

Long-time Liberal takes seat on provincial executive

A Port Elgin man has won a seat on the provincial Liberal party executive.

Ross Lamont is the new executive vice president. He was elected to the position at the annual provincial party meeting in London on the weekend. Lamont was elected over two other candidates.

His duties include standing in for the party president when the president is not available to attend functions, sorting out with the president how affairs will be managed and other duties that are yet to be determined. Lamont will meet with party president Mike Elizenga, from London, within a week to divide the duties.

Lamont will continue to work at Ontario Hydro while he works at his new volunteer position.

"I've been working in the political field for 25 years doing different jobs," Lamont said. He decided it was time to

take his riding experience to another level.

The first step for the provincial Liberal party is to rebuild from the bottom up and re-establish what it is the Liberal party stands for.

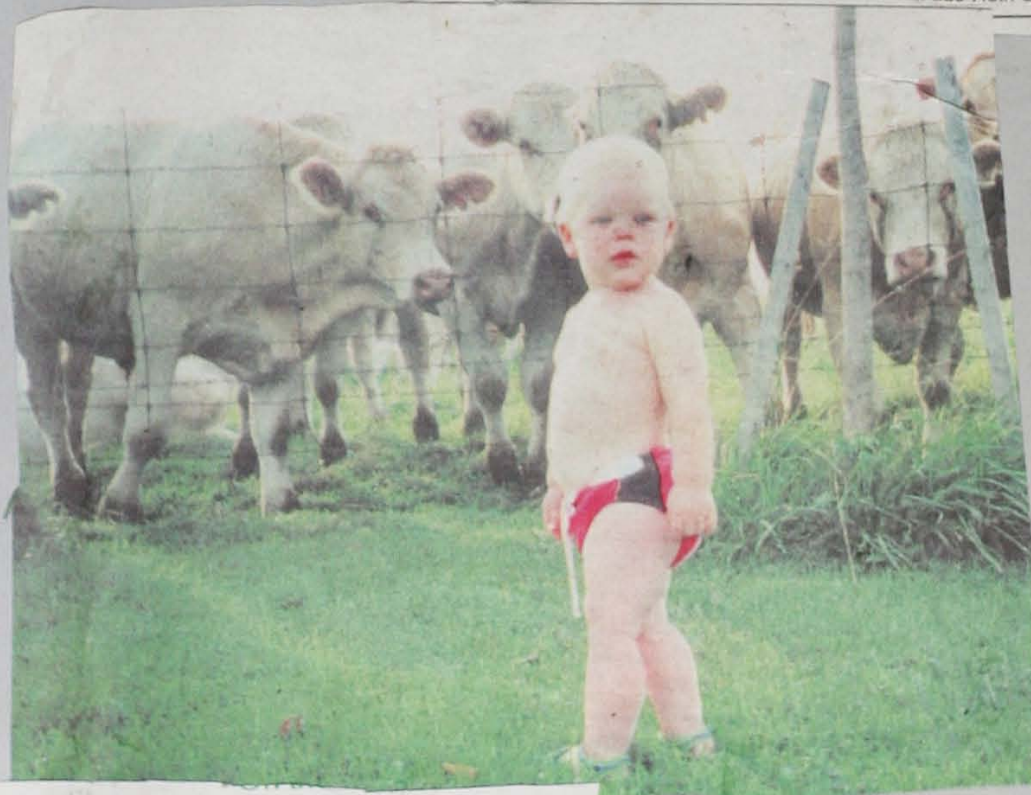
Lamont, 39, has lived all his life in this area. He was raised in Saugeen Township and was away for only the four years he was in university.

He started his political involvement as a teenager, stuffing envelopes and knocking on doors. He worked his way onto the riding executive and served five years as riding president starting in 1988. Afterward, he became area coordinator for five ridings and managed campaigns for Murray Elston in 1990 and Bruce Lauckner this year.

There were 1,200 delegates at the annual meeting on the weekend. Of the 13 positions available, 10 were contested by a total of 25 candidates.



Five generations of the Rev. Glen Betterly family recently gathered for this family photo. From left to right are (front) great great grandfather Rev. Betterly, a former pastor from the Bruce area, and Arwen Fair holding young Lillian Hadassah Genevieve Fair. At the back are Shirley Cox, great grandmother, and Douglas Cox, grandfather. Rev. Betterly celebrated his 93rd birthday last November. Today he resides at 639 Ruth St., Huntington, In., 46750.



Young Luke Lamont has many eyes watching his every moooove in this photo sent to us from his mother Carrie.