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Letter from the President

Parliament has resumed in Ottawa, and now is the time for municipal advocates to make their voices heard.

To support your efforts, we have produced this advocacy kit and posted it on the FCM website. Here you will find background materials, talking points and information on key Parliamentary contacts that you can use to communicate with your Members of Parliament.

We have every reason to be optimistic about the future of the cities and communities agenda. The last session of Parliament saw a high degree of agreement among all parties on the need to fix the problems facing our cities and communities and we expect this to continue. During the election, the Prime Minister campaigned on a number of issues important to the municipal sector, including renewing municipal infrastructure, making our streets safe, and fixing the fiscal imbalance at the root of many of the problems in our cities and communities.

Members of Parliament need to hear from you, the people who make up municipal government. They need to hear your concerns, your suggestions and your conviction that it's time we work together to fix the problems in our cities and communities.

This advocacy kit will be updated as needed, so you will always have access to the latest information you need to advise and inform Members of Parliament. I urge you to tell your MPs and the Government about the issues in your communities and what needs to be done to make these communities better places to live and work.

Sincerely,



Gloria Kovach
President



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Overview

Introduction

Cities and communities are the keys to Canada's well-being and prosperity, the engines that drive economic growth for the country. They are where most Canadians live, and they set the markers by which our success as a nation is measured.

Yet, although we depend on strong cities and communities for our prosperity and quality of life, these engines are faltering. We see the signs of decline, the wear and tear that signals trouble. We see streets, buses, bridges, water systems—all not working as well as they should, not maintained as well as they could be. And we see municipal governments unable to provide needed human services with inadequate resources.

We cannot afford to let this continue. The link between healthy cities and communities and productivity and competitiveness is well established. The key to maintaining international competitiveness is the capacity to attract and retain human and financial capital. To do this, our cities and communities must be among the best in the world in which to live and work. That distinction is no longer guaranteed.

We must ensure that our cities and communities function well; their transportation infrastructure moves people and goods efficiently; their solid-waste management is sustainable and cost-effective; their water is safe to drink; and their residents have access to housing, recreation and culture.

In short, we need cities and communities that provide the infrastructure and services needed for healthy economic activity and strong social cohesion. If they do not, we risk creating economic black holes that consume tax revenue, rather than economic engines that generate wealth.

The Roots of the Problem

Chief among these is a fiscal imbalance that sees most tax dollars collected in Canada go to the federal and provincial governments. Half of all tax dollars collected go to the federal government, 42 per cent go to provincial and territorial governments, and less than eight per cent go to municipal governments. In the last five years, while federal revenues increased by 16 per cent and provincial and territorial revenues by 21 per cent, municipal revenues increased by just four per cent.

The effects of this fiscal imbalance are compounded by additional factors, including the offloading of responsibilities to municipal governments by other orders of government without attendant resources, and the lack of policy coordination among federal, provincial/territorial and municipal governments that results in higher costs and greater inefficiencies in service delivery.

During the 1990s, Canada's provincial and territorial governments offloaded responsibilities to municipal governments without transferring the financial resources needed to meet these new responsibilities. Municipal governments now deliver programs that support immigrants, Aboriginal people, affordable housing, childcare in some jurisdictions, and emergency preparedness and public security. Today, many of these responsibilities are under-funded.

In addition, municipal revenues are not keeping up with the cost of living, let alone the additional responsibilities of municipal governments. From 1999 to 2003, municipal revenues grew at a fraction of the pace of federal and provincial revenues. Between 1993 and 2003, transfers decreased by 37 per cent (in current dollars). In 1993, transfers from other governments accounted for 25 cents of every dollar of municipal revenue; in 2003, they accounted for 16 cents.

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These fiscal realities force municipal governments to rely too much on property taxes. Where municipalities in other countries have access to other sources of tax revenue, such as income, sales, and selective sales taxes, Canadian municipalities rely almost entirely on property taxes, which account for 63 per cent of municipal governments' own-source revenues nationally. This figure rises to more than 70 per cent in Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Quebec, reaching 79 per cent in Nova Scotia. Without access to taxes that grow with the economy, and unable to incur operational deficits, municipal governments have little choice but to cut services.

Finally, Canada's political framework creates real and perceived barriers to cooperation among orders of government. The first partners of municipal governments are the provinces and territories, but there is little provision for links between municipal governments and the federal government. This creates obstacles to coordination that lead to inefficiencies, higher costs, duplication, and frequently excludes municipal governments from the planning of programs that affect their communities. All governments must work together to ensure maximum coordination and efficiency.

Our Crumbling Municipal Infrastructure

The most visible result of this fiscal imbalance is our crumbling municipal infrastructure.

In Canada, much of the responsibility for maintaining this infrastructure rests with municipal governments. They have the primary responsibility for water supply, sewage collection and treatment, municipal roads and highways, traffic control systems, street lighting, pedestrian infrastructure, transit, solid-waste management, recreational facilities and public buildings. They are also responsible for providing front-line emergency services—police, fire and public health—as well as the facilities to support them.

But it's not just roads and sewers that municipalities look after today. Municipal governments are also responsible for the social infrastructure of our communities. They must use that same eight per cent of taxes they collect to deliver programs and services that support people and that make our communities truly livable. Immigrant settlement, Aboriginal opportunity, affordable housing, sports and recreation, policing and emergency services and, in some jurisdictions, even child care, are funded from the same property tax that is used to pay for core infrastructure.

As their responsibilities increase and their revenues fail to keep pace, municipal governments have been unable to keep up with repairing and renewing their physical infrastructure let alone deliver an ever-growing list of services to residents. Their constrained fiscal circumstances have produced a growing gap between the infrastructure we have and the infrastructure we need, known as the municipal infrastructure deficit. This deficit is visible everywhere. From the potholes in our streets to the lack of quality affordable housing to transit systems that stifle demand, the infrastructure deficit is both a symptom and a measure of the problem.

Estimates of the size of this infrastructure deficit vary. The Canadian Council of Professional Engineers places it at \$60 billion and growing at \$2 billion a year. The Conference Board of Canada estimates the public infrastructure deficit is between \$50 billion and \$125 billion.

Fixing the fiscal imbalance, erasing the municipal infrastructure deficit

Erasing the municipal infrastructure deficit will require significant financial support from the federal and provincial/territorial governments, as well as additional municipal revenues and improved infrastructure-management strategies. A two-pronged approach is needed.

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Fiscal renewal and targeted infrastructure programs

We need a more equitable sharing of current fiscal resources among all orders of government and a modernization of existing municipal fiscal tools. In partnership with provincial/territorial governments, this can be achieved by modernizing the municipal fiscal framework; for example, through a share of sales and income taxes, a share of provincial fuel taxes, and increased capacity to levy user fees. In partnership with the federal government, this could be achieved through a long-term revenue-sharing agreement and a targeted infrastructure program that will ensure sustainable, adequate and predictable sources of revenue for investment in municipal infrastructure.

Dealing with the fiscal roots of the problem will help to reduce municipal dependence on property taxes, diversify municipal sources of income and, most importantly, give Canada's cities and communities the resources to maintain and renew their infrastructure and ensure they do not fall back into disrepair. Fixing the fiscal imbalance is the surest way to erase an infrastructure deficit that stifles growth and prosperity in our country. It is also the surest way of ensuring that our cities and communities have resources adequate to their growing needs.

Long-term plan

Because this fiscal rebalancing will take time, we will need a long-term plan to provide a strategic framework for ongoing infrastructure investments. Given the scope of the problem and its implications for our national competitiveness and prosperity, the Government of Canada must lead the way, working with provincial/territorial and municipal governments to establish realistic targets and accountabilities.

This plan must be based on a real commitment to eliminate the infrastructure deficit and on agreed-upon investment priorities. It must include a new longer term legislative framework for sharing federal gas tax revenue; replenished funding for existing infrastructure programs; and the development of new efficiencies and best practices through tools such as FCM's InfraGuide, a national network of experts and a growing collection of best-practice publications for core infrastructure.

A new intergovernmental partnership

A long-term plan and new fiscal arrangements are key steps to restoring the fiscal health of our cities and communities and renewing their infrastructure. But more is needed to create cities and communities that are sources of wealth and prosperity and not economic and social backwaters. We must reinvent the way governments work together. We can no longer afford governments working at cross-purposes or in isolation. Jurisdictions must be respected, but they should not become silos.

Working collaboratively, governments can get more done at less cost than by working independently and often without co-ordination. Today, federal, provincial/territorial and municipal governments spend billions of dollars yearly in our communities. The Government of Canada alone spent some \$55 billion in 2000-2001. Unfortunately, these programs and initiatives are not always well conceived or well coordinated.

Taxpayers do not care about jurisdictional squabbles. They expect their governments—federal, provincial/territorial and municipal—to work together to find economies, efficiencies and street-level solutions. They expect smart government, and that means collaboration, not competition or confrontation. But it will take a powerful political catalyst to break through the inertia of business as usual. The Government of Canada is best suited to act as that catalyst.

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A core element of this partnership is the recognition that municipal governments are essential partners in implementing the national agenda. First, because cities and communities are where federal and provincial/territorial policies and programs are implemented, and second, because municipal governments are closest to people, the front line of government. To develop effective, locally sensitive policies and programs, other orders of government must co-ordinate their efforts at the operational level with municipal governments.

We want to find new ways of working together on issues of direct and critical relevance to our communities, especially those that are of critical importance to the nation's competitiveness and prosperity. We need concrete intergovernmental strategies to address pressing needs. This means the three orders of government working together to find local solutions to local problems.

For example:

- Intergovernmental economic development agreements could attract and develop skilled workforces and talent, create business opportunities and build urban and rural economies.
- Municipal governments handle 95 per cent of all emergencies in Canada. The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the SARS outbreak of 2003, and Hurricane Katrina all demonstrate the critical importance of local first responders—fire fighters, police, public health officers and emergency shelter workers. The threat of a global pandemic further accentuates the risks and needs. Clearly, first responders cannot and should not do it alone. Co-ordination across jurisdictions is essential to the safety and security of our cities and communities.
- Decent, affordable housing is increasingly out of reach for a growing number of Canadians. The market alone cannot provide affordable and appropriate housing to everyone. Federal and provincial/territorial offloading over the past decade has meant that municipalities are increasingly burdened with this responsibility. This tide is slowly turning, with new resources directed at the problem, but this money is stalled in the absence of a national strategy. The municipal sector must be involved in the development and implementation of this national strategy.

Conclusion

The link between healthy cities and communities and national prosperity and competitiveness is well understood. Our cities and communities are up against the best in the world, but they are ill-equipped to compete. If they fail, Canada will fail and, in the process, our standard of living and quality of life will suffer.

We must ensure that our cities and communities are great places to live and work, with safe streets, clean air and water, efficient transportation for people and goods, sustainable waste management, and access to housing, recreation and culture. We can debate how best to achieve this, but no one can deny it must be a key national goal. If we do not move quickly to fix the problems hampering our cities and communities, we may well lose our position in the front rank of nations and never get it back.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities is ready to do its part to mobilize the resources of the municipal sector to find solutions, build partnerships and effect real change. It remains for the Government of Canada to take the lead and set Canada on a course that will stand as a model of how smart, practical government, working in the service of people, can build cities and communities that create prosperity while preserving quality of life for everyone.

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Key Facts and Figures

Infrastructure deficit

- 60 billion, growing by \$2 billion a year – \$5.5 million a day, according to Canadian Council of Professional Engineers (2003)

Where do tax dollars go?

- Federal government: 50 per cent
- Provincial/Territorial governments: 42 per cent
- Municipal governments: 8 per cent

Municipal revenues from federal and provincial/territorial government transfers

- 1992: 2.6 per cent
- 2003: 1.1 per cent

Reduction in other governments' assistance to municipalities

- 45 per cent reduction between 1992/93 and 2002/03
- In 1992/93, other governments' assistance to municipalities as a percentage of total municipal revenue: 26 per cent; in 2002/03: 14 per cent

Municipal revenues from property tax

- Canada: 53 per cent
- United States: 23 per cent (2003)

Municipal revenues lagging other orders of government (1993-2003)

- The national economy grew by 68 per cent
- Provincial/territorial revenues up 45 per cent
- Government of Canada revenues up 48 per cent
- Municipal revenues up 33 per cent

Sharing a portion of the federal gas tax

- Gas tax transfer will provide \$5 billion to municipalities by 2009-10.
- Gas tax agreements have been signed with all provinces and territories. Each agreement is for 10 years and can be rescinded with two years notice.
- Funding for the gas tax agreements is provided through 2009-10, five years in total.
- FCM is asking for a 20-year funding framework enshrined in law to facilitate planning and financing.

Expanding GST rebate from 57 per cent to 100 per cent

- \$465 million more a year

New federal funding for public transit

- \$800 million over the next two years

Average municipal funding from federal infrastructure programs (CSIF, MRIF, BIF, ICP) between 1993 and 2003

- \$1.1 billion per year

Municipal government annual expenditures on infrastructure

- over \$11 billion, mostly from property taxes

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Affordable Housing

Everybody needs a home, but decent, affordable housing is increasingly out of reach for a growing number of Canadians.

The result is too many people, particularly children, living in temporary shelters or sub-standard and sometimes unsafe housing. Too many people are living on the street, straining the ability of social service agencies to help them.

FCM's 2004 Quality of Life (QOL) report found a number of disturbing trends between 1991 and 2001 in the 20 QOL urban communities:

- Five of the seven indicators used to measure the risk of homelessness in the 20 QOL communities deteriorated;
- The proportion of renter households spending more than 30 per cent of their income on shelter in the 20 major municipalities studied increased from 35 per cent to 41 per cent;
- Low-end rents increased 20 per cent more than low-end individual incomes.

Another FCM report published in 2004, "Moving Forward: Refining the FCM Recommendations for a National Affordable Housing Strategy," showed that more than 700,000 households pay more than 50 per cent of their income for rent, leaving insufficient funds for other necessities.

Trends since that time have not significantly improved

Clearly, action is needed. The shortage of affordable housing is among the most pressing issues facing municipalities, but municipal governments cannot deal with this complex social issue with the revenues and policy tools available to them.

While the federal government has taken some steps to ease the problem—reducing the GST on affordable rental housing, extending the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program and the federal homelessness initiative, and committing funds for affordable housing development—they are not sufficient to meet this challenge.

Governments should promote partnerships and action to develop housing solutions as part of the full range of issues that affect our communities. The federal, provincial and territorial governments must work with municipal governments and their communities to ensure that all Canadians, regardless of income, have access to decent, affordable housing.

FCM urges a national housing policy that:

- Ensures the allocation of stable funding and regulatory support for locally flexible housing and affordability solutions, involving combinations of income support and supply as set out in FCM's policy statements;
- Ensures that municipal governments are not required to pay for income redistribution via housing;
- Assists municipal governments in the revitalization of targeted neighborhoods in the context of funded urban development agreements;
- Ensures timely and productive use of the funds already allocated in federal-provincial/territorial agreements.

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Environmental Sustainability

Sustainable development involves the simultaneous pursuit of economic prosperity, fiscal responsibility, environmental quality, cultural enrichment and social equity. For municipalities, this means making strategic decisions and implementing operational changes that are financially sustainable, yet supportive of broader social, economic, cultural and environmental objectives. Municipalities serve national interests when they work to ensure that Canadians have clean air, water and soil, and that initiatives to mitigate and adapt to climate change are adequately supported. However, the Government of Canada can do more to partner with municipal governments, particularly in the face of growing concerns over Canada's dwindling natural capital.

Climate change – Municipal governments can play a critical role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. FCM has endorsed the World Mayors and Municipal Leaders Declaration on Climate Change. This commits municipal government to implementing policies and operational changes that will contribute to reducing global greenhouse gas emissions by 30 per cent by 2020 and 80 per cent by 2050, when compared to 1990 levels. Several of Canada's municipalities have established targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and plans to reduce emissions from municipal operations. Others lack the resources and in-house capacity to do so. Additional federal funding for public transit and other sustainable infrastructure is an important step toward meeting climate change challenges, but a more concerted and strategic effort is needed.

Water quality – Between 1994 and 1998, approximately 26 per cent of Canadian municipalities with water distribution systems experienced problems with water availability. While some municipal governments have been able to improve

water availability and quality, managing surface and ground water requires all orders of government to cooperate to improve and protect Canada's water resources. A first step is to strengthen guidelines, update and enhance the Federal Water Policy, and develop a partnership among all orders of government. Monitoring and measurement programs must also be improved to ensure that all Canadians, particularly decision-makers, have access to accurate, relevant and meaningful data on the quality and availability of our water resources.

Ground-level ozone – Ground-level ozone is a major component of smog and one of Canada's most serious environmental challenges. The federal government is responsible for ensuring that Canada's air quality does not harm human health and the environment, but protecting air quality requires collaboration among all orders of government, civil society and industry. The Government of Canada can demonstrate leadership by strengthening air quality legislation and ensuring that Canadians have access to accurate information on air-quality conditions and that local governments have the resources to deliver smog-reduction programs.

Brownfields – The cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields and contaminated sites can create jobs, stimulate construction, reduce risks to human health and the environment, and generate new taxes. Strategic redevelopment of these sites can support broader transportation, housing, infrastructure, energy and economic development objectives. However, limited access to capital and insurance protection, regulatory delays, stigma and risk perception, and lack of awareness among key interest groups inhibit brownfield redevelopment. The Government of Canada could expedite redevelopment by establishing a federal coordinating office that would provide participants in brownfield redevelopment with a clear, fair and consistent public policy regime.

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Municipal solid waste – The potential closure of the U.S. border to Canadian municipal solid waste has drawn attention to the need to improve both waste-management practices and policies related to product stewardship, packaging, and design for the environment. FCM encourages the Government of Canada, in collaboration with provinces and territories and industry, to develop a comprehensive national waste-management policy that emphasizes extended producer responsibility, design for the environment, and lifecycle management. The national strategy should include strategies for waste reduction, as well as an action plan for ensuring municipalities have access to long-term, stable and predictable funding that will allow investment in innovative waste-management facilities and waste-diversion programs. Canadian municipalities must be given the opportunity to use new technology in the management of municipal solid waste, and should be provided with incentives to derive energy from separate and combined waste streams.

FCM's Position

We encourage the Government of Canada to:

- Ensure all Canadians have access to clean, safe and reliable water for industrial, agricultural, recreational and drinking water purposes;
- Recognize the fundamental role of municipal governments in mitigating and adapting to climate change and partner with all orders of government, industry and other stakeholders in the development and implementation of a results-driven climate-change plan that encourages greater use of renewable energy and energy efficient technology, and produces co-benefits related to air and water;

- Strengthen air-quality legislation to ensure emissions of toxic and smog-causing pollutants are drastically reduced;
- In partnership with all orders of government, industry and stakeholders, establish a comprehensive national strategy for municipal solid waste, with an emphasis on extended producer responsibility, waste reduction, and the use of innovative and environmentally sound waste management technology; and
- Establish a federal coordinating office for brownfield redevelopment and provide participants in brownfield redevelopment initiatives with a clear, fair and consistent public policy regime.

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The need for investment in municipal infrastructure is pressing. Some estimates place the current municipal infrastructure gap at \$60 billion and growing by \$2 billion a year. This gap will continue to grow, because municipal governments do not have access to growth taxes. In addition, our infrastructure is aging—most of it has reached 80 per cent of its service life. This now threatens our economic growth and with it our quality of life.

Background

Over the past 15 years, successive federal and provincial governments have offloaded responsibilities and cut transfer payments, producing a national municipal infrastructure deficit that today stands at some \$60 billion.

