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## 1. House of Commons

### PRIME MINISTER

#### THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JUSTIN TRUDEAU

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Prime Minister of Canada, Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, Member of Parliament for Papineau (Québec).

**Biography:** Justin Trudeau is the son of Pierre Elliott Trudeau, 15th Prime Minister of Canada, and Margaret Trudeau. He earned a BA in English Literature from McGill University in 1994 and a Bachelor of Education from the University of British Columbia in 1998. After graduating from the University of British Columbia, he became a teacher. Before starting his political career, Mr. Trudeau was frequently called upon to speak at conferences and events dealing with youth and environmental issues. In particular, he became president of the Katimavik program in 2003. In 2007, Mr. Trudeau ran to become a candidate for the riding of Papineau in Montreal. He was elected in 2008 and re-elected in 2011 and 2015. On October 19, 2015, he won the federal election and became Prime Minister as the leader of the Liberal Party of Canada.

**Chief of Staff:** Katie Telford

### 1.1 Members of the Ministry (Cabinet)

#### THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Minister of Foreign Affairs, Member of Parliament for University-Rosedale (Ontario).

**Biography:** Ms. Freeland was first elected as the Member of Parliament for Toronto Centre in a by-election in November 2013 and then re-elected in October 2015 as the Member of Parliament for University-Rosedale. In opposition, she served as her party's Critic for International Trade. Ms. Freeland received her undergraduate degree from Harvard University before continuing her studies on a Rhodes Scholarship at the University of Oxford. After cutting her journalistic teeth as a Ukraine-based stringer for the Financial Times, The Washington Post and The Economist, Ms. Freeland went on to wear many hats at the Financial Times, including U.K. news editor, Moscow bureau chief, Eastern Europe correspondent, editor of the FT Weekend Magazine and editor of FT.com. She served as deputy editor of The Globe and Mail between 1999 and 2001 before becoming deputy editor and then U.S. managing editor of the Financial Times. In 2010, Ms. Freeland joined Canadian-owned Thomson Reuters. She was a managing director of the company and editor of Consumer News when she decided to enter politics in 2013.

**Chief of Staff:** Jeremy Broadhurst

## THE HONOURABLE FRANÇOIS-PHILIPPE CHAMPAGNE

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Minister of International Trade and Member of Parliament for Saint-Maurice-Champlain (Quebec).

**Biography:** A businessman, lawyer, and international trade specialist, François-Philippe Champagne has over 20 years' experience working for major companies worldwide. More recently, he was involved in the field of green technology and the environment. Between December 2015 and January 2017, he served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance. Over the years, François-Philippe has held key roles internationally, most notably as Vice-President and Senior Counsel at ABB Group. Later he served as Strategic Development Director, acting General Counsel, and Chief Ethics Officer and Member of the Group Management Committee at AMEC, a leader in the global energy sector. In addition to sitting on several boards, such as TakingITGlobal, Incheon Bridge Corporation (South Korea) and the C3E (Canadian Centre of Excellence in Energy Efficiency), he was also president of a major pan-Canadian strategic think tank.

**Chief of Staff:** Julian Ovens

## THE HONOURABLE MARIE-CLAUDE BIBEAU

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, Member of Parliament for Compton-Stanstead (Quebec).

**Biography:** The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau was elected as the Member of Parliament for Compton–Stanstead in October 2015, and a few weeks later, she was appointed Minister of International Development and La Francophonie by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Before entering politics, Minister Bibeau began her career at the former Canadian International Development Agency. She went on postings to Morocco and Benin. After settling down with her family in Quebec's Eastern Townships, she became a successful businesswoman and was actively involved in her community.

**Chief of Staff:** Geoffroi Montpetit

## THE HONOURABLE CATHERINE MCKENNA

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Member of Parliament for Ottawa Centre (Ontario).

**Biography:** Catherine McKenna practiced competition and international trade law in Canada and Indonesia and was senior negotiator with the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in East Timor. She also served as senior advisor on the former Chief Justice Antonio Lamer's review of Canada's military justice system. Catherine co-founded Canadian Lawyers Abroad, a charitable organization that works in developing countries and with Indigenous communities in Canada. She served as Executive Director of the Banff Forum, a public policy organization for young leaders. Catherine taught at the Munk School of Global Affairs. Catherine was elected on October 19, 2015 and was appointed Minister of Environment and Climate Change on November 4, 2015.

**Chief of Staff:** Marlo Raynolds

## THE HONOURABLE HARJIT SAJJAN

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Minister of National Defence and Member of Parliament for Vancouver South (British Columbia).

