT program pay for a student's graduate school program (medical school, teachers college), in return for that graduate to work in any area assigned by the provincial government for up to but not succeeding 3-4 years.

Investments in Domestic Nuclear Research and Development

Submitted By: Sam Genest, Ottawa-Orléans Federal Young Liberals

WHEREAS the Ontario government plans to end Ontario's dependence on coal power;

WHEREAS the Ontario government plans to replace coal power with nuclear power;

WHEREAS the Ontario government is considering bids for nuclear power development from 3 companies, one being domestic;

WHEREAS nuclear power plants purchased through a domestic company will have great economic spin offs including new jobs; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario government chose to invest in domestic Nuclear Development; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ontario government chose Candu to build Ontario's new Nuclear Energy supply.

Lowering the Voting Age in Canada

Submitted By: Sam Genest, Ottawa-Orléans Federal Young Liberals

WHEREAS today's youth are becoming apathetic to voting in general elections;

WHEREAS youth are educated on civics and politics by the age of 16 in high schools;

WHEREAS in political parties, the minimum age to purchase a membership card is 14; and,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Liberal Party of Canada include in its election platform, a policy to lower the voting age to 16 nation-wide.

OYL Constitutional Amendment

Submitted By: Brenden Johnstone, Ottawa-Orléans Federal Young Liberals

WHEREAS young liberal club presidents do not have access to membership lists for their clubs and membership forms due to the constitution of the party;

WHEREAS young liberal clubs are as independent and sustainable as riding associations;

WHEREAS the young liberals clubs are being increasingly disenfranchised by the Senior Party in regards to maintaining their own associations;

WHEREAS Ontario Liberal Womens Clubs have access to their own membership forms and lists; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Young Liberals propose for a constitutional amendment at both the OLP AGM and the Biennial convention to rectify the situation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this constitutional amendment make it constitutionally binding that the Party must treat young liberal associations the same as all other associations within the party, be they riding associations or women's clubs.

Funds to upgrade security infrastructure on university and college campuses

Submitted By: Krista Balsom, Algonquin College Young Liberals

WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Young Liberals recognise that the security infrastructure on our campuses is in desperate need of upgrading;

WHEREAS the archaic security equipment has led to, on more than one occasion, the inability of police services to effectively pursue suspects of violent crimes; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Liberal Party and the Ontario Young Liberals are committed to a safe province for all Ontarians; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Eastern Ontario Young Liberals support the allocation of funds through, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, for the express purpose of updating the security infrastructure at universities and colleges across Ontario; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these funds represent additional budgetary monies over and above monies already allocated to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Policy Background Information and Rationale

On September 1, 2008, a vicious sexual assault on a female student occurred at Carleton University.

This tragedy shocked the Carleton University community which was determined to bring the perpetrator to justice.

The security cameras in the Steacie Building, where the assault occurred, captured the perpetrator as he left the building. The footage was immediately submitted to the Ottawa Police Services (OPS) in hopes that this evidence would lead to his apprehension.

However, the quality of the footage was so poor that the OPS deemed the footage useless. The poor quality of the footage was a direct result of the age of the security infrastructure, having not been maintained or updated in several years. When questioned about the antiquated security cameras, the Administration of Carleton University's claimed that no monies had yet been allocated to updating the security infrastructure because they had not received funds from the province for this express purpose.

The perpetrator remains at large.

This issue is not unique to Carleton University or Eastern Ontario. Two sexual assaults and another attempted sexual assault occurred in the dormitories of York University in September, 2008. As was the case at Carleton University, the York University Community was dedicated to finding those responsible for these despicable acts.

Two weeks after the assault, Daniel Katsnelson, 25, of Thornhill, appeared in court to face 11 charges, including sexual assault, gang sexual assault, two counts of forcible confinement and break and enter.

Police were able to hone in on Mr. Katsnelson after reviewing footage from closed-circuit security cameras that cover the York University campus.

Although functioning security infrastructure failed to prevent this tragedy from occurring, unlike students at Carleton University, York University students know that if a terrible crime is committed on their campus, their security infrastructure is such that the perpetrator can be brought to justice.

Carleton University students and student across Eastern Ontario deserve no less.