The Government of Canada has responded to this challenge by committing some \$11 billion to infrastructure through a variety of programs since 1993, or \$1.1 billion annually. However, as of April 1, 2006, all the infrastructure programs will be fully committed, except the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund. These infrastructure programs must be replenished.

Other problems with the infrastructure programs are:

- They generally involve matching dollars from the provincial/territorial and municipal governments. Many smaller, rural and remote communities do not have large enough tax bases to access infrastructure program funds.
- Infrastructure is planned over decades, but infrastructure programs typically run for five-year periods. The inability to plan based on longer term funding is forcing short-term solutions. This hampers good planning and the programs' effectiveness.

The Conservative Party committed to replenishing Canada's infrastructure programs during the election. In an open letter to FCM on January 17, Prime Minister Harper said, "we will also maintain or enhance current infrastructure funding, including the Border Infrastructure Fund, the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund, the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund, and the Infrastructure Canada Program."

Since the election, Minister of Finance Flaherty (speaking in Toronto, Whitby and Surrey) said the federal government is committed to "maintaining existing infrastructure agreements between the federal government, the provinces and municipalities."

FCM Position

1. Immediately renew the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund (CSIF) at an annual allocation level of \$1.1 billion.
2. Limit matching fund requirements for small municipalities that lack economies of scale.
3. Ensure funding for the new Highways and Borders Infrastructure Fund in addition to the annual \$1.1 billion for infrastructure programs.
4. Commit to a national plan to pay down the municipal infrastructure deficit as part of national discussions on the fiscal imbalance.
5. The basis of a national plan must be stable, predictable and long-term infrastructure funding that facilitates good municipal planning and stewardship and ensures the greatest benefit from infrastructure investments.

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Municipal-Aboriginal Relations

The urbanization of the Aboriginal population continues to increase, with more than half of all Aboriginal people living off-reserve or in jurisdictions where reserves do not exist. Nevertheless, barriers to employment and to programs and services, such as housing, education, and childcare, often impede the success of Aboriginal people living in urban centres.

At the same time, the creation of autonomous territories created by land-claim settlements and additions to reserve have implications for municipal governments. Service standards, development priorities and regulatory objectives may be incongruent, the municipal tax base may be compromised, and the supply of specific services may affect municipal administration and finances.

Improved collaboration among all orders of government is required on all of these issues.

FCM urges intergovernmental cooperation to ensure:

- An institutionalized agreement and clear process for the federal, provincial and territorial governments and Aboriginal organizations to work with municipal governments to meet the needs of urban Aboriginal people;
- Consideration of municipal interests in the development and implementation of initiatives implicating municipal operations, such as the federal Urban Aboriginal Strategy;
- Respect for the jurisdiction and territorial integrity of municipal governments, and the applicability of territorial, provincial, municipal, and First Nation laws, with respect to the municipal tax base when land claims are negotiated; and

- Strengthened policy and research to address issues associated with the increasing urbanization of Aboriginal people.

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Public Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness

Municipal governments handle 95 per cent of all emergencies in Canada and play a critical role in public security and emergency management. As first responders, they often provide the only response and relief during local emergencies.

The new security environment places increasing demands on all orders of government, making coordination across jurisdictions essential. This new environment strains municipal budgets and human resources. This is particularly true for those municipal governments that have power generation and distribution equipment, nuclear facilities, or other sensitive infrastructure near or within their boundaries. And all local public health authorities will be on the front line in the event of an outbreak of communicable diseases.

According to the Canada West Foundation, protection accounts for between 25 and 50 per cent of municipal expenditure growth. Clarification of responsibilities and integration of federal, provincial/territorial and municipal policing is becoming a more and more pressing imperative.

Nevertheless, national security and emergency preparedness measures are implemented largely by the federal government, working through the provinces and territories, with little input from municipalities.

FCM urges intergovernmental cooperation to ensure that:

- Municipal governments have a place at the table in planning national emergency preparedness and management strategies;

- The agencies of the federal, provincial/territorial and municipal governments are coordinated, have clear responsibilities and are ready to respond; and
- Appropriate resources are allocated to protect critical infrastructure and to ensure that municipal front-line response capabilities are in place.

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Rural and Northern Communities

Rural, remote and northern communities are significant contributors to national economic growth. Rural areas are primary sources of food, water and energy for rapidly growing urban centres, and these communities sustain industries that contribute to Canada's economic prosperity. National resource industries supported by rural communities generate 13 per cent of Canada's gross domestic product. More than half of all tourists in Canada visit a rural community.

Infrastructure investments

Despite the critical importance of infrastructure to rural communities, many rural and northern municipal governments face barriers to meeting their infrastructure needs. Traditional tripartite arrangements for funding infrastructure limit participation by rural communities, which are unable to cover their share. Strictly per capita funding distributions place many rural communities, with their limited tax bases, at a disadvantage.

Infrastructure investments should be based on need and capacity to ensure that communities with less than 10,000 residents have full access to funding. By engaging municipal governments in developing infrastructure programs, other orders of government can ensure maximum benefit for rural communities. For example, federal funding will be most responsive to the needs of rural communities if base allocations are incorporated in current distribution methods.

FCM is ready to work with the Government of Canada to ensure infrastructure investments are relevant to the country's smallest communities. By drawing on the experience and expertise of the municipal sector, federal investments can effectively reduce the infrastructure deficit in rural communities.

Economic development

Rural areas play a critical role in building national wealth, but some of these communities are losing their capacity to foster economic activity and maintain quality of life. Programs and strategies to reverse this trend must avoid a one-size-fits-all solution by recognizing the unique challenges and opportunities that exist in rural communities.

The absence of broadband Internet significantly impedes rural economic development. Communities without broadband access are denied competitive advantages, such as electronic delivery of health and education services. Without this technological infrastructure, the service-delivery capacity of these communities is much weaker than in fully serviced urban areas.

Inadequate infrastructure to support health service delivery is another serious impediment to economic development in rural Canada. People in rural communities face major barriers to receiving health care because of their remote locations and the shortage of health professionals. Although health care is not generally a municipal responsibility, it affects municipal governments' ability to attract businesses and individuals to their communities, which makes it a municipal concern.

Beyond traditional and technological infrastructure, successful economic development also requires social and cultural infrastructure, such as libraries, parks, post offices and community centres, to improve quality of life in rural communities. Although roads and bridges will do much to get people to rural communities, quality of life will encourage them to stay.

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Environmental Sustainability

Rural, remote and northern communities understand the importance of environmentally sustainable community development. For example, the effects of Arctic climate change and the exploitation of resources threaten traditional ways of life and endanger wildlife habitats in the North. Threats to air quality through long-range transport of atmospheric pollutants demonstrate that communities are affected by activities in other parts of the country.

Programs for rural, remote and northern communities must recognize that municipal governments require the capacity to plan for long-term sustainability. They need revised legislative and regulatory frameworks, new tools and training, development of best practices, and tools to measure progress. This will allow them to move toward more financially and environmentally sustainable infrastructure decisions and to undertake long-term regional planning.

By building community capacity, municipal governments in rural, remote and northern communities will become valuable partners in contributing to environmental outcomes. Municipalities must be fully engaged in federal, provincial and territorial programs. For example, engaging municipal governments in the remediation of contaminated sites will ensure all parties are aware of required remediation. Likewise, municipal involvement in policies to protect fish habitat will ensure that development is coordinated and expectations are clear.

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Agriculture and Agri-Food and Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board	Minister Chuck Strahl <i>PS</i> – David Anderson <i>PS</i> – Jacques Gourde	Wayne Easter <i>Associate</i> – Paul Steckle	Alex Atamanenko	André Bellavance <i>Associate</i> – Claude DeBellefeuille
Canadian Heritage and Status of Women	Minister Bev Oda <i>PS</i> – James Abbott	Mauril Bélanger – <i>Canadian Heritage</i> <i>Associates</i> – Mario Silva & Francis Scarpaleggia Maria Minna – <i>Status of</i> <i>Women</i> <i>Associate</i> – Sukh Dhaliwal	Charlie Angus – <i>Heritage</i> Irene Mathysen – <i>Status</i> <i>of Women</i>	Maka Kotto Maria Mourani– <i>Status of</i> <i>Women</i>
Citizenship and Immigration	Minister Monte Solberg <i>PS</i> – Ed Komarnicki	Albina Guarnieri <i>Associate</i> – Andrew Telegdi	Bill Siksay – <i>CIC & LGBT</i> <i>Deputy Critic</i> – Olivia Chow – <i>Citizenship</i> <i>& Immigration</i>	Meili Faille <i>Associate</i> – Johanne Deschamps
Democratic Reform	Minister Robert Nicholson <i>PS</i> – Tom Lukiwski	Stephen Owen <i>Associate</i> – Alan Tonks	Bill Blaikie – <i>Democratic &</i> <i>Electoral Reform</i>	Michel Gauthier
Environment	Minister Rona Ambrose <i>PS</i> – Mark Warawa	Scott Brison <i>Associate</i> – Lloyd St. Amand	Nathan Cullen – <i>Environment including</i> <i>Parks</i>	Bernard Bigras <i>Associate</i> – Marcel Lussier
Finance	Minister Jim Flaherty <i>PS</i> – Diane Ablonczy	John McCallum	Judy Wasylcia-Leis – <i>Finance and financial</i> <i>Institutions</i>	Yves Loubier <i>Associate</i> – Thierry St-Cyr
Fisheries and Oceans	Minister Loyola Hearn <i>PS</i> – Randy Kamp	Bill Matthews	Peter Stoffer <i>Deputy Critic</i> – Jean Crowder – <i>Western</i> <i>Fisheries</i>	Jean-Yves Roy <i>Associate</i> – Raynald Lais

Key Parliamentary Contacts

Summary Table of Ministries and Opposition Critics

Ministry/Office	Conservative Ministers/ Parliamentary Secretaries	Liberal Critic	NDP Critic	Bloc Critic
Foreign Affairs	Minister Peter MacKay PS – Deepak Obrhai PS – Peter Van Loan	Stéphane Dion <i>Associate</i> – Bryon Wilfert <i>Associate</i> – Borys Wrzesnewskyj Keith Martin – <i>CIDA</i>	Alexa McDonough – <i>Foreign Affairs</i> <i>Deputy Critic</i> – Wayne Marston – <i>Human Rights</i>	Francine Lalonde Johanne Deschamps – <i>Latin America & Africa</i> Diane Bourgeois – <i>Asia-Pacific</i>
Health	Minister Tony Clement PS – Steven Fletcher	Ken Dryden Bonnie Brown – <i>Public Health</i> <i>Associate</i> – Nancy Karetak-Lindell	Penny Priddy – <i>Health including public health & disabilities</i>	Christiane Gagnon <i>Associate</i> – Nicole Demers
Human Resources & Social Development	Minister Diane Finley PS – Lynne Yelich	Geoff Regan – <i>Human Resources & Skills Associate</i> – Michael Ignatieff Carolyn Bennett – <i>Social Development Associate</i> – Omar Alghabra Maria Minna – <i>Seniors Associate</i> – Sukh Dhaliwal	Tony Martin – <i>HRSD, Social Policy)</i> Chris Charlton – <i>Seniors & Pensions</i> Irene Mathysen – <i>Housing</i> Olivia Chow – <i>Children/ Youth</i> Denise Savoie – <i>Education, Literacy, Training</i>	Yves Lessard <i>Associate</i> – France Bonsant
Indian Affairs, Northern Development & Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians	Minister Jim Prentice PS – Rod Bruinooge	Anita Neville – <i>Indian Affairs Associate</i> – Gary Merasty Larry Bagnell – <i>Northern Development Associate</i> – Todd Russell	Dennis Bevington – <i>Northern Development</i> Jean Crowder – <i>Aboriginal</i>	Marc Lemay <i>Associate</i> – Yvon Levesque
Industry	Minister Maxime Bernier PS – Colin Carrie	Jean Lapierre – <i>Industry Associate</i> – Paul Zed <i>Associate</i> – Gurbax Malhi Maurizio Bevilacqua – <i>Competitiveness & New Economy Associate</i> – Gerry Byrne – <i>Competitiveness & New Economy</i> Dan McTeague – <i>Consumer Affairs Associate</i> – Ruby Dhalla <i>Consumer Affairs</i> Joe Fontana – <i>Science & Research Associate</i> – Charles Hubbard	Brian Masse – <i>Industry including Autos & Border Deputy Critic</i> – David Christopherson – <i>Steel Deputy Critic</i> – Peter Stoffer – <i>Ship Building)</i>	Paul Crête <i>Associate</i> – Robert Vincent

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International Cooperation & Minister for La Francophonie and Official Languages	Minister Josée Verner <i>PS</i> – Ted Menzies <i>PS</i> – Sylvie Boucher – <i>Francophonie and Official Languages</i>	Bernard Patry – <i>Francophonie Associate</i> – Pablo Rodriguez Raymonde Folco – <i>Official Languages Associate</i> – Marlene Jennings	Alexa McDonough – <i>International Development & Cooperation</i> Yvon Godin – <i>Francophonie & Official Languages</i>	Caroline St-Hilaire – <i>International Cooperation</i> Vivian Barbot – <i>Francophonie & Official Languages</i>
International Trade	Minister David Emerson <i>PS</i> – Helena Guergis	Dominic LeBlanc <i>Associate</i> – Mark Eyking <i>Associate</i> – John Maloney	Peter Julian – <i>International Trade & Gateways</i>	Pierre Paquette <i>Associate</i> – Guy André
Justice and Attorney General	Minister Vic Toews <i>PS</i> – Rob Moore	Sue Barnes	Joe Comartin <i>Deputy Critic</i> – Libby Davies – <i>Substance Abuse, Prostitution</i> <i>Deputy Critic</i> – Wayne Marston – <i>Human Rights</i>	Réal Ménard <i>Associate</i> – Carole Freeman
Labour	Minister Jean-Pierre Blackburn	Denis Coderre <i>Associate</i> – Marcel Proulx	Bill Blaikie	Carole Lavallée
National Defence	Minister Gordon O'Connor <i>PS</i> – Russ Hiebert	Ujjal Dosanjh <i>Associate</i> – John Cannis Wajid Khan	Dawn Black – <i>Defence & Peace Advocacy</i>	Claude Bachand
National Revenue	Minister Carol Skelton	Yasmin Ratansi <i>Associate</i> – Ray Bonin	David Christopherson – <i>Public Accounts and Revenue</i>	Robert Bouchard
Natural Resources	Minister Gary Lunn <i>PS</i> – Christian Paradis	Roy Cullen <i>Associate</i> – Ken Boshcoff	Catherine Bell Dennis Bevington – <i>Energy</i>	Serge Cardin

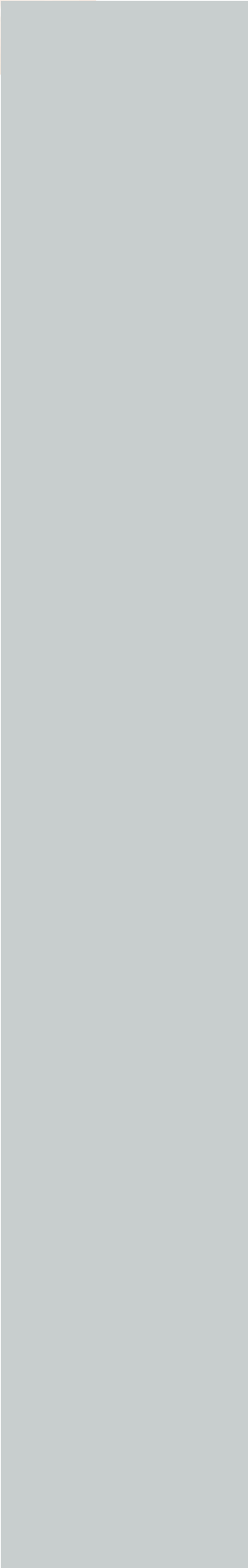
Key Parliamentary Contacts

Summary Table of Ministries and Opposition Critics

Ministry/Office	Conservative Ministers/ Parliamentary Secretaries	Liberal Critic	NDP Critic	Bloc Critic
Public Safety	Minister Stockwell Day PS – Dave MacKenzie	Irwin Cotler <i>Associate</i> – Derek Lee	Joe Comartin	Serge Ménard
Public Works and Government Services	Minister Michael Fortier <i>un-elected</i> PS – James Moore	Navdeep Bains <i>Associate</i> – Lui Temelkovski	Peggy Nash	Louise Thibault
Transport, Infrastructure and Cities	Minister Lawrence Cannon PS – Brian Jean	Andy Scott – <i>Infrastructure & Communities Associate</i> – Susan Kadis Belinda Stronach – <i>Transport Associate</i> – Jim Karygiannis Raymond Chan – <i>Canadian Border Services Agency</i>	David Christopherson – <i>Infrastructure and communities</i> Peter Julian – <i>Transportation</i> Libby Davies – <i>DC Greater Vancouver area</i> Peggy Nash – <i>Toronto</i> Olivia Chow – <i>Toronto Waterfront</i>	Mario Laframboise <i>Associate</i> – Robert Carrier – <i>Transport Associate</i> – Roger Gaudet – <i>Infrastructure & communities</i>
Treasury Board (President)	Minister John Baird PS – Pierre Poilievre	Joe Volpe <i>Associate</i> – Mark Holland John McKay – <i>Crown Corps</i>	Paul Dewar – <i>Treasury Board, NCC, Crown Corporations</i>	Pat Martin – <i>Privacy & Ethics</i> Benoît Sauvageau <i>Associate</i> – Richard Nadeau
Veteran Affairs	Minister Gregory Thompson PS – Betty Hinton	Robert Thibault <i>Associate</i> – Brent St. Denis	Peter Stoffer	Gilles A. Perron
Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency	Minister Peter MacKay PS – Deepak Obrhrai PS – Peter Van Loan	Mike Savage	Yvon Godin	N/A
Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario	Minister Tony Clement PS – Steven Fletcher	Anthony Rota <i>Associate</i> – Roger Valley	Tony Martin	N/A
Pacific Gateway & Vancouver Olympics	Minister David Emerson PS – Helena Guergis	Hedy Fry – <i>Vancouver Olympics Associate</i> – Rodger Cuzner	Peter Julian	N/A
Economic Development Agency for the Region of Quebec	Minister Jean-Pierre Blackburn	Denis Coderre <i>Associate</i> – Marcel Proulx	Yvon Godin	Jean-Yves Laforest <i>Associate</i> – Gérard Asselin
Western Diversification	Minister Carol Skelton	Don Bell <i>Associate</i> – Raymond Simard	Catherine Bell	N/A
Leader of Government in Senate	Senator Marjorie LeBreton	Dan Hays		N/A

Key Parliamentary Contacts

Cabinet Ministers



Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Right Honourable Stephen Harper Prime Minister of Canada

Constituency: Calgary Southwest

Province: Alberta

Population: 107,920

Municipalities: Calgary

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2002.05.13

1993.10.25

Personal History

Profession

- VP and President of National Citizens' Coalition
- Master's Degree in Economics (University of Calgary)

Family

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Children: Benjamin and Rachel

Date and place of birth

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Prime Minister

2006.02.06

Leader of the Opposition

2006.02.05 - 2004.03.20

2002.05.21 - 2004.01.08

Positions

Critic

Prime Minister
2004 - 2006

Critic

Intergovernmental Affairs
- 1997

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Rona Ambrose Minister of Environment

Constituency: Edmonton-Spruce Grove

Province: Alberta

Population: 111, 622

Municipalities: Edmonton, Parkland County, Spruce Grove, Leduc County, and Stony Plain