**Biography:** Harjit Singh Sajjan has served Canada and his community as both a soldier and a police officer. He continues his service to Canada as the Member of Parliament for Vancouver South and as Minister of National Defence. Harjit is a retired Lieutenant-Colonel in the Canadian Armed Forces and a combat veteran. He was deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina and served three separate deployments to Kandahar, Afghanistan. Harjit has received numerous recognitions for his service, including the Meritorious Service Medal for reducing the Taliban's influence in Kandahar Province. He is also a recipient of the Order of Military Merit. Harjit was a police officer with the Vancouver Police Department for 11 years. He completed his last assignment as a Detective-Constable with the Gang Crime Unit specializing in organized crime. Harjit is also a human security specialist, and has lectured to a wide audience in both Canada and the United States.

**Chief of Staff:** Zita Astravas

## 1.2 Parliamentary Secretaries

### MATT DECOURCEY

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Non-Voting Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Member of Parliament for Fredericton (New Brunswick).

**Biography:** Matt DeCoursey was elected in October 2015 as a Member of Parliament for the riding of Fredericton, New Brunswick. He is also a Member of the Special Committee on Pay Equity. Matt worked as an assistant to former Fredericton MP and cabinet minister, Andy Scott, in 2005 and 2006. He also worked with former Labrador MP and Métis leader, Todd Russell. Armed with his unwavering vision for a caring and compassionate Canada, Matt has dedicated the years prior to being elected to bettering the lives of disenfranchised youth through his role as Director of Communications, Education and Outreach, with the New Brunswick Child and Youth Advocate. He is also a former provincial coordinator for the Canadian Commission for UNESCO's Youth Advisory Group.

### PAMELA GOLDSMITH-JONES

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade, Non-Voting Member of the Standing Committee on International Trade, Member of Parliament for West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country (British Columbia).

**Biography:** Pamela Goldsmith-Jones is the Member of Parliament for the riding of West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honourable Stéphane Dion. She served as Mayor of West Vancouver from 2005 to 2011. As a mayor,



she presenting West Vancouver's climate change plan to the United Nations. Following her time as Mayor, she took a hiatus from politics to complete an executive MBA at Simon Fraser University, specializing in Aboriginal Business and Leadership. She won the Liberal Party of Canada nomination in June 2014 and won the 2015 federal election for the riding of West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country.

### **CELINA CAESAR-CHAVANNES**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Development, Non-Voting Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and Member of Parliament for Witby (Ontario).

**Biography:** Prior to her election, she was a successful entrepreneur and the recipient of the Toronto Board of Trade's Business *Entrepreneur of the Year* for 2012 and the 2007 Black Business and Professional Association's *Harry Jerome Young Entrepreneur Award*. In addition, she has worked with a variety of private, government and non-government organizations as a celebrated research consultant. As a result of her work, Celina is a well-known international lecturer on the inclusion of marginalized populations. Celina has a Bachelor of Science, an MBA in Healthcare Management and an Executive MBA. She sat as member of the Institutional Advisory Board with CIHR's Institute of Neuroscience Mental Health and Addiction, and is a member of the Congress of Black Women.

### **JONATHAN WILKINSON**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Non-Voting Member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and Member of Parliament for Vancouver North (British Columbia).

**Biography:** Prior to becoming the Member of Parliament for North Vancouver, Jonathan spent more than 20 years as a senior business leader and executive. He has extensive experience in the energy and environmental technology sectors, having served as CEO of QuestAir Technologies and BioteQ Environmental Technologies, as well as Senior Vice-President of Business Development for Nexterra. A Rhodes Scholar, Jonathan holds Masters Degrees from Oxford University and McGill University. Early in his career, he worked as a constitutional negotiator and a federal-provincial relations specialist. Jonathan has served on numerous industry and charitable boards, including B.C. Technology Industries Association Chair, United Way of the Lower Mainland Cabinet Committee Chair and Board member and Treasurer of the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation.

### **JEAN R. RIOUX**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence, Non-Voting Member of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Member of Parliament for Saint-Jean (Quebec); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Mr. Rioux jumped into politics in the early 1990s, first as a municipal councillor and then as the Mayor of Iberville. He was also the acting reeve of the Regional County Municipality of Haut-Richelieu and a municipal councillor on the interim municipal council of St-Jean-sur-Richelieu. Elected as the Member of the National Assembly for the provincial riding of Iberville in 2003, he worked as a Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, as well as to the Minister of Labour. Following a defeat in the 2007 election, he accepted a position as an administrative judge at the Commission municipale du Québec.

### 1.3 Official Opposition (Conservative Party of Canada)

#### Shadow Cabinet (Roles associated with foreign affairs and international development)

##### THE HONOURABLE ERIN O'TOOLE

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for Foreign Affairs, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and Member of Parliament for Durham (Ontario) .