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28

Minister

Environment
2006.02.06

Positions

Critic
Intergovernmental Affairs
2006.02.05 - 2004.07.22
International Trade
2005.05.24 - 2004.05.17

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Legislative Committee on Bill C-38
- Finance
- Foreign Affairs and International Trade
- Subcommittee on Fiscal Imbalance

Political Background

Municipal

- Senior Intergovernmental Affairs Officer with the International and Intergovernmental Affairs Department of the Government of Alberta with a focus on senate reform, the Kyoto Protocol and the 2003 Canada Health Accord

Personal History

Profession

- Columnist
- Communication consultant
- Policy analyst
- Public policy consultant
- Senior public servant

Family

Husband: Bruce

Date and place of birth

March 15, 1969, in Valleyview, Alberta

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable John Baird President of the Treasury Board

Constituency: Ottawa West-Nepean

Province: Ontario

Population: 112,509

Municipalities: Ottawa

Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23

Minister

President of the Treasury Board
2006.02.06

Positions

Other

- Special Assistant to Perrin Beatty (Minister of Communications and Secretary of State for External Affairs)

Political Background

Provincial

- Ontario co-chair for the Conservative party of Canada and Ontario co-chair for Stephen Harper's leadership campaign
- Opposition House Leader and Deputy House Leader for the Ontario PC party at Queen's Park
- Critic – Finance, Culture, Health and Intergovernmental Affairs
- 1995, 1999 and 2003 – elected/re-elected to Ontario provincial legislature for the area of Nepean
- 2003, Government House Leader
- August 2002, Minister of Energy
- Deputy House Leader and Party Whip
- February 2001, Minister Responsible for Children
- 1999, Minister of Community and Social Services
- Government House Leader
- Parliamentary Assistant – Labour, Management, Board and Finance

Personal History

Profession

- Consultant

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

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Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Maxime Bernier Minister of Industry

Constituency: Beauce

Province: Québec

Population: 102,072

Municipalities: Saint-Georges, Sainte-Marie, Beauceville, Saint-Joseph-de-Beauce, Saint-Prosper, Saint-Martin, Saint-Éphrem-de-Beauce, Saint-Victor, Saint-Gédéon-de-Beauce and Saint-Zacharie

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23

Minister

Industry
2006.02.06

Political Background Municipal

- Manager of corporate and international relations at the Commission des valeurs mobilières du Québec – provided advice on legislation on financial institutions and development of regulations governing this sector
- Member of the board of the Montreal Economic Institute

Personal History

Profession

- Businessman
- Lawyer

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

1963 in Beauce,
Québec

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Jean-Pierre Blackburn Minister of Labour Minister of the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec

Personal History

Profession

- Administrator
- Manager (business development and PR)
- Professor – community college

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

July 6, 1948, in Jonquière, Québec

Constituency: Jonquière-Alma

Province: Québec

Population: 98,167

Municipalities: Alma, Saint-Ambroise

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

1988.11.21

1984.09.04

Minister

Labour

2006.02.06

Economic Development for Québec

2006.02.06

Positions

Parliamentary Secretary

National Defence

1993.09.01 - 1993.10.26

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Lawrence Cannon Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities

Constituency: Pontiac

Province: Québec

Population: 89,950

Municipalities: Gatineau, Chelsea, La Pêche, Val-des-Monts, Maniwaki, Pontiac, Cantley, L'Ange Gardien, Gracefield and Mansfield-et-Pontefract

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23

Minister

Transport, Infrastructure
and Communities
2006.02.06

Political Background

Municipal

- 2001 to 2005, city councillor in Gatineau, Québec
- 2004, appointed president of the Association du transport urbain du Québec
- 2002, appointed president of the Société de transport de l'Outaouais

Provincial

- 1985 to 1994, Québec National Assembly – Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Minister of Communications

Personal History

Profession

- Communication consultant
- Political assistant

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

1947 in Québec, Québec

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Michael D. Chong President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs Minister for Sport

Personal History

Profession

- Information technology executive

Family

Wife: Carrie Davidson
Children: One son, William

Date and place of birth

November 22, 1971, in Windsor, Ontario

Constituency: Wellington-Halton Hills

Province: Ontario

Population: 100,555

Municipalities: Halton Hills, Centre Wellington, Guelph/Eramosa, Erin and Puslinch

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Minister

Sport

2006.02.06

Intergovernmental Affairs

2006.02.06

President of the Queen's Privy Council

2006.02.06

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Industry, Natural Resources, Science and Technology

Political Background

Municipal

- Senior technology consultant with the Greater Toronto Airports Authority

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Tony Clement Minister of Health Minister for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario

Constituency: Parry Sound-Muskoka

Province: Ontario

Population: 84,789

Municipalities: Huntsville, Bracebridge, Gravenhurst, Parry Sound, Muskoka Lakes, Seguin, Lake of Bays, Georgian Bay, McDougall and Perry

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23

Minister

Federal Economic Development Initiative
for Northern Ontario
2006.02.06

Health
2006.02.06

Political Background

Provincial

- 1995 to 2003, member of Ontario provincial legislature representing Brampton South and later Brampton West-Mississauga
- 2001, Minister of Health and Long Term Care
- 1999, Minister of Environment and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- 1997, Minister of Transportation
- 1995 to 1997, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Immigration and Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier

Personal History

Profession

- Counsel
- Lawyer

Family

Wife: Lynne Golding
Children: Three

Date and place of birth

February 27, 1961, in
Manchester, England

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Stockwell Day Minister of Public Safety

Constituency: Okanagan-Coquihalla

Province: British Columbia

Population: 101,831

Municipalities: Penticton, Summerland, Merritt, Okanagan-Similkameen D, Peachland, Tsinstikeptum 9 and Logan Lake

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28
2000.11.27
2000.09.11

Minister

Public Safety
2006.02.06

Leader of the Opposition
2000.09.11 – 2001.12.11

Critic

Foreign Affairs
2002.04.04 – 2006.02.05
Prime Minister
2000.09.11 – 2001.12.11

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development
- Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Political Background

Provincial

- 1997 to 2000, Provincial Treasurer (Minister of Finance) and acting Premier
- 1986 to 2000, represented Red Deer North in Alberta legislature – Chief Whip, Government House Leader, Minister of Labour, Minister of Social Services

Personal History

Profession

- Auctioneer
- Businessman
- Contractor
- School administrator

Family

Wife: Valorie
Children: Three sons

Date and place of birth

August 16, 1950, in
Barrie, Ontario

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable David Emerson Minister of International Trade Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics

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Province: British Columbia

Population: 115,325

Municipalities: Vancouver

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Minister

Pacific Gateway/Olympics

2006.02.06

International Trade

2006.02.06

Industry

2004.07.20 - 2006.02.05

Political Background

Provincial

- 1975, joined Government of BC
- 1984, BC Deputy Minister of Finance
- 1990, Deputy Minister of Finance
- Deputy Minister to the Premier
- President of BC Trade Development Corporation

Municipal

- 1992, led Vancouver International Airport Authority

Personal History

Profession

- Economist
- Executive
- Researcher
- Senior public servant

Family

Wife: Theresa

Children: two with wife Theresa, and three grown children

Date and place of birth

September 17, 1945, in Montreal, Quebec

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Diane Finley Minister of Human Resources and Social Development

Constituency: Haldimand-Norfolk

Province: Ontario

Population: 104,575

Municipalities: Norfolk and Haldimand

Personal History

Profession

- Businesswoman
- Executive
- Management consultant
- School administrator

Family

Husband: Doug

Date and place of birth

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Minister

Human Resources and Social
Development
2006.02.06

Positions

Critic

Agriculture and Agri-Food
2006.02.05 - 2004.07.22

Political Background

Municipal

- Has worked in health care, transportation and aviation fields
- Active with the Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships

Provincial

- Active on the Ontario Government Health Policy Advisory Council

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable James Michael Flaherty Minister of Finance

Constituency: Whitby-Oshawa

Province: Ontario

Population: 112,802

Municipalities: Oshawa and Whitby

Economy: to follow

Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23

Minister

Finance 2006.02.06

Political Background

Provincial

- 1995 to 2005, Member of Ontario's provincial legislature for the constituency of Whitby-Ajax
- Under Premier Eves: Minister of Enterprise, Opportunity and Innovation
- Under Premier Harris: Deputy Premier, Minister of Finance, Attorney General, Minister responsible for Native Affairs, Minister of Labour and Solicitor General, and Minister of Correctional Services
- As member of the provincial opposition: Critic for Public Infrastructure Renewal

Personal History

Profession

- Lawyer

Family

Wife: Christine
Children: Three sons (triplets)

Date and place of birth

December 30, 1949

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Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Senator Michael Fortier Minister of Public Works and Government Services

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Parliamentary History

Senate

February 2006 by PM Stephen Harper

Other

- 2003, co-chair of Stephen Harper's leadership campaign
- 2006, co-chair of national campaign

Personal History

Profession

- Financier
- Lawyer

Family

Married, has five children

Date and place of birth

January 10, 1962

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Loyola Hearn Minister of Fisheries and Oceans

Constituency: St. John's
South-Mount Pearl

Province: Newfoundland
and Labrador

Population: 82,212

Municipalities: St. John's and
Mount Pearl

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Minister

Fisheries and Oceans

2006.02.06

Positions

Leader of the Opposition in the House

2004.03.21 - 2004.02.02

Official Opposition House Leader

(Acting)

2004.02.01 - 2004.01.09

PC Party House Leader

2004.01.08 - 2002.10.30

Critic

Fisheries and Oceans

2006.02.05 - 2004.03.22

Leader of the Government in the House
of Commons

2004.03.21 - 2002.10.30

Fisheries and Oceans

2004.02.01 - 2001.09.19

Canadian Heritage

2001.09.18 - 2001.01.17

Public Works and Government Services

2001.09.18 - 2001.01.17

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Fisheries and Oceans

Political Background

Provincial

- Served in the Newfoundland House of Assembly for the riding of St. Marys-The Capes, 1982 to 1993
- Minister of Education, 1985 to 1989

Personal History

Profession

- Businessman
- Principal
- Teacher

Family

Wife: Maureen

Children: Two

Date and place of birth

March 25, 1943, in
Renews,
Newfoundland

Government of Canada

Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Jay Hill Chief Government Whip

Constituency: Prince George –
Peace River

Province: British Columbia

Population: 104,257

Municipalities: Prince George, Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Peace River D, Mackenzie, Peace River C, Peace River B, Tumbler Ridge, Fraser-Fort George D, Fort Nelson

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
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2004.06.28
2000.11.27
1997.06.02
1993.10.25

Positions

Official Opposition House Leader
2006.02.05 - 2005.01.28

Whip

Whip of the Conservative Party / Chief
Government Whip
2006.02.07

Whip of the Conservative Party/ Chief
Opposition Whip
2005.01.27 - 2004.07.22

Whip of the PC/DR Coalition
2002.04.09 - 2001.09.19

Chief Opposition Whip
2000.07.31 - 2000.01.31

Deputy Whip of the Official Opposition
2000.01.30 - 1997.06.20

Critic

Leader of the Government in the House
of Commons

2006.02.05 - 2005.01.28

Parliamentary Affairs
2005.01.27 - 2004.07.22

National Defence
2004.07.21 - 2003.06.23

Solicitor General
2002.04.09 - 2001.09.19

Transport
2001.05.15 - 2000.08.01

Agriculture and Agri-Food
1998.06.16 - 1997.06.20

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency
- 1998.06.16

Western Economic Diversification
- 1997.06.19

Federal Office of Regional Development-
Québec
- 1997.06.19

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Procedure and House Affairs

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Procedure and House Affairs

Other

- President of the BC Grain Producers Association
- Director of the BC Federation of Agriculture
- Director of Soil Conservation Canada

Personal History

Profession

- Farmer

Family

Wife: Leah
Children: Three adult
children

Date and place of birth

December 27, 1952, in
Fort St. John, British
Columbia

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Gary Lunn Minister of Natural Resources

Constituency: Saanich-Gulf Islands

Province: British Columbia

Population: 110,284

Municipalities: Saanich, Central Saanich, Sidney, North Saanich, Capital F, Capital G and Capital H (Part 1)

Personal History

Profession

• Lawyer

Family

Wife: Alexandra

Children: Two

Date and place of birth

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

Minister

Natural Resources

2006.02.06

Positions

Critic

Public Works and Government Services

2006.02.05 - 2005.04.28

Privy Council

2006.02.05 - 2004.10.05

Northern Development

2005.06.19 - 2004.07.22

Metis and Non-Status Indian

2005.06.19 - 2004.07.22

HR Development

2004 - 2004.07.22

Social Development

2004.07.21 - 2004.01.22

International Trade

2001.11.18 - 2001.09.19

International Trade

2001.4.27 - 2001.01.05

National Revenue

2001.01.04 - 2000.08.01

Fisheries and Oceans,

1999.10.07 - 1998.09.04

Fisheries and Oceans,

1998 - 1998.06.16

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
- Government Operations and Estimates

Political Background

Municipal

- Sidney/North Saanich Detachment Executive Police Advisory Committee

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Peter Gordon MacKay Minister of Foreign Affairs Minister of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

Constituency: Central Nova

Province: Nova Scotia

Population: 73,722

Municipalities: Halifax, New Glasgow, Stellarton, Antigonish, Westville, Pictou, St. Mary's and Trenton

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

Minister

Foreign Affairs

2006.02.06

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

2006.02.06

Positions

House Leader / Parliamentary Leader

Conservative Deputy Leader

2006.02.05 - 2004.03.22

PC/DR Coalition House Leader

2002.04.09 - 2001.09.19

PC Party House Leader

2001.09.18 - 1997.06.18

Critic

Public Safety and Emergency

Preparedness

2006.02.05 - 2004.07.22

Prime Minister

2004.02.01 - 2003.05.31

Justice

- 2003.09.09

Solicitor General

2003.09.09 - 2002.09.25

Public Security

2003.09.09 - 2002.09.25

Solicitor General

- 2001.09.18

Leader of the Government in the

House of Commons

2002.10.29 - 1998.06.19

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Subcommittee on National Security
- Subcommittee on Public Safety and National Security

Personal History

Profession

- Crown Attorney
- Lawyer

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

September 27, 1965, in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Gordon O'Connor Minister of National Defence

Constituency: Carleton-Mississippi Mills

Province: Ontario

Population: 111,149

Municipalities: Ottawa and Mississippi Mills

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Minister

National Defence

2006.02.06

Committees (38th Parliament)

- National Defence and Veterans Affairs
- Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs

Political Background

Municipal

- Senior Associate at Hill and Knowlton Canada (helped private sector firms pursue business opportunities with federal government)

Personal History

Profession

- Consultant

Family

Married and father of two

Date and place of birth

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Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Beverly J. Oda Minister of Canadian Heritage and Status of Women

Constituency: Durham

Province: Ontario

Population: 107,435

Municipalities: Clarington, Scugog and
Uxbridge

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Minister

Canadian Heritage and Status of Women
2006.02.06

Positions

Critic

Canadian Heritage
2006.02.05 - 2004.07.22

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Canadian Heritage

Political Background

Municipal

- 1987 to 1993, commissioner with the CRTC (was involved in introducing competition into long distance telephone market)
- Consultant in areas of multiculturalism and diversity

Personal History

Profession

- Broadcasting executive
- Communication consultant
- Teacher

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

July 27, 1944, in
Thunder Bay, Ontario

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Jim Prentice Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians

Personal History

Profession

- Businessman
- Developer
- Lawyer (property rights, relocations, environmental protection suits, restricted development areas)
- Newspaper owner

Family

Wife: Karen
Children: Three daughters

Date and place of birth

July 20, 1956, in South Porcupine, Ontario

Constituency: Calgary Centre-North

Province: Alberta

Population: 117,252

Municipalities: Calgary

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Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28

Minister

Federal Interlocutor for Métis and
Non-Status Indians
2006.02.06

Indian Affairs and Northern Development
2006.02.06

Positions

Critic

Indian Affairs and Northern Development
2006.02.05 - 2004.07.22

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

Political Background

Municipal

- Commissioner of the Indian Specific Land Claims Commission of Canada for 10 years (expert in land claims negotiations)
- South Africa: expert adviser on how to protect property rights in country's new constitution

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Carol Skelton Minister of National Revenue Minister of Western Economic Diversification

Constituency: Saskatoon-
Rosetown-Biggar

Province: Saskatchewan

Population: 73,077

Municipalities: Saskatoon, Corman Park
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Economy: to follow

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

Minister

National Revenue

2006.02.06

Western Economic Diversification

2006.02.06

Positions

House Leader / Parliamentary Leader

Canadian Alliance Deputy House Leader

2003.06.22 - 2002.04.04

Critic

Social Development

2006.02.05 - 2004.07.22

Public Health

2006.02.05 - 2004.07.22

Western Economic Diversification

2004.07.21 - 2004.01.22

Social Economy

2004.07.21 - 2004.01.22

Deputy Prime Minister

2004.01.21 - 2003.06.23

HR Development

2002.04.03 - 2002.02.01

Children and Youth

2002.01.31 - 2001.06.18

Family Issues

2002.01.31 - 2001.06.18

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
- Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament Development

Personal History

Profession

- Administrator
- Coordinator
- Farmer
- Rancher
- Recruiter

Family

Husband: Noel
Children: Three

Date and place of birth

December 12, 1945, in
Biggar, Saskatchewan

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Monte Solberg Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

Constituency: Medicine Hat

Province: Alberta

Population: 105,009

Municipalities: Medicine Hat, Brooks, Newell County No.4, Taber, Cypress County, Redcliff and Forty Mile County No. 8

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

1993.10.25

Minister

Citizenship and Immigration
2006.02.06

Positions

Critic

Finance
2006.02.05 - 2003.06.23

HR Development
2003.06.22 - 2002.04.04

National Revenue
2002.04.03 - 2001.12.18

Foreign Affairs
2001.06.17 - 2000.08.01

Finance
2000.07.31

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Finance

Other

- Member of executive of the Canada-US Parliamentary Association

Personal History

Profession

- Broadcaster
- Businessman

Family

Wife: Debra
Children: Two sons

Date and place of birth

September 17, 1958, in Calgary, Alberta

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Chuck Strahl Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board

Constituency: Chilliwack-Fraser Canyon

2006.02.06

Province: British Columbia

Population: 103,716

Municipalities: Chilliwack, Hope, Kent,
Fraser Valley East and Lillooet

Positions

Deputy Speaker

Deputy Speaker and Chairman of
Committees of the Whole
House of Commons

2006.02.05 - 2004.10.05

Leader of the Opposition in the House

Deputy House Leader

2004.10.04 - 2004.07.22

Deputy House Leader

2003.12.22 - 2003.06.23

Official Opposition House Leader

2001.04.24 - 2000.03.27

Official Opposition House Leader

2000.03.26 - 2000.01.31

Whip

Chief Opposition Whip

2001.01.30 - 1997

Critic

Democratic Reform

2004.10.04 - 2004.07.22

Northern Economic Development

2004.07.21 - 2004.01.22

Cultural Industries

2004.01.21 - 2002.12.05

Deputy Prime Minister

2002.04.19 - 2001.09.19

Industry

2002.04.19 - 2001.09.19

Leader of Government in House

2001.04.24 - 2000.08.01

Natural Resources

1997.06.19

Personal History

Profession

- Businessman
- Logging contractor

Family

Wife: Deb

Children: Four

Date and place of birth

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British Columbia

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To follow

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

1993.10.25

Minister

Agriculture and Agri-Food

2006.02.06

Canadian Wheat Board

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Gregory Francis Thompson Minister of Veterans Affairs

Constituency: New Brunswick Southwest

Province: New Brunswick

Area: 10,706 km²

Population: 63,529

Municipalities: Kingsclear, St. Stephen, Grand Bay-Westfield, Studholm, Pennfield, Saint George and Westfield

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Parliamentary History

2006.01.23
2004.06.28
2000.11.27
1997.06.02
1988.11.21

Minister

Veterans Affairs
2006.02.06

Positions

Critic
Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency
2006.02.05 - 2004.02.02

Public Accounts
2004.02.01 - 2003.09.10

Health
2004.02.01 - 2002.09.25

Regional Development
2002.09.24 - 2001.02.02

Treasury Board
2002.09.24 - 2001.01.17

HR Development
2002.09.24 - 2001.01.17

Health
2001.01.16

Committees (38th Parliament)

• Fisheries and Oceans

Political Background

Municipal

• Board of the Charlotte County Hospital

Personal History

Profession

- Businessman
- Financial planner
- Teacher

Family

Wife: Linda
Children: Two sons

Date and place of birth

March 28, 1947, in
St. Stephen, New
Brunswick

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Vic Toews Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

Constituency: Provencher

Province: Manitoba

Population: 81,910

Municipalities: Springfield, Hanover, Steinbach, Taché, Ritchot, Ste. Anne, De Salaberry, Morris, Alexander and Lac du Bonnet

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

Minister

Justice and Attorney General
2006.02.06

Positions

Critic

Justice
2006.02.05 - 2001.01.05

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Subcommittee on the process for appointment to the Federal Judiciary
- Legislative Committee on Bill C-38
- Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Political Background

Provincial

- 1987, director of constitutional law for the Province of Manitoba
- 1990, legal counsel to Premier at Meech Lake Accord discussions
- 1991, appointed Queen's counsel
- 1976 to 1991, practiced law with provincial Department of Justice
- 1995, elected Member of the Legislative Assembly for Rossmere
- 1995, Minister of Labour
- 1997 to September 1999, Attorney General and Minister of Justice for the Province of Manitoba

Personal History

Profession

- Counsel
- Lawyer
- Professor

Family

Wife: Lorraine
Children: Two children,
Leslie and Mark

Date and place of birth

September 10, 1952, in
Fildelfia, Paraguay

Government of Canada, Cabinet Ministers



The Honourable Josée Verner Minister of International Cooperation Minister for La Francophonie and Official Languages

Constituency: Louis-Saint-Laurent

Province: Québec

Population: 94,294

Municipalities: Québec

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23

Minister

La Francophonie and Official Languages
2006.02.06

International Cooperation
2006.02.06

Political Background

Provincial

- Chair of the Quebec Conservative caucus
- Worked for former Québec Premier Robert Bourassa
- Served the Deputy Speaker of Québec National Assembly
- Public servant – Quebec provincial ministry of health

Personal History

Profession

- Executive assistant

Family

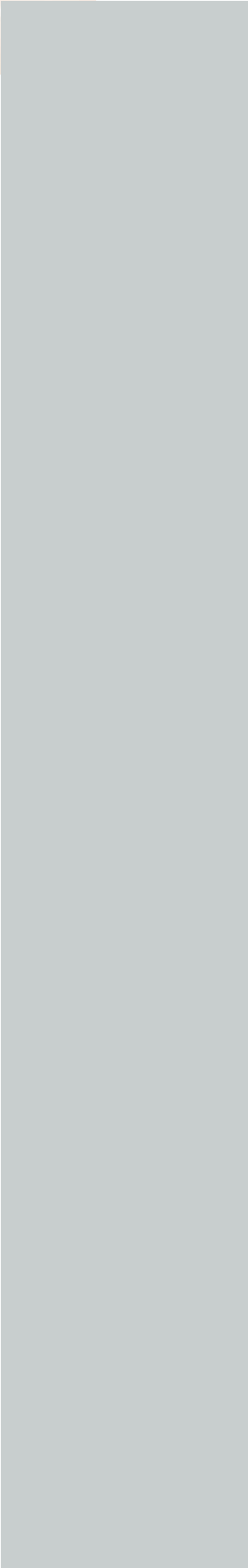
Married, mother of three children

Date and place of birth

December 30, 1959

Key Parliamentary Contacts

Parliamentary Secretaries



Government of Canada

Parliamentary Secretaries



Ms. Diane Ablonczy

Parliamentary Secretary for Finance

Constituency: Calgary – Nose Hill

Province: Alberta

Population: 100,026

Municipalities: Calgary

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28
2000.11.27
1997.06.02
1993.10.25

Positions

Parliamentary Secretary
Finance
2006.02.07

Critic

Citizenship and Immigration
2006.02.05 - 2002.04.04

Health

2001.12.17 - 2000.12.02

Human Resources Development
2000.12.01 - 1997.06.20

Deputy Critic

Justice
Atlantic Issues

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Finance

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Citizenship and Immigration
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure

Personal History

Profession

- Farmer
- Lawyer
- Teacher

Family

Husband: Ron Sauer
Children: One daughter;
four step-children;
two grandsons

Date and place of birth

May 6, 1949, in Peoria,
Illinois, United States

Government of Canada

Parliamentary Secretaries



Mr. Rod Bruinooge

Parliamentary Secretary for Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians

Constituency: Winnipeg South

Province: Manitoba

Population: 76, 871

Municipalities: Winnipeg

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Positions

Parliamentary Secretary

Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians

2006.02.07

Political Experience

Municipal

- Council Member, WRHA Fort Garry Community Council

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

Personal History

Profession

- Entrepreneur
- Film producer

Family

Wife: Chantale Marion

Date and place of birth

1973 in Thompson, Manitoba

Government of Canada

Parliamentary Secretaries



Dr. Colin Carrie

Parliamentary Secretary for Industry

Constituency: Oshawa

Province: Ontario

Population: 113,662

Municipalities: Oshawa

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Positions

Parliamentary Secretary

Industry

2006.02.07

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Industry, Science and Technology

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Health

Political Experience

- Led the Ontario Conservative Caucus' drive for a new national automotive strategy
- Former director of the Oshawa Federal Progressive Conservative Riding Association
- Participated in the unification of the Oshawa electoral district's legacy federal conservative parties

Personal History

Profession

- Chiropractor

Family

Wife: Elizabeth

Children: Three young children

Date and place of birth

April 11, 1962

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Government of Canada

Parliamentary Secretaries



Mr. Steven Fletcher

Parliamentary Secretary for Health

Constituency: Charleswood –
St. James - Assiniboia

Province: Manitoba

Population: 81, 874

Municipalities: Winnipeg

Personal History

Profession

- Engineer
- Manager

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28

Positions

Parliamentary Secretary

Federal Economic Development Initiative
for Northern Ontario
2006.02.07

Health
2006.02.07

Critic

Health
2006.02.05 - 2004.07.22

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Health

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Health

Political Background

Provincial

- 2001 with re-election in 2003, President of the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba (youngest person to hold office, first with quadriplegia)
- Acknowledged expert on Public Insurance, Post-Secondary Education, Manitoba Health System

Government of Canada

Parliamentary Secretaries



Ms. Helena Guergis

Parliamentary Secretary for International Trade, and Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver- Whistler Olympics

Constituency: Simcoe – Grey

Province: Ontario

Population: 117, 505

Municipalities: New Tecumseth, Springwater, Essa, Collingwood, Clearview, Adjala-Tosorontio, Wasaga Beach, Blue Mountains

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Positions

Parliamentary Secretary

International Trade and the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics

2006.02.07

Critic

CIDA

2006.02.05 - 2005.05.25

International Cooperation

2006.02.05 - 2005.05.25

Committees (39th Parliament)

- International Trade
- Status of Women

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Citizenship and Immigration
- Foreign Affairs and International Trade
- Subcommittee on International Trade, Trade Disputes and Investment
- Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development
- Status of Women

Political Experience

Provincial

- Worked for the Government of Ontario for nine years – Caucus Advisor to the Minister of Education, and Policy Advisor to the Minister of Finance
- Three terms on the executive of the Ontario PC party

Personal History

Profession

- Businesswoman
- Policy advisor
- Political assistant
- Public servant

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

February 19, 1969,
in Barrie, Ontario

Government of Canada, Parliamentary Secretaries



Mr. Brian Jean Parliamentary Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Communities

Constituency: Fort McMurray-Athabasca

Province: Alberta

Population: 88,882

Municipalities: Wood Buffalo, Athabasca County No. 12, Big Lakes, Slave Lake, Lakeland County, Woodlands County, Opportunity N° 17, High Prairie, Lesser Slave River N° 124 and Lac la Biche

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Positions

Parliamentary Secretary

Transport, Infrastructure and Communities

2006.02.07

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Transport, Infrastructure and Communities

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Legislative Committee on Bill C-38
- Environment and Sustainable Development

Political Background

Municipal

- Director of local chamber of commerce

Personal History

Profession

- Barrister and Solicitor
- Businessman
- Farm worker
- Instructor
- Logger
- Publisher

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

February 3, 1963, in Kelowna, British Columbia

Government of Canada

Parliamentary Secretaries



Mr. Ed Komarnicki

Parliamentary Secretary for Citizenship and Immigration

Constituency: Souris – Moose Mountain

Province: Saskatchewan

Population: 66,223

Municipalities: Estevan, Weyburn, Moosomin

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Positions

Parliamentary Secretary

Citizenship and Immigration

2006.02.07

Critic

Labour and Housing

2006.02.05 - 2004.07.22

Housing

2006.02.05 - 2004.07.22

Committees (39th Parliament)

• Citizenship & Immigration

Committees (38th Parliament)

• Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities

Personal History

Profession

• Lawyer

Family

Wife: Married to Sally,
32 years

Children: Eight
children; four
grandchildren

Date and place of birth

November 18, 1949,
in Cudworth,
Saskatchewan

Government of Canada

Parliamentary Secretaries



Mr. Dave MacKenzie

Parliamentary Secretary for Public Safety

Constituency: Oxford

Province: Ontario

Population: 99,270

Municipalities: Woodstock, Tillsonburg, Norwich, Ingersoll, South-West Oxford, Zorra, Blandford-Blenheim, East Zorra-Tavistock

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28
2000.11.27
1997.06.02

Positions

Parliamentary Secretary
Public Safety
2006.02.07

Critic

National Defence (Associate Minister)
2006.02.05 - 2004.07.22

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Public Safety and National Security

Committees (38th Parliament)

- National Defence and Veterans Affairs

Other

- 1967 to 1997, police officer for the Woodstock City Police (as a Constable, Detective, Inspector, Deputy Chief of Police, and Chief of Police)

Personal History

Profession

- Businessman
- Police officer

Family

Wife: Lynda
Children: Three adult children

Date and place of birth

June 12, 1947

Government of Canada

Parliamentary Secretaries



Mr. Ted Menzies

Parliamentary Secretary for International Cooperation

Personal History

Profession

- Farmer

Family

Wife: Sandy
Children: Two grown
Children: Michael and Kari

Date and place of birth

February 18, 1952, in Claresholm, Alberta

Constituency: Macleod

Province: Alberta

Population: 97,578

Municipalities: Rocky View No. 44, Foothills No.31, Okotoks, Newell County No. 4, Crowsnest Pass, High River, Willow Creek No. 26, Cardston County, Blood 148, Vulcan County

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Positions

Parliamentary Secretary

International Cooperation and La Francophonie and Official Languages
2006.02.07

Critic

Inter-provincial Trade
2006.02.05 - 2005.05.25

International Cooperation
2005.05.24 - 2004.07.22

CIDA

2005.05.24 - 2004.07.22

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Foreign Affairs and International Trade
- Subcommittee on International Trade, Trade Disputes and Investments

Political Experience

Provincial

- Politically active in community provincial associations

Other

- President, Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance
- Vice-President, Grain Growers of Canada

Government of Canada

Parliamentary Secretaries



Mr. James Moore

Parliamentary Secretary for Public Works and Government Services

Constituency: Port Moody – Westwood – Port Coquitlam

Province: British Columbia

Population: 109,394

Municipalities: Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Greater Vancouver A

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

Positions

Parliamentary Secretary

Public Works and Government Services
2006.02.07

Critic

Transport
2006.02.05 - 2005.05.02

Sport

2006.02.05 - 2005.01.24

Public Works and Government Services
2005.04.27 - 2004.07.22

Transport

2004.07.21 - 2001.06.18

Deputy Critic

Foreign Affairs
National Revenue

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Legislative Committee on Bill C-2
- Government Operations and Estimates
- International Trade

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Government Operations and Estimates
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure
- Transport

Personal History

Profession

- Broadcaster
- Communications advisor

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

June 10, 1976, in New Westminster, British Columbia

Government of Canada

Parliamentary Secretaries



Mr. Rob Moore

Parliamentary Secretary for Justice and the Attorney General of Canada

Constituency: Fundy Royal

Province: New Brunswick

Population: 67,287

Municipalities: Riverview, Quispamsis, Sussex, Simonds, Coverdale, Hampton, Salisbury, Kingston

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

Positions

Parliamentary Secretary

Justice and Attorney General of Canada

2006.02.07

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Justice and Human Rights

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Legislative Committee on Bill C-38
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure
- Subcommittee on the process for appointment to the Federal Judiciary of the Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Political Experience

Provincial

- Chairman of the Atlantic Conservative Caucus

Personal History

Profession

- Lawyer
- Policy advisor

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

May 14, 1974, in Gander, Newfoundland

Government of Canada

Parliamentary Secretaries



Mr. Christian Paradis

Parliamentary Secretary for Natural Resources

Constituency: Mégantic – L'Érable

Province: Québec

Population: 72,508

Municipalities: Thetford Mines,
Plessisville, Lac-Mégantic, Princeville,
Saint-Ferdinand, Disraeli, East Broughton

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23

Positions

Parliamentary Secretary
Natural Resources
2006.02.07

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Legislative Committee on Bill C-2
- Natural Resources

Personal History

Profession

- Lawyer

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

January 1, 1974, in
Thetford Mines,
Québec

Government of Canada

Parliamentary Secretaries



Mr. Peter Van Loan

Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

Constituency: York – Simcoe

Province: Ontario

Population: 112,541

Municipalities: Georgina, Innisfil, East Gwillimbury, King, Bradford West Gwillimbury

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28

Positions

Parliamentary Secretary

Foreign Affairs
2006.02.07

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency
2006.02.07

Critic

Human Resources and Skills
Development
2006.02.05 - 2004.07.22

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Foreign Affairs and International Trade
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Human Resources, Skills Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities
- Subcommittee on Employment Insurance Funds

Political Background

Provincial

- Former president of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party
- Contributions to the Ontario Brownfields' Advisory Panel

Municipal

- Contributions to the Georgina Economic Development Committee

Personal History

Profession

- Lawyer
- Professor

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

April 18, 1963, in
Niagara Falls, Ontario

Government of Canada

Parliamentary Secretaries



Mr. Mark Warawa

Parliamentary Secretary for Environment

Constituency: Langley

Province: British Columbia

Population: 111,046

Municipalities: Langley

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Positions

Parliamentary Secretary

Environment

2006.02.07

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Environment and Sustainable Development

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Legislative Committee on Bill C-38
- Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Personal History

Profession

- Businessman
- Loss prevention officer

Family

Wife: Diane

Children: Five children;
one grandchild

Date and place of birth

May 7, 1950, in
Langley, British
Columbia

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Government of Canada

Parliamentary Secretaries



Ms. Lynne Yelich

Parliamentary Secretary for Human Resources and Social Development

Constituency: Blackstrap

Province: Saskatchewan

Population: 73,725

Municipalities: Saskatoon, Corman Park No. 344, Outlook

Personal History

Profession

- Administrator
- Executive Assistant

Family

Husband: Matt
Children: Two daughters, Elaina and Ivana

Date and place of birth

March 24, 1953,
in Saskatoon,
Saskatchewan

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

Positions

Parliamentary Secretary

Human Resources and Social
Development
2006.02.07

Critic

Women Entrepreneurs
2006.02.05 - 2005.10.29

Families and Caregivers
2006.02.05 - 2004.07.22

Status of Women
2006.02.05 - 2004.07.22

Cities
2004.07.21 - 2003.01.22

Grain Transportation
2004.01.21 - 2002.12.05

Deputy Critic

ImmigrationTransportation

Committees (39th Parliament)

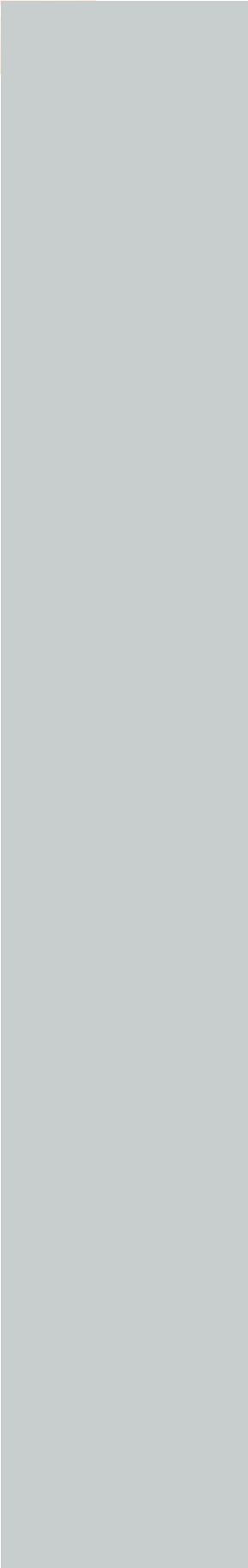
- Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Status of Women

Key Parliamentary Contacts

Opposition Critics: Liberal Party



Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Larry Bagnell Official Opposition Critic for Northern Development

Constituency: Yukon

Territory: Yukon

Population: 28,674

Municipalities: Whitehorse, Faro,
Dawson, Watson Lake, Haines Junction

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

Positions

Critic

Northern Affairs

2006.02.23

Parliamentary Secretary

Natural Resources

2006.02.05 - 2004.07.19

Indian Affairs and Northern Development
with special emphasis on Northern
Economic Development

2004.07.19 - 2003.12.12

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Justice and Human Rights

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Fisheries and Oceans
- National Defence and Veterans Affairs
- Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs

Political Experience

Municipal

- Executive Director of the Association of Yukon Communities
- Played a key role in the creation of the Yukon's new Municipal Act

Personal History

Profession

- Executive Director

Family

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Date and place of birth

December 19, 1949, in
Toronto, Ontario

Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



Mr. Don Bell Official Opposition Critic for Western Economic Diversification and the Pacific Gateway

Constituency: North Vancouver

Province: British Columbia

Population: 120, 841

Municipalities: North Vancouver,
Greater Vancouver A

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28

Positions

Critic
Pacific Gateway
2006.02.23

Western Economic Diversification
2006.02.23

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Transport, Infrastructure and Communities - Vice-Chair

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Finance
- Subcommittee on Fiscal Imbalance
- Transport

Political Experience

Municipal

- Member of the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (with the last three years as Chair)
- Served on the Liberal Caucus Cities and Communities Committee (tasked with providing recommendations to the Federal Government on the New Deal for Cities)
- 1996 to 2004, re-elected as District Mayor of North Vancouver
- 1993 re-elected as a municipal councillor
- Elected to the North Vancouver School Board for three terms, serving twice as Board Chair
- 1976 to 1982, elected District Mayor of North Vancouver
- 1970, elected as an Alderman, District of North Vancouver

Personal History

Profession

- Director of public relations

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

March 10, 1942, in
New Westminster,
British Columbia

Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Carolyn Bennett Official Opposition Critic for Social Development