**Biography:** Born in Montreal, Erin O'Toole was raised in Bowmanville and Port Perry, Ontario. In 1991, he joined the Canadian Forces and enrolled at the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) in Kingston. He graduated from the RMC in 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and was commissioned as an officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF). Upon completion of his service in the regular forces in 2000, Erin O'Toole transferred to the Canadian Forces reserves and attended law school at Dalhousie University in Halifax. He graduated from Dalhousie Law School in 2003 (LL.B) and returned to Ontario to practice law. He practiced law in a variety of corporate settings giving him a broad understanding of business issues. Before running for office in 2012, he had returned to private practice at a national law firm working on corporate and business development issues for clients in Canada and internationally. He has also been an active organizer and fundraiser for several local and national charities. For his leadership efforts in the charitable and non-profit sectors, Erin O'Toole was recognized with the Young Alumnus Award from Dalhousie University and was also awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal in 2012.

##### DEAN ALLISON

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for International Trade, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on International Trade, Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on International Trade and Member of Parliament for Niagara West (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Dean Allison was elected as the first MP for the riding of Niagara West-Glanbrook on June 28, 2004, and was re-elected with resounding majorities in the 2006, 2008, 2011 and 2015 general elections. A graduate of Wilfrid Laurier University with a degree in Economics, Dean established himself in the Hamilton and Niagara area through accumulating businesses and working for a major franchise organization. He served his community as President of the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation, as President of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, a Director of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and board

member of Junior Achievement in Niagara. Allison is also a founding member of the Dave Thomas Adoption Foundation in Canada and the Belarus Children of Chernobyl program that brings children affected by the Chernobyl disaster to Canada.

## **ZIAD ABOULTAIF**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for International Development, Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and Member of Parliament for Edmonton Manning (Alberta); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Ziad is a reflection of the political, business and cultural fabric of the Edmonton Manning constituency. He is a successful business owner, devoted member of multiple community boards, and a strong advocate for live organ donations. He has travelled the world on international business commitments representing Canadian values and principles in all dealings and negotiations. He is a graduate in International Business Administration, which gives him a strong analytical understanding of what drives Canadian and international economies. Ziad Aboultaif has been an active member of the Edmonton Manning Conservative Association and was elected president of the association on two occasions. His extensive work on other community boards has earned him both an Alberta Centennial Medal, and a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. In 2003, he made a partial-liver donation.

## **ALUPA A. CLARKE**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for Official Languages and la Francophonie, Deputy Critic for International Trade, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Official Languages and Member of Parliament for Beauport-Limoilou (Quebec).

**Biography:** Mr. Clarke grew up in New-Brunswick and spent many years living in the Federated States of Micronesia. While undertaking university studies in political science – for which he obtained a Masters degree from Laval University – Alupa A. Clarke followed the family tradition of serving in the Canadian Armed Forces as a member of the 6<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment. Mr. Clarke's political involvement spans almost 10 years and has manifested itself in a variety of different ways throughout this period. Mr. Clarke was named as official Opposition Critic for Veterans Affairs immediately after the 2015 election and has also served as the Official Critic for Public Services and Procurement. He has also been a member of the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates, a role which involves overseeing the purchases and procedures of many important government departments across Canada. In 2017, he was appointed Official Opposition Critic for Official Languages and La Francophonie as well as the Deputy Critic for International Trade.

## **THE HONOURABLE ED FAST**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for Environment and Climate Change, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and Member of Parliament for Abbotsford (British-Columbia).

**Biography:** The Honourable Ed Fast was first elected to the House of Commons in 2006, and was re-elected in 2008 and 2011. A graduate of the University of British Columbia, Minister Fast practiced corporate and commercial law for 24 years. On May 18, 2011, Prime Minister Stephen Harper appointed Mr. Fast to his cabinet to serve as Minister of International Trade. Prior to his appointment to cabinet, Ed Fast served as a member of the Standing Committees on Canadian Heritage and Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, and as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights. In 2011, he was appointed Queen's Counsel for British Columbia, and more recently was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for service to his community and country.

## **JAMES BEZAN**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for National Defence, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence, Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Member of Parliament for Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman (Manitoba); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Successfully elected five times since 2004, James Bezan's most recent electoral victory comes in the newly created riding of Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman. Over the course of his parliamentary career, he has been a strong advocate for rural communities and the agricultural sector. He has chaired the standing committees for Agriculture and Agri-Food, Environment and National Defence. During the last Parliament, he fought strongly for marketing freedom for Western Canadian farmers and ending the long-gun registry. He has also been instrumental in leveraging over \$35 million for protecting Lake Winnipeg and Lake Manitoba. As Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence from 2013-2015, he was active on files dealing with military procurement, mental health issues in the Canadian Forces, the war against ISIS, and Russia's aggression in Ukraine. Bezan has also been very outspoken on the issue of Ukrainian democracy and human rights and as a result, was one of thirteen Canadian officials sanctioned by the Russian Government in 2014. For his work on Ukrainian issues, he has been recognized with numerous awards both in Canada and abroad, including the Order of Prince Yaroslav the Wise (Ukraine's highest civilian award) for his private members' initiative in recognition of the Holodomor.