Constituency: St. Paul's

Province: Ontario

Population: 112,449

Municipalities: Toronto

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

Personal History

Profession

- Physician

Family

Husband: Peter

O'Brian

Children: two sons,
Jack and Ben

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Positions

Critic

Social Development

2006.02.23

Minister

State - Public Health

2006.02.05 - 2003.12.12

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities

Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Maurizio Bevilacqua Official Opposition Critic for Competitiveness and New Economy

Constituency: Vaughan

Province: Ontario

Population: 112,049

Municipalities: Vaughan

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

1993.10.25

1990.12.10

1988.11.21

Critic

Competitiveness and the New Economy

2006.02.23

Positions

Secretary of State

International Financial Institutions

2003.12.11 - 2002.05.26

Science, Research and Development

2002.05.25 - 2002.01.15

Parliamentary Secretary

Labour (Human Resources
Development)

1995.09.05 - 1993.12.06

Employment and Immigration
(Human Resources Development)

1996-02.22 - 1993.12.06

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Personal History

Profession

- Consultant

Family

Wife: Elena

Children: Jean-Paul
and Victoria

Date and place of birth

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Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



Mr. Ken Boshcoff Official Opposition Associate Critic for Natural Resources

Constituency: Thunder Bay – Rainy River

Province: Ontario

Population: 85,775

Municipalities: Thunder Bay, Fort
Frances, Oliver Paipoonge, Atikokan

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

1988.11.21

1984.09.04

Positions

Critic

Natural Resources

2006.02.23

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Agriculture and Agri-Food

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities – Chair
- Government Operations and Estimates

Political Experience

Municipal

- 1997 to 2003, Mayor of the City of Thunder Bay
- 1978 to 1997, elected city councillor for the City of Thunder Bay
- Only elected official who has been the president of three major municipal associations (Ontario Roads Association, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario)

Personal History

Profession

- Insurance advisor
- Lecturer
- Marketing manager

Family

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Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Scott Brison Official Opposition Environment Critic

Constituency: Kings – Hants

Province: Nova Scotia

Population: 79,286

Municipalities: East Hants, West Hants,
Kentville, Windsor, Wolfville

Positions

Critic

Environment
2006.02.23

Minister

Public Works and Government Services
2006.02.05 - 2003.12.12

Parliamentary Secretary

Prime Minister with special emphasis on
Canada-U.S.
2004.07.19 - 2003.12.12

Critic

Treasury Board
2003.12.10 - 2002.09.25

Regional Development
2003.09.09 - 2002.09.25

Finance
2003.12.10 - 2001.01.17

Industry
2001.09.18 - 2001.02.17

Treasury Board
2000.07.24 - 1998.01.26

National Revenue
2000.07.24 - 1998.01.26

Finance
2000.07.24 - 1998.01.26

International Trade
- 1998.01.25

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Environment and Sustainable Development

Personal History

Profession

- Businessman
- Investment banker

Family

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Date and place of birth

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28
2000.11.27
1997.06.02

Opposition Critics

Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Raymond Chan

Official Opposition Critic for the Canada Border Services Agency

Constituency: Richmond

Province: British Columbia

Population: 106,621

Municipalities: Richmond and Greater Vancouver

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

1997.06.02

1993.10.25

Positions

Critic

Canada Border Services Agency

2006.02.23 -

Minister

State - Multiculturalism

2006.02.05 - 2004.07.20

Secretary of State - Asia-Pacific

2001.01.08 - 1993.11.04

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Public Safety and National Security

Other

- Founder, the Vancouver Society in Support of Democratic Movement, 1989.

Personal History

Profession

- Professional engineer

Family

Two children

Date and place of birth

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Opposition Critics

Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Irwin Cotler

Official Opposition Critic for Public Safety

Constituency: Mount Royal

Province: Québec

Population: 98,346

Municipalities: Montréal

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1999.11.15

Personal History

Profession

- Lawyer
- Professor of law

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

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Positions

Critic

Public Safety

2006.02.23 -

Minister

Justice and Attorney General of Canada

2006.02.05 - 2003.12.12

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Public Safety and National Security
- Status of Women

Other

- Appointed Officer of the Order of Canada, 1992
- Former counsel to the National Coalition for Japanese-Canadian redress and the Coalition for Women's Human Rights in Conflict Situations
- Former Chair of the National Conference on Aboriginal Rights and the Canadian Justice System and Co-Chair of Canadian Helsinki Watch Group
- Only Canadian elected to the Paris-based Académie universelle des cultures (1993) and first recipient of the Justice Walter Tarnopolsky Memorial Medal and the Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award

Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Roy Cullen Official Opposition Critic for Natural Resources

Constituency: Etobicoke North

Province: Ontario

Population: 112,411

Municipalities: Toronto

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

1996.03.25

Positions

Critic

Natural Resources

2006.02.03 -

Parliamentary Secretary

Public Safety and Emergency

Preparedness

2006.02.05-2004.07.20

Finance

2001.09.12-1999.09.01

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Natural Resources

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Justice, Human Rights and Emergency Preparedness
- Subcommittee on National Security
- Subcommittee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Political Experience

Provincial

- 1998 to 1999, Chair of the Ontario Liberal Caucus
- Served as Assistant Deputy Minister in the British Columbia Ministry of Forests

Personal History

Profession

- Chartered accountant

Family

Wife: Ethne

Children: Peter

Date and place of birth

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Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Stéphane Dion Official Opposition Critic for Foreign Affairs

Constituency: Saint-Laurent - Cartierville

Province: Québec

Population: 100,747

Municipalities: Montréal

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

1996.03.25

Personal History

Profession

- Author
- Professor of political science

Family

Married with one daughter

Date and place of birth

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Positions

Critic

Foreign Affairs

2006.02.10 -

Minister

Environment

2006.02.05 - 2004.07.20

President of Queen's Privy Council

2003.12.11 - 1996.01.25

Intergovernmental Affairs

2003.12.11 - 1996.01.25

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Ken Dryden Official Opposition Critic for Health

Constituency: York Centre

Province: Ontario

Population: 113,420

Municipalities: Toronto

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Positions

Critic

Health

2006.02.10 -

Minister

Social Development

2006.02.05 - 2004.07.20

Political Background

Provincial

- Ontario's first Youth Commissioner

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Health

Personal History

Profession

- Executive Manager
- Lawyer
- Professional hockey player
- Writer

Family

Wife: Lynda

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Michael

Date and place of birth

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Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Wayne Easter Official Opposition Critic for Agriculture and Agri-Food

Constituency: Malpeque

Province: Prince Edward Island

Population: 33,064

Municipalities: Cornwall, Kensington,
Miltonvale Park, Borden-Carleton,
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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

1993.10.25

Positions

Critic

Agriculture and Agri-Food
2006.02.10 -

Minister

Solicitor General of Canada
2003.12.11 - 2002.10.22

Parliamentary Secretary

Agriculture and Agri-Food with Special
Emphasis on Rural Development
2006.02.05 - 2004.07.20

Fisheries and Oceans

1998.08.31 - 1997.07.10

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Agriculture and Agri-Food

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Agriculture and Agri-Food

Other

- National President and CEO of the National Farmers Union for 11 years
- Advisor and panelist for the Tri-national Exchange on Agriculture, the Environment and Free Trade Agreements with Canada, the United States and Mexico

Personal History

Profession

- Farmer

Family

Wife: Helen

Children: Kimberley
and Jamie

Date and place of birth

June 22, 1949 in North
Wiltshire, Prince
Edward Island

Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable John Godfrey Official Opposition Critic for Intergovernmental Affairs

Constituency: Don Valley West

Province: Ontario

Population: 115,537

Municipalities: Toronto

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

1993.10.25

Positions

Critic

Intergovernmental Affairs

2006.02.03 -

Minister

State - Infrastructure and Communities

2006.02.05 - 2004.07.20

Parliamentary Secretary

Prime Minister with special emphasis
on Cities

2004.07.19 - 2003.12.12

Canadian Heritage

1998.07.15 - 1997.07.10

International Cooperation

1997.07.09 - 1996.02.23

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Environment and Sustainable Development

Other

- Vice-President of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (one of Canada's leading research institutes specializing in social, economic and specific issues of national importance)
- Co-authored The Canada We Want – Competing Visions for the New Millennium in 1999.

Personal History

Profession

- Economist
- Historian
- Journalist
- Research administrator

Family

Wife: Trish

Date and place of birth

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Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Bill Graham Leader of the Official Opposition

Constituency: Toronto Centre

Province: Ontario

Population: 114,581

Municipalities: Toronto

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

1993.10.25

Personal History

Profession

- Lawyer
- Professor of law
- Teacher

Family

Wife: Catherine
Children: Katherine
and Patrick

Date and place of birth

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Montréal, Québec

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Positions

Leader of the Official Opposition

2006.02.06 -

Minister

National Defence

2006.02.05 - 2004.07.20

Foreign Affairs

2004.07.19 - 2003.12.12

Foreign Affairs

2003.12.11 - 2002.01.16

Critic

Prime Minister

1997.03.15 -

Other

- Earned special recognition from the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada for his exceptional service to the cause of co-operative housing in Toronto
- Spearheaded the Canadian Government's response to the December 2004 South-East Asia tsunami disaster

Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Albina Guarnieri Official Opposition Critic for Citizenship and Immigration

Constituency: Mississauga-East –
Cooksville

Province: Ontario

Population: 122,566

Municipalities: Mississauga

Personal History

Profession

- Businesswoman
- Management consultant
- Public servant

Family

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

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2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

1993.10.25

1988.11.21

Positions

Critic

Citizenship & Immigration
2006.02.10 -

Minister

Veterans Affairs
2006.02.05 - 2004.07.20

Associate Minister of National Defence
2004.07.19 - 2003.12.12

State - Civil Preparedness
2004.07.19 - 2003.12.12

Parliamentary Secretary

Communications - Canadian Heritage
1996.02.22 - 1993.12.06

Multiculturalism and Citizenship -
Canadian Heritage
1996.02.22 - 1993.12.06

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Citizenship & Immigration

Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Marlene Jennings Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition in the House

Constituency: Notre-Dame-de-Grâce –
Lachine

Province: Québec

Population: 101,698

Municipalities: Montréal

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28
2000.11.27
1997.06.02

Positions

Deputy House Leader of the
Official Opposition
2006.02.23 -

Parliamentary Secretary

Prime Minister with special emphasis in
Canada-U.S.
2005.10.06 - 2004.07.20

Solicitor General of Canada
2003.12.11 - 2002.01.13

International Cooperation
2003.01.12 - 2001.09.13

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Legislative Committee on Bill C-2
- Procedure and House Affairs

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics
- Industry, Natural Resources, Science and Technology Subcommittee on International Trade, Trade Disputes and Investment

Other

- Ten years experience in policing – member of the Quebec Police Commission and Deputy Commissioner for the Police Ethics for the Province of Quebec
- Professional experience in communication for women, Aboriginal peoples, and ethnic and racial minorities

Personal History

Profession

- Lawyer
- Senior public servant

Family

Husband: Luciano Del Negro
Children: Anne-Darla

Date and place of birth

November 10, 1951, in Longueuil, Québec

Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



Ms. Susan Kadis Official Opposition Associate Critic for Infrastructure and Communities

Constituency: Thornhill

Province: Ontario

Population: 116,840

Municipalities: Vaughan, Markham

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Positions

Critic

Associate Critic, Infrastructure and Communities

2006.02.23 -

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Public Safety and National Security – Vice-Chair
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security – Vice-Chair

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Status of Women – Chair
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure
- Liaison Committee
- Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament – Co-chair

Political Background

Municipal

- 1997 to 2004, elected to Vaughan city council
- 1988, elected as a school trustee

Personal History

Profession

- Newspaper publisher
- Volunteer worker

Family

Married mother of five

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Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Jim Karygiannis Official Opposition Associate Critic for Transportation

Constituency: Scarborough – Agincourt

Province: Ontario

Population: 110,669

Municipalities: Toronto

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

1993.10.25

1988.11.21

Positions

Critic

Associate Critic, Transportation

2006.02.23 -

Parliamentary Secretary

Human Resources and Skills
Development

2006.02.05 - 2005.10.07

Democratic Renewal

2006.02.05 - 2005.10.07

Transport

2005.10.06 - 2004.07.20

Transport with special emphasis on
Transport and Environment

2004.07.19 - 2003.12.12

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Citizenship & Immigration

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Transport
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure

Personal History

Profession

- Businessman
- Industrial engineer

Family

Married with five
daughters

Date and place of birth

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Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Jean Lapierre Official Opposition Critic for Industry

Constituency: Outremont

Province: Québec

Population: 96,693

Municipalities: Montréal

Positions

Critic

Industry
2006.02.23 -

Minister

Transport
2006.02.05 - 2004.07.20

State - Youth

1984.09.16 - 1984.06.30

State - Fitness and Amateur Sport

1984.09.16 - 1984.06.30

Deputy Leader of the House
of Commons

1984.09.16 - 1984.06.30

Parliamentary Secretary

State for External Affairs

1983.09.30 - 1982.10.01

State of Canada

1982.09.30 - 1981.10.01

State (Sports)

1982.09.30 - 1981.10.01

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Industry, Science and Technology

Personal History

Profession

- Communicator
- Lawyer
- Radio and television host

Family

Wife and two children

Date and place of birth

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Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28
1988.11.21
1984.09.04
1980.02.18
1979.05.22

Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Keith Martin Official Opposition Critic for Canadian International Development Agency

Constituency: Esquimalt – Juan de Fuca

Province: British Columbia

Population: 110,909

Municipalities: Saanich, Langford,
Esquimalt, Colwood, Sooke, View Royal,
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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28
2000.11.27
1997.06.02
1993.10.25

Positions

Critic

CIDA
2006.02.10 -

Financial
2004.01.13 - 2003.12.12

Latin America and Africa
2004.01.13 - 2001.06.18

International Financial Institutions
2003.12.11 - 2002.04.04

International Financial Institutions
2001.12.17 - 2001.06.18

Foreign Affairs
2000.07.31 - 2000.01.01

Health
1999.12.31 - 1998.10.08

International Human Rights
1997.06.19 - 1997.02.17

Parliamentary Secretary

National Defence
2006.02.05 - 2004.07.20

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Committees (38th Parliament)

- National Defence and Veterans Affairs

Other

- Successful in working with Health Partners International of Canada to spearhead an initiative that saw \$19 million worth of medical supplies and vaccinations delivered to tsunami survivors

Personal History

Profession

- Physician

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

April 13, 1960, in
London England

Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



Mr. Bill Matthews Official Opposition Critic for Fisheries and Oceans

Constituency: Random – Burin – St. George's

Province: Newfoundland and Labrador

Population: 76,089

Municipalities: Stephenville, Marytown, Channel-Port aux Basques, Clarenville, Grand Bank, Burin, Harbour Breton, Burgeo, Fortune, Stephenville Crossing

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28
2000.11.27
1997.06.02

Positions

Critic

Fisheries and Oceans
2006.02.10 -

Parliamentary Secretary

President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada
2003.01.12 - 2000.09.01

Intergovernmental Affairs
2003.01.12 - 2000.09.01

Critic

Fisheries and Oceans
- 1999.08.12

Progressive Conservative Party Deputy House Leader
1998 - 1998.01.26

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Fisheries and Oceans
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing committee on Fisheries and Oceans

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Fisheries and Oceans
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing committee on Fisheries and Oceans

Political Background

Provincial

- 1990 to 1995, served as Fisheries critic
- 1991 and 1993, appointed Opposition House Leader
- 1989, appointed Finance Critic
- 1988, appointed Minister of Career Development & Advanced Studies
- 1985, appointed Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth
- 1982, elected to the Newfoundland and Labrador Legislature as the representative for the Grand Banks district, re-elected in 1985, 1989, 1993

Personal History

Profession

- Teacher

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

July 22, 1947, in Grand Bank, Newfoundland

Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable John McCallum Official Opposition Critic for Finance

Constituency: Markham – Unionville

Province: Ontario

Population: 112,093

Municipalities: Markham

Positions

Critic

Finance

2006.02.10 -

Minister

Natural Resources (Acting)

2006.02.05 - 2005.09.26

Veterans Affairs

2004.07.19 - 2003.12.12

National Revenue

2004.07.19 - 2003.12.12

National Defence

2003.12.11 - 2002.05.26

Secretary of State - International

Financial Institutions

2002.05.25 - 2002.01.15

Parliamentary Secretary

Finance

2002.01.14 - 2001.09.13

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Finance

Other

- He has written on fiscal and monetary issues, comparative economic performance of OECD countries, Canada-U.S. economic integration, and other economic issues

Personal History

Profession

- Author
- Economist
- Professor

Family

Wife: Nancy Lim

Children: Three

Date and place of birth

April 9, 1950, in
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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Anita Neville Official Opposition Critic for Indian Affairs

Constituency: Winnipeg South Centre

Province: Manitoba

Population: 77,839

Municipalities: Winnipeg

Positions

Critic

Indian Affairs

2006.02.23 -

Parliamentary Secretary

Canadian Heritage

2006.02.05 - 2005.10.27

Status of Women

2006.02.05 - 2005.10.27

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
- Status of Women

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Status of Women – Chair
- Agenda and Procedure of the Status of Women – Chair
- Legislative Committee on Bill C-38
- Liaison Committee
- Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Political Experience

Provincial

- Economic Development consultant for the Province of Manitoba
- 1997 to 2000, Federal Policy Chair, Manitoba, member of the National Standing Committee on Policy and member of the Manitoba Provincial Executive
- 1995, candidate for River Heights constituency in the Manitoba provincial election

Municipal

- Long-time member of the Winnipeg School Division Number 1 Board of Trustees

Personal History

Profession

- Economic development consultant
- Public servant

Family

Three daughters

Date and place of birth

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Karen Redman Chief Opposition Whip

Constituency: Kitchener Centre

Province: Ontario

Population: 108,840

Municipalities: Kitchener

Positions

Whip

Chief Opposition Whip
2006.02.10 -

Chief Government Whip
2006.02.06 - 2004.07.20

Whip of the Liberal Party
2004.07.20 -

Parliamentary Secretary

Environment
2003.01.12 - 2001.09.13

Critic

Parliamentary Affairs
2002.12.17 -

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Procedure and House Affairs

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Procedure and House Affairs

Political Background

Municipal

- 1994 to 1997, Councillor for the City of Kitchener and Regional Municipality of Waterloo with committee involvement in Finance, Planning and Development, and Health and Social Services
- 1988, Trustee and Vice-Chair with the Waterloo County District Board of Education

Personal History

Profession

- Writer

Family

Husband: Warren
Children: Abby, Laura,
Joe and Jim

Date and place of birth

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23
2004.06.28
2000.11.27
1997.06.02

Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Geoff Regan Official Opposition Critic for Human Resources and Skills

Constituency: Halifax West

Province: Nova Scotia

Population: 79,933

Municipalities: Halifax

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1993.10.25

Personal History

Profession

- Administrator
- Barrister and solicitor
- Commercial lawyer
- Lawyer

Family

Wife: Kelly

Children: Three

Date and place of birth

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Positions

Critic

Human Resources and Skills Development

2006.02.23 -

Minister

Fisheries and Oceans

2006.02.05 - 2003.12.12

Parliamentary Secretary

Leader of the Government in the House of Commons

2003.12.11 - 2001.09.13

Regional Minister for Nova Scotia

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities

Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Lucienne Robillard Deputy Leader of the Opposition

Constituency: Westmount – Ville-Marie

Province: Québec

Population: 97,226

Municipalities: Montréal

Positions

Deputy Leader of the Opposition
2006.02.23

Minister

Intergovernmental Affairs
2006.02.05 - 2004.07.20

President of the Queen's Privy Council
2006.02.05 - 2004.07.20

Human Resources and Skills
Development
2005.05.16 - 2005.01.17

Economic Development Agency of
Canada for the Regions of Quebec
2004.07.19 - 2003.12.12

Industry
2004.07.19 - 2003.12.12

Crown Corporations
2003.12.11 - 2002.06.02

President of the Treasury Board
2003.12.11 - 1999.08.03

Infrastructure
2002.01.14 - 1999.08.03

Multiculturalism and Citizenship (Acting)
1996.06.18 - 1996.05.01

Political Background

Provincial

- January 1994, appointed Minister of Health and Social Services
- December 1993, appointed Minister of Education and Science
- November 1992, appointed Minister of Education
- October 1990, appointed Minister of Higher Education and Science
- October 1989, appointed Minister of Cultural Affairs
- September 1989, elected to the Quebec National Assembly for the Chambly riding

Personal History

Profession

- Social worker

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

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Dates elected

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2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

1995.02.13

Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Andy Scott Official Opposition Critic for Infrastructure and Communities

Constituency: Fredericton

Province: New Brunswick

Population: 82,782

Municipalities: Fredericton, Oromocto,
Lincoln, New Maryland, Burton, Minto,
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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

1993.10.25

Positions

Critic

Infrastructure and Communities

2006.02.23 -

Minister

Indian Affairs and Northern Development

2006.02.05 - 2004.07.20

Federal Interlocutor for Metis and Non-
Status Indians

2006.02.05 - 2004.07.20

State - Infrastructure

2004.07.19 - 2003.12.12

Solicitor General of Canada

1998.11.22 - 1997.06.11

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Transport, Infrastructure and
Communities

Political Experience

Provincial

- Senior Policy Advisor to New Brunswick
Premier Frank McKenna
- Assistant Deputy Minister in the
Department of Intergovernmental
Affairs
- Director of Official Languages

Personal History

Profession

- Senior public servant

Family

Wife: Denise
Children: Nathan,
Nicholas, Noah

Date and place of birth

March 16, 1955, in
Barker's Point, New
Brunswick

Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Belinda Stronach Official Opposition Critic for Transportation

Constituency: Newmarket – Aurora

Province: Ontario

Population: 105,955

Municipalities: Newmarket, Aurora

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Positions

Critic

Transport

2006.02.23 -

Minister

Human Resources and Skills
Development

2006.02.05 - 2005.05.17

Democratic Renewal

2006.02.05 - 2005.05.17

Critic

International Trade

2005.05.16 - 2004.07.22

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Transport, Infrastructure and Communities

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Foreign Affairs and International Trade
- Subcommittee on International Trade, Trade Disputes and Investment

Political Experience

Provincial

- Has served on the Ontario Task Force on Productivity, Competitiveness and Economic Progress

Personal History

Profession

- Businesswoman

Family

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Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



Mr. Alan Tonks Official Opposition Associate Critic for Democratic Reform

Constituency: York-South – Weston

Province: Ontario

Population: 114,539

Municipalities: Toronto

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

Positions

Critic

Associate Critic, Democratic Reform

2006.02.23 -

Parliamentary Secretary

Environment

2003.12.11 - 2003.01.13

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Legislative Committee on Bill C-2
- Natural Resources

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Environment and Sustainable Development Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development

Political Background

Municipal

- Chair of the Greater Toronto Area Caucus
- Member of the Prime Minister's Caucus Task Force on Urban Issues
- 1997, Chairman and CEO of the Greater Toronto Services Board
- 1988 to 1997, Chair of the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto
- 1982 to 1998, Mayor of the City of York

Personal History

Profession

- Teacher

Family

Wife: Cecile

Children: Three

Date and place of birth

April 2, 1943, in Toronto, Ontario

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Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



The Honourable Bryon Wilfert Official Opposition Associate Critic for Foreign Affairs

Constituency: Richmond Hill

Province: Ontario

Population: 109,394

Municipalities: Richmond Hill

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

Positions

Critic

Associate Critic, Foreign Affairs

2006.02.23 -

Parliamentary Secretary

Environment

2006.02.05 - 2004.07.20

Finance

2003.12.11 - 2002.02.19

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Foreign Affairs and International Trade
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Environment and Sustainable Development
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure

Political Experience

Municipal

- 1996 to 1997, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- 1995 to 1996, President of the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association
- 1985 to 1997, Municipal councillor for the Town of Richmond Hill

Personal History

Profession

- Teacher

Family

Wife: Elizabeth

Date and place of birth

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Opposition Critics, Liberal Party of Canada



Mr. Borys Wrzesnewskyj Official Opposition Associate Critic for Foreign Affairs

Constituency: Etobicoke Centre

Province: Ontario

Population: 111,792

Municipalities: Toronto

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Positions

Critic

Associate Critic, Foreign Affairs

2006.02.23

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Public Accounts

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
- Public Accounts
- Transport

Personal History

Profession

- Entrepreneur

Family

To follow

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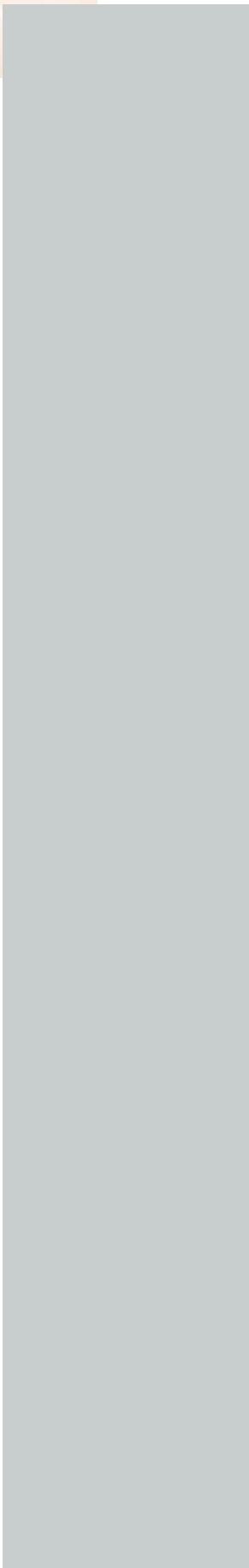
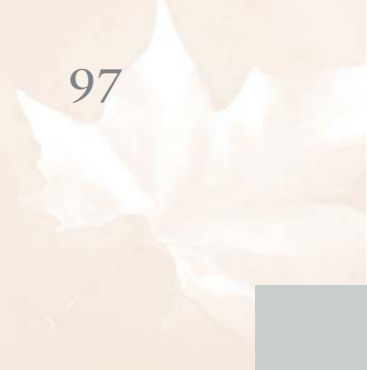
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Opposition Critics, Bloc Québécois



M. Bernard Bigras Environment Critic

Constituency: Rosemont –
La Petite-Patrie

Province: Québec

Population: 103 458

Municipalities: Montréal

Personal History

Profession

- Political adviser
- Economist

Family

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Parliamentary History

Dates Elected

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2004.06.28
2000.11.27
1997.06.02

Positions

Critic

Environment
2006.02.10

Bloc Québécois Caucus Chair

1998.06.17 - 2000.01.01

Critic

Environment
2000.12.20 -

Cultural Communities
1999.06.30 - 2000.12.19

Citizenship and Immigration
1999.06.30 - 2000.12.19

Children and Youth
1998.09.15 - 1999.06.29

Environment
- 1998.09.14

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Environment and Sustainable Development – Vice-chair

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Environment and Sustainable Development – Vice-chair
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development

Political Background

Provincial

- 1994 to 1997, Political Advisor to the office of the minister responsible for Industry and Commerce and Member of the National Assembly for Rosemont

Other

- Founding member of a coalition opposing the St. Lawrence Seaway System expansion project
- Set up a coalition with partners in order to force the federal government to ratify the Kyoto protocol on climatic changes

Opposition Critics, Bloc Québécois



M^{me} Paule Brunelle Intergovernmental Affairs and Privy Council Critic

Constituency: Trois-Rivières

Province: Québec

Population: 92,206

Municipalities: Trois-Rivières

Personal History

Profession

- Executive director
- Businesswoman

Family

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Parliamentary History

Dates Elected

2006.01.23
2004.06.28

Positions

Critic

Privy Council
2006.02.10 -

Intergovernmental Affairs
2006.02.10 -

Official Languages
2005.09.08 - 2006.02.09

Francophonie, International
2005.09.08 - 2006.02.09

Status of Women
2004.08.06 - 2005.09.07

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Official Languages

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Status of Women
- Official Languages
- Subcommittee on Solicitation Laws of the Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee of the Status of Women

Other

- 1988 to 2004, Executive Director, Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de la Mauricie
- 1984 to 1988, Director of Recreation, Champlain Township
- Member of the Conseil régional en économie sociale (CRES)
- Member of the board of directors of the Solidarité rurale Mauricie

Opposition Critics, Bloc Québécois



M. Robert Carrier Transport Deputy Critic

Constituency: Alfred-Pellan

Province: Québec

Population: 99,841

Municipalities: Laval

Personal History

Profession

- Political advisor,
- Project coordinator,
- Engineer

Family

to follow

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Parliamentary History

Dates Elected

2006.01.23
2004.06.28

Positions

Critic

Transport Deputy Critic
2006.02.10

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Transport, Infrastructure and Communities

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Transport

Political Background

Provincial

- 1980 to 1984, Project Manager, Ministère des Travaux publics et de l'Approvisionnement
- 1978 to 1979, Political Advisor, ministère des Transports du Québec

Opposition Critics, Bloc Québécois



M. Paul Crête Industry Critic

Constituency: Montagny – L'Islet –
Kamouraska – Rivière-du-Loup

Province: Québec

Population: 97,126

Municipalities: Rivière-du-Loup,
Montagny, La Pocatière, L'Islet,
Saint-Pascal, Saint-Jean-Port-Joli,
Saint-Antonin, Cap-Saint-Ignace,
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Parliamentary History

Dates Elected

2006.01.23
2004.06.28
2000.11.27
1997.06.02
1993.10.25

Personal History

Profession

- School administrator

Family

to follow

Date and Place of Birth

April 8, 1953, in
Hérouxville, Québec

Positions

Critic

Industry
2006.02.10 -

Children and Youth
2002 - 2002.06.26

Human Resources Development
1997.01.01 - 2002.06.26

Pension Reform
1998 -

Transport
- 1998

Rural Solidarity
- 1998

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Industry, Science and Technology –
Vice-chair

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Industry, Natural Resources, Science
and Technology – Vice-chair

Political Background

Provincial

- 1990 to 1991, Chief editor of the report
presented to the Commission sur
l'avenir politique et constitutionnel du
Québec by the Parti Québécois, eastern
Québec region
- 1987 to 1988, Regional President of the
Parti Québécois, eastern Québec region
- 1979 to 1984, Advisor in Human
Resources Management to the min-
istère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et
de l'Alimentation
- 1975 to 1979, Personnel Selection
Officer within the Québec civil service

Political Background

Municipal

- 1991 to 1992, President of the Comité
d'aide au développement des
collectivités de Kamouraska

Opposition Critics, Bloc Québécois



M. Gilles Duceppe Leader of the Bloc Québécois

Constituency: Laurier–Sainte-Marie

Province : Québec

Population: 100,488

Municipalities: Montréal

Personal History

Profession

- Union organizer

Family

to follow

Date and Place of Birth

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Parliamentary History

Dates Elected

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2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

1993.10.25

1990.08.13

Positions

Leader of the Bloc Québécois

Leader of the Official Opposition

1997.03.15 - 1997.06.01

Official Opposition House Leader and

Bloc Québécois House Leader

1996.02.22 - 1997.03.15

Leader of the Official Opposition

(deputy)

1996.01.15 - 1996.02.16

Chief Opposition Whip

1993.10.26 - 1996.02.21

Critic

Prime Minister

1997.03.15 -

Political Background

Provincial

- 1991 to 1992, Member of the national executive of Mouvement-Québec
- 1990 to 1991, Alternate member of the Commission sur l'avenir politique et constitutionnel du Québec (Bélanger-Campeau Commission)

Other

- 1988 to 1993, Member of the executive council of the Solidarité populaire Haut-Richelieu
- 1983 to 1990, Union Counsellor to the Confédération des syndicats nationaux

Opposition Critics, Bloc Québécois



M. Roger Gaudet Infrastructure and Communities Deputy Critic

Constituency: Montcalm

Province: Québec

Population: 105,678

Municipalities: Terrebonne, Mascouche, Saint-Lin-Laurentides, Sainte-Julienne, Saint Calixte, Saint-Jacques, Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan

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Parliamentary History

Dates Elected

2006.01.23
2004.06.28
2002.12.09

Positions

Critic

Infrastructure and Communities
Deputy Critic
2006.02.10

Public Works and Government Services
2004.01.09 - 2004.08.05

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Agriculture and Agri-Food
- Veterans Affairs

Political Background

Municipa

- 1989 to 2003, Mayor of Saint-Liguori
- 1993 to 2002, Reeve of the MRC Montcalm
- 1998 to 2002, Founding President of the Montcalm Local Development Centre
- 1995 to 2002, Member of the board of directors and executive of the Québec Federation of Municipalities
- 1995 to 2002, Treasurer of the Lanaudière Regional Development Council
- 1993 to 2002, Member of the Lanaudière Reeve's Table
- 1985 to 1989, Municipal Councillor

Other

- Since 1999, Second Vice-President of the Montcalm CLSC and CHSLD (Residential and Long-Term Care Centre)
- 1999, Member of the Québec Transportation Infrastructure Committee

Personal History

Profession

- Restaurant owner

Family

to follow

Date and Place of Birth

March 26, 1945, in Saint-Liguori, Québec

Opposition Critics, Bloc Québécois



M. Mario Laframboise Transport, Infrastructure and Communities Critic

Constituency: Argenteuil – Papineau – Mirabel

Province: Québec

Population: 98,467

Municipalities: Mirabel, Lachute, Brownsburg-Chatham, Pointe-Calumet, Saint-Joseph-du-Lac, Saint-André-Avellin, Oka, Saint-André-d'Argenteuil, Thurso, Saint-Adolphe-d'Howard

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Parliamentary History

Dates Elected

2006.01.23
2004.06.28
2000.11.27

Positions

Critic

Public Safety
2006.02.10 -

Transport
2006.02.10

Infrastructure and Communities
2006.02.10

Infrastructure
2006.02.09 - 2004.08.06

Transport
2004.08.05 - 2000.12.20

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Transport, Infrastructure and Communities - Vice-Chair

Political Background

Provincial

- Respectively in 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000: Member of Decision Table for the Summit on Private Forest, the Summit on Cultural Policy, the Forum on Agriculture and the Youth Summit organized by the Government of Québec

Political Background

Municipal

- 1997 to 2000, President of the Québec Union of Municipalities
- 1996 to 2000, Member of the Québec-Regions Round Table
- 1991 to 2000, Member of the Québec-Municipalities Round Table
- 1991 to 2000, President of the Outaouais Regional Development Council
- Since 1990, Joint Chair of the Committee for the Defence of Highways 13 and 50
- 1988 to 2000, Member of the board of directors of the Québec Union of Municipalities
- 1987 to 2000, Reeve of the regional county municipality of Papineau
- 1983 to 2000, Mayor of the municipality of the Parish of Notre-Dame-de-la-Paix
- 1999, Negotiator of the Fiscal Agreement between the Government of Québec and the Municipalities
- 1995 to 1997, First Vice-President of the Québec Union of Municipalities
- 1996, Member of the Municipalities-Regions Project for the Socio-Economic Summit of the Government of Québec
- 1993 to 1995, Treasurer of the Québec Union of Municipalities

Personal History

Profession

- Notary

Family

to follow

Date and Place of Birth

November 7, 1957, in Notre-Dame-de-la-Paix, Québec

Opposition Critics, Bloc Québécois



M^{me} Francine Lalonde Foreign Affairs Critic

Constituency: La Pointe-de-l'Île

Province: Québec

Population: 98,878

Municipalities: Montréal

Personal History

Profession

- Lecturer
- Teacher
- Unionist

Family

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Date and Place of Birth

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Parliamentary History

Dates Elected

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2004.06.28
2000.11.27
1997.06.02
1993.10.25

Positions

Critic

Foreign Affairs
2006.02.10

Foreign Affairs
1999.06.30 -

Industry
1999.06.29 - 1997

Human Resources Development
1997 - 1992

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Foreign Affairs and International Trade – Vice-chair
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade – Vice-chair
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Political Background

Provincial

- 1985, Minister assigned to the Status of Women in the Lévesque government

Opposition Critics, Bloc Québécois



M. Yves Lessard Human Resources and Social Development Critic

Constituency: Chambly-Borduas

Province: Québec

Population: 104,995

Municipalities: Beloeil, Chambly, Mont-Saint-Hilaire, Saint-Basile-le-Grand, Marieville, Otterburn Park, Carignan, Richelieu, McMasterville, Saint-Mathias-sur-Richelieu

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Parliamentary History

Dates Elected

2006.01.23
2004.06.28

Positions

Critic

Human Resources and Social
Development
2006.02.10 -

Human Resources and Skills
Development
2003.12.12 - 2006.02.09

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities
- Subcommittee on the Employment Insurance Funds of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities
- Subcommittee on the Employment Insurance Funds of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities - Vice-Chair

Political Background

Municipal

- 2001 to 2004, Municipal Councillor for Saint-Basile-le-Grand, responsible for the Committee on Social Housing
- 1991 to 1998, Spokesperson of the Saint-Basile-le-Grand citizens' vigilance committee following the Saint-Basile-le-Grand fire of PCBs, stored by the government, which took place on August 23, 1988
- Responsible for the file on the development of the city of Saint-Basile-le-Grand, including social housing and the revitalization of the downtown core

Personal History

Profession

- Union advisor
- Businessman

Family

to follow

Date and Place of Birth

January 2, 1943, in St-Blaise-de-Blarville, Québec

Opposition Critics, Bloc Québécois



M. Yvan Loubier Finance Critic

Constituency: Saint-Hyacinthe – Bagot

Province: Québec

Population: 94,084

Municipalities: Saint-Hyacinthe, Acton Vale, Saint-Pie, Sainte-Madeleine, Saint-Dominique

Personal History

Profession

- Economist
- Consultant in economic policies and international trade

Family

to follow

Date and Place of Birth

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Parliamentary History

Dates Elected

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2004.06.28
2000.11.27
1997.06.02
1993.10.25

Positions

Critic

Finance
2006.02.10

Finance
2004.08.06 -

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
2004.01.19 - 2004.08.05

Intergovernmental Affairs
2002.06.27 - 2004.08.05

Indian Affairs and Northern Development
2002.06.27 - 2004.08.05

International Financial Institutions
2000.12.20 - 2002.06.26

Western Economic Diversification
1998 - 1999.06.29

Finance

1993 - 2001

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Finance – Vice-chair
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Finance

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Finance – Vice-chair
- Subcommittee on Fiscal Imbalance – Chair
- Subcommittee on Fiscal Imbalance – Chair
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Finance

Political Background

Provincial

- 1991 to 1993, President of the Political Commission and member of the Executive Board of the Bloc Québécois
- 1991 to 1992, Responsible for economic research and editor for Jean Campeau's Souveraineté Québec Inc.
- 1990 to 1991, Analyst and Editor for the nine non-aligned commissioners of the Bélanger-Campeau Commission on the future of Quebec
- 1988 to 1992, Consultant for the Parti Québécois and Jacques Parizeau on the issue of international commerce and for the GATT accord which has become the WTO
- Co-author of the electoral platform of the BQ