## **GARNETT GENUIS**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Deputy Critic for Foreign Affairs, Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and Member of Parliament for Sherwood Park-Fort Saskatchewan (Saskatchewan).

**Biography:** Garnett Genuis was born and grew up in Strathcona County, before moving to attend Carleton University in Ottawa. While there, he wrote a regular column for the *Sherwood Park News* as a political correspondent. Mr. Genuis' experience helped him to obtain a position as assistant to former Prime Minister Stephen Harper and advisor on the staff of former minister Rona Ambrose. Mr. Genuis then obtained a Master's degree in Public Policy from the London School of Economics. Afterwards, he moved to the private sector as the vice president of a national research firm. Mr. Genuis won the federal election in his riding in 2015. In November 2015, he was appointed deputy critic for Human Rights & Religious Freedom. He has volunteered as a board member of the Saffron Sexual Assault Centre, a member of the Sherwood Park Rotary Club executive, and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

## **THE HONOURABLE MIKE LAKE**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Deputy Critic for International Development and Member of Parliament for Edmonton-Wetaskiwin (Alberta); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Mike Lake is the Member of Parliament for Edmonton-Wetaskiwin, and was first elected in 2006. After his re-election in October, 2008, Mr. Lake was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Industry, a position to which he was re-appointed after the May 2011 election. On September 13, 2012 He was sworn into the Queen's Privy Council, after being asked by Prime Minister Stephen Harper to serve on the Priorities and Planning Cabinet Sub-Committee on Government Administration. On October 19, 2015, he was re-elected to a fourth term. Prior to entering federal politics, Mr. Lake worked for 10 years with the Edmonton Oilers Hockey Club where he served as National Accounts Manager, Director of Ticket Sales and Group Sales Manager. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce (with distinction) from the University of Alberta. He has two children, a son Jaden, 22, and daughter Jenae, 18. The Lakes have been active supporters of autism organizations, families and individuals across the country, and around the world, while sharing their story of life with Jaden, who has autism.

## **ROBERT SOPUCK**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for Wildlife Conservation and Parks Canada, Deputy Critic for Environment and Climate Change, Member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and Member of Parliament for Dauphin-Swan River-Neepawa (Manitoba).

**Biography:** Robert Sopuck, Member of Parliament for Dauphin-Swan River-Neepawa, was first elected in a November 2010 by-election and then again in the 2011 and 2015 Canadian federal elections. From 2011 to 2015, Mr. Sopuck was a respected member of the Standing Committee for Environment and Sustainable Development and the Committee on Fisheries and Oceans. In addition, he was appointed by former Prime Minister Harper as the Chair of the Manitoba Regional Caucus. From 2011 to 2013 he served as the Chair of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group; a non-partisan group open to all Parliamentarians seeking to promote positive relations between Canada and Ukraine. In 2012, Mr. Sopuck was a founding member and Chair of the Conservative Hunting and Angling Caucus. Following Mr. Sopuck's re-election in 2015, then Conservative Leader Rona Ambrose appointed Mr. Sopuck as the Official Opposition's Critic for Wildlife Conservation and Parks Canada. This role uses his experience as a biologist and avid outdoorsman

to ensure the federal government continues to enact legislation that achieves tangible environmental benefits that do not harm Canada's rural communities.

## **GORD BROWN**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Deputy Critic for National Defence and Member of Parliament for Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Mr. Brown is CEO of the Thousand Islands' largest food service and accommodation business that employs over 120 people. He graduated from Carleton University - B.A. (Hons) - Political Science. Prior to federal politics, Mr. Brown was a town councillor in Gananoque, Ontario; president of the Thousand Islands-Gananoque Chamber of Commerce and chair of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission. He was elected as a Member of Parliament for Leeds-Grenville in June 2004 and was a member of the Heritage Committee and was Vice-Chair of the Ontario Caucus. He was chosen to Chair the Special Committee on Bill C-38. He was then re-elected in January 2006 and served on the Standing Committee for Canadian Heritage, the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Security and the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Social Development, and the Status of Persons with Disabilities. He served as Chair of the Ontario Caucus. He was chosen by Prime Minister Stephen Harper to Chair the Special Committee that reviewed the Anti-Terrorism Act. Re-elected in October 2008, he was a member of the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology. In 2009 he was elected House of Commons Chair on the Canada – United States Interparliamentary Association. He is also involved in various community service activities.

## **1.4 New Democratic Party of Canada**

### **Shadow Cabinet (Roles associated with foreign affairs and international development)**

## **HÉLÈNE LAVERDIÈRE**

*New Democratic Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for Foreign Affairs, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and Member of Parliament for Laurier-Sainte-Marie (Quebec).

**Biography:** Re-elected in October 2015 in Laurier-Sainte-Marie, NDP MP Hélène Laverdière is the NDP Critic for Foreign Affairs. Prior to the election, she served as Official Opposition Critic for International Cooperation and Deputy Critic for Foreign Affairs. She also sits on the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development. After a brief period of research and teaching in Laval University's sociology department, Hélène Laverdière move on to the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1992 as a foreign service officer. She was posted to various locations, including Washington, Dakar and Santiago, Chile. She holds a doctoral degree in sociology from the University of Bath.

## **TRACEY RAMSEY**

*New Democratic Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for International Trade, Deputy Critic for Labour, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on International Trade, Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on International Trade and Member of Parliament for Essex (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Tracey Ramsey worked at Ford Motor Company for the past 19 years and holds a diploma in practical nursing. Ms. Ramsey is a demonstrated community leader. She has volunteered with the Ontario Health Coalition and in support of the Welcome Centre Shelter. She was an active member of Unifor Local 200 and a delegate to the Windsor District Labour Council. As a Unifor National Discussion leader, she taught courses on human rights, women's issues, conflict resolution, modern communications and other themes. She was elected in 2015 federal election and is now the NDP MP for Essex, in Ontario.

## **LINDA DUNCAN**

*New Democratic Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for International Development, Deputy Critic for Environment and Climate Change, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and Member of Parliament for Edmonton Strathcona (Alberta); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Linda Duncan was elected MP for Edmonton Strathcona in 2008. She was re-elected in 2011 and 2015. Ms. Duncan currently serves as the NDP's Critic for Environment and Climate Change. She previously served as Critic for Transport, for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, for Public Works and Government Services, and most recently for Western Economic Diversification. Before entering Parliament, she worked as an international environmental law consultant based in Edmonton. Internationally, she has served as a senior legal advisor to Indonesia, Bangladesh and Jamaica in instituting programs for effective environmental enforcement. Ms. Duncan is a graduate of Strathcona High School and the University of Alberta.

## **ROBERT AUBIN**

*New Democratic Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for La Francophonie and Transport, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities and Member of Parliament for Trois-Rivières (Québec); also a member of Canadian Branch of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (APF).

**Biography:** Robert Aubin has been serving the citizens of Trois-Rivières since as New Democrat MP since 2011. Robert Aubin served as the NDP's Employment Insurance critic and as the critic for La Francophonie, Transport, Infrastructure and Communities. He was elected Chair of the NDP's Quebec Caucus three times.

## **RANDALL GARRISON**

*New Democratic Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for National Defense and LGBTQ2+ Issues, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence, Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Member of Parliament for Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke (British Columbia); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** First elected in 2011, and re-elected in 2015, Randall Garrison has been representing Southern Vancouver Island at the Parliament of Canada. He has been the NDP's Public Safety Critic in the last Parliament and is now the NDP's LGBTQ2+ Issues Critic. Before entering Parliament, M. Garrison was elected to the Esquimalt Municipal Council and was a member of the Esquimalt Municipal Police Board. He was a Criminal Justice and Political Science instructor at Camosun College for 20 years. The founding president of the Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre, he has also participated in international human rights missions to East Timor, Indonesia, Afghanistan and the Philippines.

**CHERYL HARDCASTLE**

*New Democratic Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for International Human Rights and Sports and Persons with Disabilities, Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and Member of Parliament for Windsor-Tecumseh (Ontario); also a member of various interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Prior to becoming an MP, Cheryl earned her reputation as an effective, inclusive leader as Tecumseh's Deputy Mayor (2011-2014), serving on both Tecumseh Council and Essex County Council. She was also a member of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority Board and the Essex Region Conservation Authority Board. Before entering politics, Cheryl worked for almost 20 years as a reporter and editor of the former Tecumseh Tribune, where she gained extensive knowledge of the issues affecting our community. A past member of Pathway to Potential and the National Pension Reform Committee, she has worked to reduce poverty in Windsor-Essex County and to help more Canadians retire with dignity.

**1.5 Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development**

**THE HONOURABLE ROBERT D. NAULT (Chair)**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Member of the the Liaison Committee and the Subcommittee on Communications Activities in Relation to Committees and Member of Parliament for Kenora (Ontario); also Chair of the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas.

**Biography:** Born in Manitoba, Mr. Nault started his political career as a city councillor for Kenora City Council from 1985 to 1988. He became MP for the Liberal Party of Canada as the representative for Kenora – Rainy River in 1988. Reelected in 1993, 1997 and 2000, he decided to not seek re-election in the 2004 election after having lost his position as a Minister in Paul Martin's cabinet. At the House of Commons, Mr. Nault served as Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development from 1999 to 2003 and regional



minister of Ontario from 2000 to 2011. In 2015, he ran as the liberal candidate for the riding of Kenora and was elected as an MP on October 19, 2015.