Political Background

Municipal

- Since 2004, Co-chair of the Comité Info-Crime de la MRC d'Acton
- Since 2001, Co-chair of the Comité Info-Crime de la MRC des Maskoutains
- 1986 to 1991, Principal Economist and Consultant to the President of l'Union des producteurs agricoles, M. Jacques Proulx

Opposition Critics, Bloc Québécois



M. Serge Ménard Public Safety Critic

Constituency: Marc-Aurèle-Fortin

Province : Québec

Population: 99,044

Municipalities Laval, Sainte-Thérèse,
Rosemère, Lorraine, Bois-des-Filion

Personal History

Profession

- Lawyer
- Lecturer
- Professor

Family

to follow

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Parliamentary History

Dates Elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Positions

Critic

Public Safety

2006.02.10 -

Public Safety and Emergency
Preparedness

2006.02.09 - 2004.08.06

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Public Safety and National Security
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development – Vice-chair
- Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
- Subcommittee on National Security
- Subcommittee on Public Safety and National Security – Vice-chair

Political Background

Provincial

- 1997 to 1998, Minister of Justice, Attorney General of Québec
- 1996 to 1997, Minister responsible for the Montréal region in the National Assembly

Opposition Critics, Bloc Québécois



M^{me} Caroline St. Hilaire International Cooperation Critic

Constituency: Longueuil – Pierre-Boucher

Province: Québec

Population: 96,403

Municipalities: Longueuil

Parliamentary History

Dates Elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

Personal History

Profession

- Administrator
- Consultant
- Executive manager

Family

to follow

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Positions

Critic

International Cooperation

2006.02.10 -

Transport

2004.08.06 - 2006.02.09

Sport

2003.06.20 - 2004.08.05

Amateur Sport

2003 - 2003.06.19

Persons with Hearing Disabilities

2001.09.14 - 2004.08.05

Persons with Disabilities

2001.02.06 - 2001.09.13

Amateur Sport

1999.06.30 - 2000.12.19

Status of Women

- 2000.12.19

Bloc Québécois Deputy House Leader

2000.12.20 - 2004.08.05

Committees (39th Parliament)

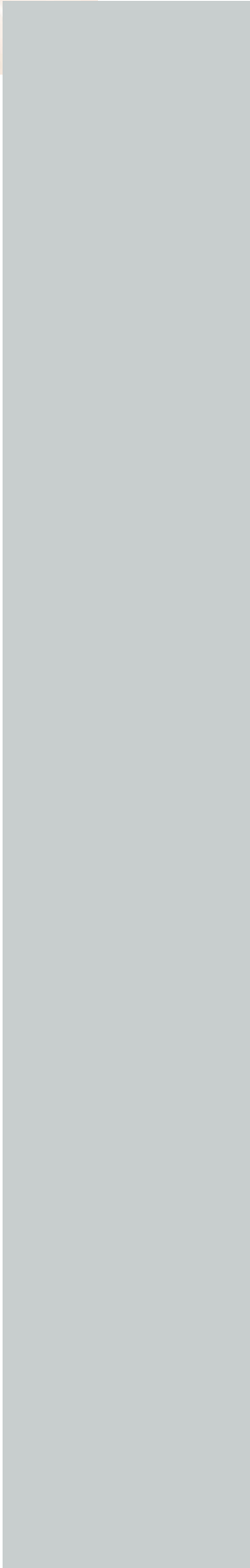
- Government Operations and Estimates

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Transport – Vice-chair
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Transport

Key Parliamentary Contacts

Opposition Critics: New Democratic Party



Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



Ms. Catherine Bell Natural Resources Critic Western Diversification Critic

Constituency: Vancouver Island North

Province: British Columbia

Population: 109,380

Municipalities: Campbell River, Courtenay, Comox, Comox-Strathcona C, Comox-Strathcona B, Port Hardy, Comox-Strathcona A, Comox-Strathcona D, Comox-Strathcona J, Port McNeill

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23

Positions Critic

Natural Resources
2006.02.14 -

Western Economic Diversification
2006.02.14 -

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Natural Resources - Vice-Chair

Political Background

Provincial

- Member of the Social Planning and Research Council of B.C.
- Served on the Social Justice Committee of the B.C. Federation of Labour

Municipal

- Member and volunteer with Co-Development Canada (an organization that works to form partnerships between groups in B.C. and in Latin America in order to build alliances for social change), Comox Valley Coalition to Save Social Programs, and Comox Valley Women to Women Global Strategies

Personal History

Profession

- Administrator
- Cook
- Labour and social activist

Family

Partner, Roger Kishi

Date and place of birth

1954 in Vancouver, British Columbia

Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



Mr. Dennis Bevington Northern Development Critic Natural Resources Deputy Critic (for Energy)

Constituency: Western Arctic
Territory: Northwest Territories
Population: 37,360

Municipalities: Yellowknife, Hay River, Inuvik, Fort Smith, Rae-Edzo, Fort Simpson, Tuktoyaktuk, Aklavik, Fort McPherson, Fort Providence

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23

Positions Critic

Natural Resources Deputy Critic - Energy
2006.02.14 -
Northern Development
2006.02.14 -

Political Background Provincial

- 2001 and 2002, Special Advisor on Energy to the Premier of the Northwest Territories

Municipal

- 1999 to 2001, federal government representative on the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
- 1995 to 1997, Co-Chair of the Constitutional Development Steering Committee for the Western Arctic
- 1992 to 1997, Chair of the Steering Committee for the South Slave Research Centre
- 1988 to 1997, Mayor of Fort Smith
- Served on the Green Funds Council of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, responsible for the assessment of municipal projects under the Green Infrastructure Program

Personal History

Profession

- Administrator
- Businessman
- Manager

Family

Married with two children and three grandchildren

Date and place of birth

1953 in Fort Smith, Northwest Territories

Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



The Honourable Rev. Bill Blaikie New Democratic Party Deputy Leader Democratic & Electoral Reform Critic Labour Critic

Constituency: Elmwood-Transcona

Province: Manitoba

Population: 77,997

Municipalities: Winnipeg

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1997.06.02 / 1993.10.25 / 1988.11.21
1984.09.04 / 1980.02.18 / 1979.05.22

Positions

Critic

Electoral Reform

2006.02.14 -

Democratic Reform

2006.02.14 -

Labour

2006.02.14 -

Deputy Prime Minister

2006.02.05 - 2004.07.22

Public Health

2005.01.30 - 2004.07.22

Health

2005.01.30-2004.07.22

National Defence

2006.02.05 - 2003.02.04

Veterans Affairs

2004.07.21 - 2003.02.04

Prime Minister

2004.07.21 - 2003.02.04

International Trade

2004.07.21 - 2003.02.04

Globalization

2004.07.21 - 2003.02.04

Solicitor General

2003.02.03 - 2001.02.23

Parliamentary Reform

2003.02.03 - 2001.01.23

Justice

2003.02.03 - 2001.01.23

Leader of the Government in the House
of Commons

2003.02.03 - 1996.01.11

Intergovernmental Affairs

- 2003.02.03

International Trade

- 2001.01.22

Veterans Affairs

- 1998

National Defence

- 1998

Foreign Affairs

- 1998

Parliamentary Leader of the NDP

2004.06.27 - 2003.01.26

NDP House Leader

2003.02.05 - 1996.01.11

NDP Deputy House Leader

1993 - 1993.01.02

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Health
- National Defence
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure

Personal History

Profession

- Clergyperson

Family

Wife: Brenda

Children: Four

Date and place of birth

June 19, 1951, in
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



Ms. Olivia Chow Children and Youth Critic (including childcare and child poverty) Toronto Waterfront Critic Citizenship and Immigration Deputy Critic (for Toronto)

Personal History

Profession

To follow

Family

Husband, NDP Leader
Jack Layton; two adult
children

Date and place of birth

1957 in Hong Kong

Constituency: Trinity – Spadina

Province: Ontario

Population: 106,094

Municipalities: Toronto

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23

Positions

Critic

Childcare
2006.02.14 -

Child Poverty
2006.02.14 -

Children
2006.02.14 -

Youth
2006.02.14 -

Toronto Waterfront
2006.02.14 -

Political Background

Municipal

- Since 1997, Toronto's first Children and Youth advocate
- 1997, elected to Toronto City Council, Trinity-Spadina ward, and re-elected three times afterward
- 1991, elected as a Metro Councillor, first Asian woman elected at the municipal level in Toronto
- 1985, elected as a school trustee
- Voted best City Councillor seven times by the readers of Now magazine
- Voted best local politician four times by the readers of Eye magazine
- Chair of Community Services Committee
- Toronto Community Housing Corporation, Board Member
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Board Member
- Toronto Island Airport Community Advisory Committee, Co-Chair
- Toronto Police Services Board
- Toronto Transit Commission, Vice-Chair

Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



Mr. David Christopherson Public Accounts Critic Revenue Canada Critic Infrastructure and Communities Critic Industry Deputy Critic (for Steel)

Personal History

Profession

- Director
- Political assistant
- Union officer

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

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Province: Ontario

Population: 118,186

Municipalities: Hamilton

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Positions

Critic

Infrastructure and Communities

2006.02.14 -

National Revenue

2006.02.14 -

Public Accounts

2005.02.31 -

Labour

2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Infrastructure and Communities

2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Infrastructure

2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Steel Policy

2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

City and Community Infrastructure

2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Public Accounts
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Public Accounts
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure

Political Background

Provincial

- 2001, elected Deputy Speaker of the Ontario Legislature
- 1999, appointed NDP House leader in the Ontario Legislature
- 1990, 1995 and 1999 Member of the Ontario Legislature for Hamilton Centre
- Served as Solicitor General in the Ontario government

Municipal

- Several terms as a Municipal Alderman and Regional Councillor

Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



Mr. Joe Comartin Justice Critic Public Safety Critic

Constituency: Windsor - Tecumseh

Province: Ontario

Population: 116,466

Municipalities: Windsor, Tecumseh

Personal History

Profession

- Lawyer
- Managing director

Family

Married to Maureen for 35 years;
Children: Heidi, Adam and Eric

Date and place of birth

December 26, 1947, in Stoney Point, Ontario

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28
2000.11.27

Positions

NDP Deputy House Leader
2006.02.27 -

Critic

Public Safety
2006.02.14 -

Justice
2006.02.4 -

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Great Lakes Ecosystem
2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Solicitor General
2005.04.03 - 2004.07.22

Justice
2004.07.22 -

Multiculturalism
2004.07.21 - 2003.02.04

Energy
2004.07.21 - 2003.02.04

Environment
2004.07.21 - 2001.01.23

Natural Resources
2003.02.03 - 2001.01.23

Tourism
2003.02.03 - 2001.01.23

National Parks
2003.02.03 - 2001.01.23

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Justice and Human Rights
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights
- Public Safety and National Security - Vice-Chair
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security - Vice-Chair

Political Background

Municipal

- As a student worked with Pollution Probe and the Canadian Environmental Law Association
- First Chairperson of the Children's Services Committee of the City of Windsor
- Served on the City of Windsor's Emergency and Health Services Inquiry Commission
- Founding member of five different non-profit housing organizations in Essex County

Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



Ms. Jean Crowder NDP Deputy Whip Aboriginal Critic Fisheries Deputy Critic (for Western Fisheries)

Constituency: Nanaimo – Cowichan

Province: British Columbia

Population: 116,754

Municipalities: Nanaimo, North Cowichan, Ladysmith, Cowichan Valley B, Nanaimo A, Duncan, Cowichan Valley C, Cowichan Valley E, Nanaimo B, Cowichan Valley A

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28

Positions

Whip
Deputy Whip of the NDP
2006.02.27 -

Critic

Aboriginal
2006.02.14 -

Fisheries Deputy Critic
2006.02.14 -

Health
2006.02.13 - 2005.01.31

Natural Resources
2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Community Economic Development
2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Status of Women
2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Forestry
2005.01.30 - 2004.07.22

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development – Vice-Chair
- Private Members' Business

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Status of Women – Vice-Chair
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure
- Health

Political Background

Municipal

- Two years as a municipal councillor for North Cowichan serving on committees on Technical Planning, Administration and Finance and Protective Services
- Member of the Harbour Commission and the Community Safety Advisory Committee
- Served on Duncan Chamber of Commerce

Personal History

Profession

- Human resources consultant
- Manager

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

July 7, 1952, in
Montréal, Québec

Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



Mr. Nathan Cullen Environment Critic (including Parks)

Constituency: Skeena – Bulkley Valley

Province: British Columbia

Population: 99,474

Municipalities: Prince Rupert, Terrace, Kitimat, Bulkley-Nechako A, Smithers, Kitimat-Stikine E, Houston, Kitimat Stikine C (Part 1), Bulkley-Nechako B, Kitimat Stikine B

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Positions

Critic

Environment

2006.02.14

Youth

2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Environment

2004.07.22 -

National Parks

2004.07.22 -

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Environment and Sustainable Development

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Environment and Sustainable Development
- Agenda and Procedure

Political Background

Municipal

- Worked in community and economic development throughout Latin America, North America and Africa
- Leader in strategic planning and communication training for the non-profit, private and public sectors (in British Columbia)

Personal History

Profession

- Human resources consultant

Family

Wife: Diana

Date and place of birth

July 13, 1972, in Toronto, Ontario

Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



Mr. Paul Dewar Treasury Board Critic National Capital Commission Critic Crown Corporations Critic

Personal History

Profession

- Labour and social activist
- Teacher
- Union officer

Family

Wife: Julia Sneyd
Children: Two

Date and place of birth

1963 in Ottawa, Ontario

Constituency: Ottawa Centre

Province: Ontario

Population: 114,032

Municipalities: Ottawa

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23

Positions

Critic

National Capital Commission
2006.02.14 -

Crown Corporations
2006.02.14 -

Treasury Board
2006.02.14 -

Political Background

Provincial

- Constituency Assistant to MPP Evelyn Gigantes

Municipal

- Vice-President, Ottawa Carleton Elementary Teachers Federation
- Organized the Community Forum on Public Education
- Actively involved with the Coalition for a Healthy Ottawa and the Partnership for a Pesticide Bylaw
- Board Member, Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization

Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



Mr. Peter Julian Transportation Critic International Trade & Gateways Critic Vancouver Olympics Critic

Constituency: Burnaby – New
Westminster

Province: British Columbia

Population: 111,048

Municipalities: Burnaby, New
Westminster

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28

Positions

Critic

Vancouver-Whistler Olympics
2006.02.14 -

Transport
2006.02.14 -

Pacific Gateway and International Trade
2006.02.14 -

Treasury Board
2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Globalization
2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Persons with Disabilities
2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Persons with Hearing Disabilities
2005.01.30 - 2004.07.22

International Trade
2004.07.22 -

Committees (39th Parliament)

- International Trade
- Transport, Infrastructure and Communities

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Transport
- Subcommittee on International Trade, Trade Disputes and Investment of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade
- Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities
- Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities

Political Background

Municipal

- Executive Director of the Council of the Canadians
- Co-founder of the Burnaby-New Westminster Council of Canadians

Personal History

Profession

- Community activist
- Executive director
- Financial administrator
- Worker

Family

Wife: Micheline
Children: teenage son,
Stefan

Date and place of birth

April 16, 1962, in New
Westminster, British
Columbia

Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



The Honourable Jack Layton New Democratic Party Leader

Constituency: Toronto-Danforth

Province: Ontario

Population: 109,713

Municipalities: Toronto

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

Positions

Leader of the New Democratic Party

2003.01.25 -

Critic

Climate Change

2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Energy

2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Prime Minister

2004.07.22 -

Political Background

Municipal

- Elected councillor to Toronto City Council six times
- Past President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Homelessness advocate

Personal History

Profession

- Professor
- City Councillor

Family

Wife: Olivia Chow, MP;
Two adult children,
Sarah and Mike

Date and place of birth

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Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



Mr. Tony Martin Human Resources and Social Development Critic (including Social Policy) FedNor Critic

Constituency: Sault Ste. Marie

Province: Ontario

Population: 88,419

Municipalities: Sault Ste. Marie

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Positions

Critic

Human Resources and Social
Development - Social Policy

2006.02.14 -

FedNor

2006.02.14 -

Human Resources and Skills
Development

2006.02.13 - 2005.01.31

Social Development

2005.01.30 - 2004.07.22

Families and Caregivers

2005.01.30 - 2004.07.22

Human Resources Development

2005.01.30 - 2004.07.22

Federal Economic Development Initiative
for Northern Ontario

- 2004.07.22

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities
- Subcommittee on the Employment Insurance Funds of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities

Political Background

Provincial

- 1990, elected to Ontario Provincial Parliament (Sault Ste. Marie's longest serving MPP)

Municipal

- Served on Catholic School Board as a Trustee
- General Manager of a co-op housing construction company

Personal History

Profession

- Businessman
- Community-development worker

Family

Wife: Anna Celetti

Children: Four

Date and place of birth

August 31, 1948, in
Drogheda, County
Lough, Ireland

Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



Mr. Brian Masse Industry Critic (including Auto policy) Borders Critic

Constituency: Windsor West

Province: Ontario

Population: 117,041

Municipalities: Windsor

Canada Border Services

2004.07.22 -

Auto Policy

2004.07.22 -

National Revenue

2004.07.21-2003.02.04

Canada-USA Border and Trade Issues

2004.07.21-2003.02.04

Industry

2002.06.11 -

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Industry, Science and Technology

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Industry, Natural Resources, Science and Technology

Political Background

Municipal

- 1997, elected to Windsor City council and re-elected in 2000
- Served on committees: Chair of the Windsor Ethnic and Race Relations Committee, Vice Chair of the Essex Region Conservation Authority, Vice Chair of the Detroit River Canadian Clean Up Committee, Planning Advisory Committee, Windsor Advisory Committee on Disability Issues, and the Art Gallery of Windsor
- Board member for the Windsor Housing Authority, Riverfront Planning Committee, City Centre Business Improvement Association and Saanich Towne Business Improvement Association

Personal History

Profession

- Professor
- Program coordinator

Family

Wife: Terry Chow;
daughter, Alexandria,
son Wade

Date and place of birth

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2002.05.13

Positions

Critic

Industry - including auto policy

2006.02.14

Borders

2006.02.4

Science and Research

2006.02.14 -

Consumer Affairs

2006.02.14 -

Competitiveness and the New Economy

2006.02.14 -

Customs

2006.02.13-2004.07.22

Science, Research and Development

2006.02.13-2003.02.04

Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



Ms. Irene Mathysen Housing Critic Status of Women Critic

Constituency: London – Fanshawe

Province: Ontario

Population: 107,341

Municipalities: London

Personal History

Profession

- Community activist
- Teacher

Family

Daughter, Lindsay

Date and place of birth

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23

Positions Critic

Status of Women
2006.02.14 -
Housing
2006.02.14 -

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Status of Women - Vice-Chair

Political Background

Provincial

- 2004, elected a Vice-President to the Ontario Executive of the NDP
- 1990, as MPP in former Middlesex riding
- Served as assistant to the chief government whip, as Parliamentary Assistant to Ministers of Environment and as Associate Minister of Culture, Tourism and Recreation
- Member of the Ontario Health Coalition
- Served on the Political Action Committee of District 11 of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation

Municipal

- Fought city hall over the privatization of London Hydro

Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



Ms. Alexa McDonough Foreign Affairs Critic International Development Critic International Cooperation Critic

Constituency: Halifax

Province: Nova Scotia

Population: 88,931

Municipalities: Halifax

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

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2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

Positions

New Democratic Party – Leader

2003.01.24 - 1995.10.14

Critic

International Development

2006.02.14 -

International Cooperation

2006.02.14 -

Foreign Affairs

2006.02.14

CIDA

2006.02.14 -

Latin America and Africa

2006.02.14 -

Asia-Pacific

2006.02.14 -

Post-Secondary Education

2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Latin America and Africa

2005.01.30 - 2004.07.22

Asia-Pacific

2005.02.30 - 2004.07.22

International Human Rights

2004.07.21 - 2004.04.16

International Development

2004.07.21 - 2003.02.04

CIDA

2004.07.21 - 2003.02.04

Foreign Affairs

2003.02.04 -

Central and Eastern Europe
and Middle East

2003 - 2002.04.18

Prime Minister

2003.02.03 - 1997.06.02

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Foreign Affairs and International Trade
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Political Background

Provincial

- 1981 to 1995, Member of the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly
- 1981 to 1994, Leader of the Nova Scotia New Democrats (Canada's first woman elected to lead a major party in a provincial legislature)

Personal History

Profession

- Social Worker
- Social policy researcher

Family

Two sons (Justin and Travis) and three grandchildren

Date and place of birth

August 11, 1944, in Ottawa, Ontario

Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



Ms. Peggy Nash Public Works and Government Services Critic Infrastructure and Communities Deputy Critic (for Toronto)

Constituency: Parkdale – High Park

Province: Ontario

Population: 106,559

Municipalities: Toronto

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23

Positions

Critic
Public Works and Government Services
2006.02.14 -

Infrastructure and Communities Deputy
Critic - Toronto
2006.02.14 -

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Government Operations and Estimates
- Vice-Chair
- Subcommittee on Agenda and
Procedure of the Standing Committee
on Government Operations and
Estimates

Political Background

Municipal

- Internationally recognized Canadian
spokesperson on labour market, policy,
trade and the economy, human rights
and social policy
- Supported Eva's Phoenix, a community
project to assist homeless youth
- Winner of two gold awards from the
Sierra Club of Canada for environmental
leadership
- Awarded 2004 Certificate of Honour
from the City of Toronto for contribu-
tion to women's equality

Personal History

Profession

- Unionist

Family

Partner, Carl;
Three sons

Date and place of birth

June 28, 1951, in
Toronto, Ontario

Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



Ms. Penny Priddy Health Critic (Including Public Health) Disabilities Critic

Constituency: Surrey North

Province: British Columbia

Population: 106,904

Municipalities: Surrey

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Health

Political Background

Provincial

- 1991, elected Member of the British Columbia Legislative Assembly (re-elected in 1996)
- Served as Minister of Women's Equality, Minister of Tourism and Culture, Minister of Labour, Minister of Children and Families, Minister of Health and Minister of Education

Municipal

- 2002, Elected to Surrey City Council (member of the Finance, Police and Audit Committee, and the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel, the Surrey Public Library Board and the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee)
- 1987 and 1988, Chairperson of the Surrey School Board
- 1986, elected to Surrey School Board
- Canada's first Recreation Integration Coordinator for the City of Halifax
- Member of the Surrey Chamber of Commerce
- Member of the Standing Committee on Community Safety and Crime Prevention and the Standing Committee on Social Infrastructure of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Member of Canadian Women in Municipal Government

Personal History

Profession

- Instructor
- Nurse
- City councillor
- Provincial cabinet minister

Family

Husband: Robert
Children: two (son and daughter) and grandson

Date and place of birth

1944

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23

Positions

Critic

Disabilities
2006.02.14 -

Health - Public Health

2006.02.14 -

Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



Ms. Denise Savoie Intergovernmental Affairs Critic Post-Secondary Education Critic Literacy Critic Human Resources Deputy Critic (for Training)

Personal History

Profession

- Teacher

Family

Three children; three grandchildren

Date and place of birth

1945 in St-Boniface, Manitoba

Constituency: Victoria

Province: British Columbia

Population: 104,561

Municipalities: Saanich, Victoria, Oak Bay, Capital G, Capital H (Part 1)

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23

Positions Critic

Literacy
2006.02.14 -

Post Secondary Education
2006.02.14 -

Intergovernmental Affairs
2006.02.14 -

Human Resources Deputy Critic - Training
2006.02.14 -

Political Background

Provincial

- 1995 to 1998, Member of the Provincial Capital Commission Board

Municipal

- 1999 to 2005, Victoria City Councillor and Board member of the Capital Regional District
- Instrumental in establishing a regional housing trust, developing the greenways and trails network and spearheading the clean-up of Victoria Harbour
- Worked with Youth to develop Victoria's newly appointed Youth Council
- Provided expertise to an international project in Nicaragua to develop sustainable and effective political structures at the municipal level
- Capital Regional District – Chair, Roundtable on the Environment
- Capital Regional District – Member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Vice-chair of the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan Committee

Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



Mr. Bill Siksay Citizenship and Immigration Critic Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Issues Critic

Constituency: Burnaby – Douglas

Province: British Columbia

Population: 108,891

Municipalities: Burnaby

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

Positions

Critic

Citizenship and Immigration

2006.02.14

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and

Transgendered Issues

2006.02.14

Western Economic Diversification

2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Human Rights

2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Citizenship and Immigration

2004.07.22 -

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Citizenship & Immigration (CIMM)
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Legislative Committee on Bill C-38
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure on Citizenship and Immigration
- Joint Committee on Library of Parliament

Political Background

Provincial

- Has served on provincial riding associations

Personal History

Profession

- Political assistant

Family

Partner, Brian Burke

Date and place of birth

March 11, 1955, in Oshawa, Ontario

Opposition Critics, New Democratic Party



Mr. Peter Stoffer Fisheries & Oceans Critic Veterans Affairs Critic Industry Deputy Critic (for Shipbuilding)

Constituency: Sackville – Eastern Shore

Province: Nova Scotia

Population: 83,655

Municipalities: Halifax

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Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28
2000.11.27
1997.06.02

Positions Critic

Fisheries and Oceans
2006.02.14 -

Veterans Affairs
2006.02.14 -

Industry Deputy Critic - Shipbuilding
2006.02.14 -

Seniors
2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Shipbuilding
2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Sport
2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Veterans Affairs

2004.07.22 -

Natural Resources

2004.07.21 - 2003.02.04

Tourism

2004.07.21 - 2003.02.04

National Parks

2004.07.21 - 2003.02.04

Regional Development

2004.07.21 - 2001.01.23

Rural Development

2004.07.21 - 2001.01.23

Veterans Affairs

2003.02.03 - 2001.01.23

National Defence

2003.02.03 - 2001.01.23

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

2003.02.03 - 2001.01.23

Canada Post Corporation

- 2000.01.25

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Fisheries and Oceans
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing committee on Fisheries and Oceans
- Veterans Affairs

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Fisheries and Oceans – Vice-Chair
- Agenda and Procedure – Vice-Chair
- Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs

Political Background

Municipal

- Member of the Community Advisory Committee at the Halifax International Airport

Personal History

Profession

- Manager

Family

Wife: Andrea
Children: two daughters

Date and place of birth

January 6, 1956, in
Heerlen, Limburg,
Netherlands

Key Parliamentary Contacts

House and Senate Leaders,

Caucus Chairs

House and Senate Leaders, Caucus Chairs



The Honourable Robert Douglas Nicholson (CPC) House Leader of the Government Minister of Democratic Reform

Personal History

Profession

- Lawyer

Family

Wife: Arlene
(over 25 years)
Children:
Rob Jr. – university
graduate
Peter – attending
university
Christine – high school

Date and place of birth

April 29, 1952, in
Niagara Falls, Ontario

Constituency: Niagara Falls

Province: Ontario

Population: 120,797

Municipalities: Niagara Falls, Fort Erie
and Niagara-on-the-Lake

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28
1988.11.21
1984.09.04

Minister

Democratic Reform
2006.02.06 -
For Small Business
1993.06.25 - 1993.11.03
For Democratic Reform
1993.06.25 - 1993.11.03

Positions

Whip
Conservative Party
2005.01.28 - 2006.02.05
Chief Opposition
2005.01.28 - 2006.02.05

Parliamentary Secretary

Minister of Justice and Attorney General
1989.04.05 - 1993.06.24
Leader of the Government in House of
Commons
1989.04.05 - 1990.04.04

Critic

Parliamentary Affairs
2005.01.28 - 2006.02.05
Transport
2004.07.22 - 2005.01.27

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Transport

Political Background

Municipal

- Niagara Regional Council 1997, 2000, 2003
- Captured highest vote total of all region's politicians in 2003
- Former School Board Trustee
- Board of Directors, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
- Member of advisory board at Project Share
- Niagara Escarpment Commissioner (six years)

House and Senate Leaders, Caucus Chairs



The Honourable Ralph Goodale House Leader of the Official Opposition

Constituency: Wascana

Province: Saskatchewan

Population: 72,508

Municipalities: Regina, Edenwold No. 158

Positions

Official Opposition House Leader
2006.02.10 -

Critic

Leader of the Government in the
House of Commons
2006.02.10 -

Minister

Finance
2006.02.05 - 2003.12.12

Public Works and Government Services
2003.12.11 - 2002.05.26

Federal Interlocutor for Metis and
Non-Status Indians
2003.12.11 - 2002.01.15

Canadian Wheat Board
2003.12.11 - 1993.11.04

Natural Resources
2002.01.14 - 1997.06.11

Agriculture and Agri-Food
1997.06.10 - 1995.01.12

Agriculture
1995.01.11 - 1993.11.04

Leader of the Government in the House
of Commons
2002.05.25 - 2002.01.15

Parliamentary Secretary

President of the Privy Council
1977.09.30 - 1976.10.01

Transport
1976.09.30 - 1975.10.10

Political Background

Provincial

- 1986 elected to the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly
- 1981 to 1988, Leader of the Saskatchewan Liberal Party

Personal History

Profession

- Barrister and solicitor
- Broadcaster
- Business executive
- Businessman
- Lawyer

Family

Wife: Pamela

Date and place of birth

October 5, 1949, in
Regina, Saskatchewan

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected
2006.01.23
2004.06.28
2000.11.27
1997.06.02
1993.10.25
1974.07.08

House and Senate Leaders, Caucus Chairs



M. Michel Gauthier House Leader of the Bloc Québécois

Constituency: Roberval – Lac-Saint-Jean

Province: Québec

Population: 60,574

Municipalities: Dolbeau-Misstassini, Roberval, Saint-Félicien, Métabetchouan – Lac-à-la-Croix, Normandin, Saint-Bruno, Saint-Prime, Albanel, Hébertville, Saint-Nazaire

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

1993.10.25

Positions

House Leader

2006.02.10 -

Critic

Democratic Reform

2006.02.10 -

Leader of the Opposition

Leader of the Official Opposition

1997.03.14 - 1996.02.17

House Leader / Parliamentary Leader

Official Opposition House Leader

1996.02.17 - 1993.11.10

BQ House Leader

1997.06.04 -

BQ House Leader

1996.02.17 - 1993.11.10

Critic

Democratic Renewal

2006.02.09 - 2004.05.17

Democratic Reform

2005.05.16 - 2004.08.06

Leader of the Government in the House of Commons

1997.06.04 -

Political Background

Provincial

- 1981 to 1988, Member of the National Assembly (MNA) for Roberval

Municipal

- 1988 to 1993, Director-general of the Roberval School Board

Personal History

Profession

- School administrator
- Teacher

Family

to follow

Date and place of birth

February 18, 1950, in Québec, Québec

House and Senate Leaders, Caucus Chairs



Ms. Libby Davies (NDP)
House Leader of the New Democratic Party
**Justice Deputy Critic (for Substance Abuse,
 Prostitution Issues)**
**Infrastructure and Communities Deputy
 Critic (for Greater Vancouver Area)**

Personal History

Profession

- Human resources co-ordinator

Family

Partner: Kimberly Elliot
 Son: Lief Eriksen

Date and place of birth

February 27, 1953, in Aldershot, England

Constituency: Vancouver East

Province: British Columbia

Population: 107,421

Municipalities: Vancouver

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

Positions

NDP House Leader
 2003.02.06 -

Justice Deputy Critic - Substance Abuse,
 Prostitution

Infrastructure and Communities Deputy
 Critic - Greater Vancouver

Whip

Deputy Whip of the NDP
 2003.02.05 - 2000.02.01

Critic

Multiculturalism
 2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Social Programs
 2006.02.05 - 2003.12.12

Housing
 2006.02.13 - 2003.02.04

Public Housing
 2005.02.30 - 2004.10.01

Human Resources and Skills
 Development
 2004.07.21 - 2003.12.12

Homelessness
 2004.07.21 - 2003.12.12

Human Resources Development
 2003.12.11 - 2003.02.04

Homelessness
 2003.12.11 - 2003.02.04

Citizenship and Immigration
 2003.06.14 - 2003.02.04

Leader of the Government in the House
 of Commons
 2003.02.04 -

Post Secondary Education
 2003.02.03 - 2002.06.11

Social Programs
 - 2003.12.11

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Subcommittee on Solicitation Laws of the Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Political Background

Municipal

- 1982, elected to Vancouver City Council and served five consecutive terms
- 1973, with late partner, Bruce Eriksen, were key figures in formation of the Vancouver Downtown Eastside Residents' Association

House and Senate Leaders, Caucus Chairs



The Honourable Senator Marjory LeBreton Leader of the Government in Senate

Province: Ontario

Senatorial Division: Ontario

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Parliamentary History

Senate:

June 1993 by PM Brian Mulroney

Positions

Chief Opposition Whip

Senate Committees

- Human Rights
- Rules, Procedures and Rights of Parliament
- Social Affairs
- Science and Technology
- Forestry and Agriculture
- Internal Economy
- Banking
- Joint Parliamentary Committee on Library of Parliament
- Special Senate Committee on the Pearson Airport Agreements (1995)
- Security and Intelligence (1997)

Other

- Tour coordinator for Rt. Honourable Joe Clark
- Office supervisor and director of correspondence for the Honourable Robert Stanfield
- Assistant to the Rt. Honourable John Diefenbaker

Personal History

Family

Husband:
Douglas LeBreton
Children: (grown)

- Linda Marlene (deceased)
- Michael Bruce

Date and place of birth

July 4, 1940, in City View (Nepean), Ontario

House and Senate Leaders, Caucus Chairs



The Honourable Senator Daniel Hays Leader of the Opposition in the Senate

Senatorial Division: Calgary

Province: Alberta

Parliamentary History

Dates appointed
1984.06.29 by PM Pierre Trudeau, Lib.

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Positions

Leader of the Opposition in Senate
2006.02.23

Deputy Leader of the Government
in the Senate
1999.10.12

Speaker of the Senate
2001.26.01-

Other

- Former Director of the Calgary District Foundation
- Member of the Canadian Tax Foundation
- 1994 to 1998, President of the Liberal Party of Canada

Personal History

Profession

- Lawyer
- Farmer

Family

Wife: Kathy;
Children: (from previous marriage), Carol Elizabeth, Janet Michelle, Sarah Louise;
two grandchildren

Date and place of birth

April 24, 1939, in
Calgary, Alberta

House and Senate Leaders, Caucus Chairs



Mr. Rahim Jaffer Conservative Caucus Chair

Constituency: Edmonton – Strathcona

Province: Alberta

Population: 98,974

Municipalities: Edmonton

Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

Personal History

Profession

- Businessman
- Entrepreneur
- Legislative Assistant in the House of Commons

Family

To follow

Date and place of birth

December 15, 1971, in Kampala, Uganda

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Positions

Critic

Infrastructure & Communities
2006.02.05 - 2004.07.22

National Revenue
2004.07.21 - 2002.04.04

Central & Eastern Europe and Middle East
2004.01.21 - 2002.04.04

Deputy Prime Minister
2002.04.03 - 2001.12.18

National Revenue
2001.12.17 - 2001.09.18

Asia-Pacific
2001.12.17 - 2001.06.18

Environment
2001.01.04 - 1998.10.08

Industry
1999.10.07 - 1998.06.16

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Citizenship & Immigration

Committees (38th Parliament)

- Citizenship & Immigration

House and Senate Leaders, Caucus Chairs



Mr. Raymond Bonin Liberal Caucus Chair Official Opposition Associate Critic for National Revenue

Constituency: Nickel Belt

Province: Ontario

Population: 89,859

Municipalities: Greater Sudbury, West Nipissing, Markstay-Warren, French River

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

1993.10.25

Positions

Liberal Caucus Chair

2006.04.12 -

Associate Critic, National Revenue

2006.02.23 -

Committees (39th Parliament)

• Government Operations and Estimates

Committees (38th Parliament)

• Transport

Personal History

Profession

- Professor –
Community College

Family

Married with children

Date and place of birth

November 20, 1942, in
Sudbury, Ontario

House and Senate Leaders, Caucus Chairs



M. Louis Plamondon Bloc Québécois Caucus Chair

Constituency: Bas-Richelieu – Nicolet – Bécancour

Province: Québec

Population: 92,650

Municipalities: Sorel-Tracy, Bécancour, Nicolet, Sainte-Anne-de-Sorel, Saint-Léonard-d'Aston, Sainte-Victoire-de-Sorel, Saint-Joseph-de-Sorel, Saint-François-du-Lac

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

2006.01.23

2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

1993.10.25

1988.11.21

1984.09.04

Positions

BQ Caucus Chair

2004.06.28 -

BQ House Leader

1993 - 1992

Critic

Official Languages

2006.02.09 - 2004.08.06

Agriculture and Agri-Food

2004.08.05 - 2004.01.19

Veterans Affairs

2004.01.18 - 2000.12.20

Official Languages, Francophones
outside Québec

- 2000.12.19

Library of Parliament

- 1999.06.29

Political Background

Municipal

- 1981 to 1983, President of the Sorel-Tracy Chamber of Commerce
- 1980 to 1984, Member of the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of Sorel-Tracy and the surrounding area

Personal History

Profession

- Businessman
- Professor

Family

to follow

Date and place of birth

July 31, 1943, in Saint-Raymond de Portneuf,
Québec

House and Senate Leaders, Caucus Chairs



Ms. Judy Wasylycia-Leis NDP Caucus Chair Finance and Financial Institutions Critic

Constituency: Winnipeg North

Province: Manitoba

Population: 79,332

Municipalities: Winnipeg

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Parliamentary History

Dates elected

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2004.06.28

2000.11.27

1997.06.02

Positions

NDP Caucus Chair

2006.02.14 -

Critic

Finance and Financial Institutions

2006.02.14 -

National Revenue

2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Pensions

2006.02.13 - 2004.07.22

Financial Institutions

2004.07.22 -

Public Accounts

2004.07.21 - 2003.02.04

Crown Corporations

2004.07.21 - 2003.02.04

Finance

2003.02.04 -

Status of Women

2004.07.21 - 2001.01.23

Seniors

2003.02.03 - 2001.02.23

Health

- 2003.02.03

Status of Women

- 1998.04.22

Committees (39th Parliament)

- Finance
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Finance

Political Background

Provincial

- Worked under Manitoba Premier Howard Pawley as coordinator of the Premier's Secretariat and the Executive Council policy group
- Coordinator of the Women's Directorate in the Manitoba government
- 1990, served as NDP Health Critic and NDP Deputy Leader
- 1986, Appointed to Provincial Cabinet – Minister of Culture, Heritage and Recreation with responsibility for the Manitoba Lotteries Foundation and Status of Women
- 1986, Elected as the Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba for the constituency of St. John's (re-elected in 1988 and 1990)
- Former Co-Chair of Choices, Manitoba's social justice coalition

Personal History

Profession

- Organizer
- Policy advisor

Family

Husband: Ron

Children: two sons

Date and place of birth

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Parliamentary internet search resources

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