### **THE HONOURABLE ERIN O'TOOLE (Vice-Chair)**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for Foreign Affairs, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and Member of Parliament for Durham (Ontario) .

**Biography:** See page 10.

### **HÉLÈNE LAVERDIÈRE (Vice-Chair)**

*New Democratic Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for Foreign Affairs, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and Member of Parliament for Laurier-Sainte-Marie (Quebec).

**Biography:** See page 14.

### **ZIAD ABOULTAIF**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for International Development, Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and Member of Parliament for Edmonton Manning (Alberta); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** See page 11.

### **GARNETT GENUIS**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Deputy Critic for Foreign Affairs and Member of Parliament for Sherwood Park-Fort Saskatchewan (Saskatchewan), Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development.

**Biography:** See page 13.

## **MICHAEL LEVITT**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Chair of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and the Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament and Member of Parliament for York Centre (Ontario); also a member of various interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Michael Levitt is the Member of Parliament for the riding of York Centre in Toronto. He formerly worked as a partner and Vice President of Business Development for the Benjamin Group. Michael immigrated to Canada from Scotland with his mother at age thirteen. He received a bachelor's degree in Political Science from McGill University, and earned a Masters degree in Science and Technology Studies from the University of Edinburgh. He is a founding member of the Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee, a multi-partisan organization dedicated to activating the grassroots Jewish community in the political process. Michael has been an active volunteer with many non-profits and charities and has served as a board member on the Koffler Centre for the Arts, the Jewish National Fund, Mount Sinai Hospital and other organizations.

## **RAJ SAINI**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics and the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics and Member of Parliament for Kitchener Centre (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Raj Saini has owned and operated the Greenbrook Pharmacy for nearly 20 years. He is a board member of the Canadian International Council, Waterloo Region branch. He is passionate about improving the local economy, creating jobs and promoting the health and well-being of Kitchener Centre's residents. Raj Saini earned his Bachelors of Science in Chemistry from the University of Toronto, and a Bachelors of Science in Pharmacy from Boston's Northeastern University.

## **JATI SIDHU**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and Member of Parliament for Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon (British Columbia); also a member of the Canadian Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

**Biography:** Jati Sidhu was elected as the Member of Parliament for Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon on October 19, 2015. A businessman with more than 27 years of experience, Jati served as President of Greenvale Enterprises Inc., a local agricultural company, and is the current CEO and President of the Sidhu Group, which focuses on housing and business development. He has also served on the University of Fraser Valley Board of Governors, and as a member of the Abbotsford Police Board. Jati is a founding member of

the Fraser Valley Indo-Canadian Business Association. Through his work with the Association, Jati helped raise funds to build the Abbotsford Hospice Society, which provides end-of-life care and grief support for families in Abbotsford.

## **ANITA VANDENBELD**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics and Member of Parliament for Ottawa West-Nepean (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Anita Vandenberg is an international expert on democracy and human rights, who has spent over 10 years upholding the democratic values of freedom, diversity, and social equality, focused on parliamentary development, political parties and women's political participation. As a senior advisor to the United Nations, she has travelled the globe and learned first-hand the immeasurable value of our Canadian democracy. This past year, she counselled the UNDP in Vietnam where she authored a study on women's political participation and provided expertise in Bangladesh as a technical specialist on parliamentary committees. Prior to the 2011 election, Ms. Vandenberg was posted with the UNDP Democratic Governance Group in New York, where she managed a multi-partner international network to promote women's political participation. In 2008, she was awarded the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal for her work there. In addition, Ms. Vandenberg was previously Director of Parliamentary Affairs in the Office of the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Minister responsible for Democratic Reform, where she oversaw the development and implementation of the Government of Canada's Democratic Reform Action Plan. She was also a Policy Analyst with the National Liberal Caucus Research Bureau in the Canadian Parliament, Chief of staff to a Canadian Senator, and chapter development chair for Equal Voice, a Canadian multi-partisan organization to promote women in politics.

## **BORYS WRZESNEWKYJ**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and the Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament and Member of Parliament for Etobicoke Centre (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** A third-generation Ukrainian-Canadian and local business owner, Borys has lived in Etobicoke Centre for over two decades – proudly representing the riding in the Canadian House of Commons from 2004 to 2011. Borys Wrzesnewskyj received his Bachelor of Commerce from Trinity College - University of Toronto in 1983 and quickly gravitated towards humanitarian and pro-democracy work. While a Member of the House of Commons, Borys Wrzesnewskyj was in charge of various portfolios including Citizenship and Immigration, Crown Corporations, Foreign Affairs, and Multiculturalism. In 2008, he was awarded the Order of Prince Yaroslav the Wise by the Ukrainian President for his distinguished services to the people of Ukraine. In 2014 he was awarded the Knight's Cross Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland by Poland's President for work on Canada Poland relations.

### **OMAR ALGHABRA (Parliamentary Secretary – Non-Voting Member)**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Consular Affairs), Non-Voting Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and Member of Parliament for Mississauga Centre (Ontario).

**Biography:** Omar Alghabra graduated from Ryerson University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and is a York University MBA graduate. He has served in a variety of senior positions with General Electric Canada, Enbala Power, and the Ontario Energy Board. As long time community activist, Mr. Alghabra is very passionate about his involvement with local organizations and causes. He was a member of the community editorial board of the Toronto Star, where he authored columns on a wide range of provincial and federal issues. His work has also been published in the Huffington Post. He has worked tirelessly to support initiatives that empower new Canadians through social and economic integration. Having previously served as the Member of Parliament for Mississauga—Erindale from 2006 to 2008, he offered his constituents a strong voice on both local and national issues as the Liberal Critic for Natural Resources, as well as Citizenship and Immigration.

### **CELINA CAESAR-CHAVANNES (Parliamentary Secretary – Non-Voting Member)**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Development, Non-Voting Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and Member of Parliament for Witby (Ontario).

**Biography:** See page 9.

### **MATT DECOURCEY (Parliamentary Secretary – Non-Voting Member)**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Non-Voting Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Member of Parliament for Fredericton (New Brunswick).

**Biography:** See page 8.

### **THE HONOURABLE ANDREW LESLIE (Parliamentary Secretary – Non-Voting Member)**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Canada-U.S. Relations), Non-Voting Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and the Standing Committee on International Trade and Member of Parliament for Orléans (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Born into a multi-generational military family, Mr. Leslie enjoyed a decorated 35 year career with the Canadian Armed Forces. His career has included a variety of command and staff positions in numerous overseas postings with the UN and NATO. General Leslie's service has been recognized on numerous occasions; among his Canadian distinctions, he was appointed Commander of the Order of Military Merit in 2005 and was awarded the Meritorious Service Cross. Internationally, he was appointed a Commander of the U.S. Legion of Merit in 2007 and was awarded the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland in 2010. After a successful career in the Canadian military, Mr. Leslie retired in 2011, and worked as a senior vice president of, CGI Group Inc., a Canadian information technology corporation. In 2013, he founded his own consulting firm specializing in leadership and strategy. After leaving the military, Mr. Leslie continued to be an active member of his local and Canadian military communities. Mr. Leslie was elected as Member of Parliament for the Liberal Party of Canada representing Orléans in October 2015. He was the co-chair of the Liberal Party of Canada for the International Advisory Committee, focusing on foreign affairs, defence, veterans, international trade, international aid, security, immigration and cyber security.

### 1.6 Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development

#### **MICHAEL LEVITT (Chair)**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Chair of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and the Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament and Member of Parliament for York Centre (Ontario); also a member of various interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** See page 18.

#### **DAVID SWEET (Vice-Chair)**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Conservative National Caucus Chair, Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and Member of Parliament for Flamborough-Glanbrook (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** David Sweet is the Conservative Member of Parliament for Flamborough-Glanbrook. He has served in the House of Commons since 2006, re-elected three times as MP for Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale. At their first caucus meeting following the October 2015 general election, Conservative MPs elected MP Sweet as the first elected Conservative National Caucus Chair. Mr. Sweet is a founding member of the Canadian Parliamentary Coalition to Combat Anti-Semitism (CPCCA) and, since 2011, has also served as Chair of the Canada-Israel Interparliamentary Group, which works to establish strong relations between the Canadian Parliament and the Israeli Knesset. In 2012, the Hamilton Jewish Federation honoured Mr. Sweet with the Holocaust Education Committee Humanitarian Award for his work. Mr. Sweet was inducted as a Knight in the Order of St. George in April 2014. Mr. Sweet's policy work

includes a focus on international human rights which is reflected in his committee associations on Parliament Hill and his numerous statements in the House of Commons. Mr. Sweet has been outspoken on human rights abuses in Iran, Iraq, China, Tibet, and more as a member of the House of Commons Subcommittee on International Human Rights.

### **CHERYL HARDCASTLE (Vice-Chair)**

*New Democratic Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for International Human Rights and Sports and Persons with Disabilities, Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and Member of Parliament for Windsor-Tecumseh (Ontario); also a member of various interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** See page 16.

### **DAVID ANDERSON**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and Member of Parliament for Cypress Hills-Grasslands (Saskatchewan).

**Biography:** David Anderson has served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Natural Resources and for the Canadian Wheat Board, and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Consular. From 2006 to 2010, he served as Chairman of the National Prayer Breakfast in Ottawa. He has been committed to raising awareness of the need to protect religious freedom around the world, hosting Parliamentary Forums on Religious Freedom. Mr. Anderson worked with fellow MP Bev Shipley to present and pass Motion 382, which unanimously declared the Parliament of Canada's support for religious freedom around the world. Mr. Anderson is a founding member of the International Panel of Parliamentarians for Freedom of Religion or Belief. He studied at the University of Regina where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, then went on to complete a Masters of Divinity at the Canadian Theological Seminary in 1990.

### **PETER FRAGISKATOS**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security and Member of Parliament for London North Centre (Ontario).

**Biography:** Prior to being elected, Peter Fragiskatos was a media commentator. His works have been published by major Canadian and international news organizations including Maclean's, The Globe and Mail, The Toronto Star, BBC News, and CNN. Very active in London's Greek community, M. Fragiskatos ran a youth mentorship program. He served on the Board of Directors of Anago Resources and the Heritage London Foundation. He is an active volunteer who has worked with many local not-for-profit groups such

as the London Food Bank, the Cross Cultural Learner Centre and Literacy London – a charity dedicated to helping adults improve their reading and writing skills. M. Fragiskatos has a Political Science degree from the University of Western Ontario, a Master’s degree in International Relations from Queen’s University, and holds a PhD in International Relations from Cambridge University.

## **IQRA KHALID**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights and Member of Parliament for Mississauga-Erin Mills (Ontario).

**Biography:** Iqra Khalid is a young Pakistani-Canadian woman who has lived in the riding of Mississauga-Erin Mills for the past decade. She immigrated to Canada in the late 1990’s from England, where she began her formal schooling. Iqra graduated from York University in 2007, with a double major in Criminology and Professional Writing. She later obtained her Juris Doctor. Throughout her life, Iqra has been a strong advocate for equality and fairness. Iqra has held numerous volunteer positions including President of the Pakistani Student Association, Media Relations Ambassador for the York University Student Alumni, Communications Coordinator for the Council for the Advancement of Muslim Professionals, and a Director on the Board for Breaking Free Foundation.

## **MARWAN TABBARA**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration and Member of Parliament for Kitchener South-Hespeler (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** He graduated from St. Mary’s High School, and earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Government from the University of Guelph. In the MP’s role of Ombudsperson for his constituents, Mr. Tabbara is committed to acting as an advocate for residents of Kitchener South-Hespeler with the federal government.

## **1.7 Standing Committee on International Trade**

### **THE HONOURABLE MARK EYKING (Chair)**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Chair of the Standing Committee on International Trade and the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on International Trade, Member of the Liaison Committee and Member of Parliament for Sydney-Victoria (Nova Scotia); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Mark Eyking is a graduate of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro. He worked on international agricultural projects, implementing sustainable farming practices in Central America. Mr. Eyking served on various committees including, International Trade, Foreign Affairs, and Agriculture and Agri-food. He was sworn into the Privy Council in 2003 and was given the responsibility of Agriculture and Agri-food. In 2004, Mr. Eyking was asked by Prime Minister Paul Martin to be responsible for the emerging economies such as China, India, Brazil and Eastern European Countries. In 2013, Mr. Eyking was appointed Agriculture Critic by Justin Trudeau.

#### **DEAN ALLISON (Vice-Chair)**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for International Trade, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on International Trade, Member of the Standing Committee on International Trade and the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on International Trade and Member of Parliament for Niagara West (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** See page 10.

#### **TRACEY RAMSEY (Vice-Chair)**

*New Democratic Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for International Trade, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on International Trade, Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on International Trade and Member of Parliament for Essex (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** See page 15.

#### **COLIN CARRIE**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Canada/U.S Relations, Economic Development (Southern Ontario), Member of the Standing Committee on International Trade and Member of Parliament for Oshawa (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Dr. Colin Carrie is the son of a career Naval officer and settled in Oshawa when he was fifteen years old. A graduate of Oshawa's RS McLaughlin CVI, Dr. Carrie earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from the University of Waterloo and graduated from the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College as a Doctor of Chiropractic in 1989. Dr. Carrie was first elected to the House of Commons in June 2004 and re-elected in January 2006, October 2008, May 2011 and October 2015. As Oshawa is the home of General Motors Canada, Dr. Carrie has been a strong advocate for the automotive industry. Shortly after his election in 2004, he created the first ever Conservative Automotive Caucus and served as its founding chair. Colin Carrie has served as the Parliamentary Secretary for Industry, Health and the Environment while in Government.



## **SUKH DHALIWAL**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on International Trade and Member of Parliament for Surrey-Newton (British Columbia); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Sukh Dhaliwal is a professional Engineer, British Columbia Land Surveyor and former Liberal Member of Parliament for Newton-North Delta from 2006 to 2011. After earning his Bachelor of Science (Surveying Engineering) from the University of Calgary, Sukh Dhaliwal started his own business Dhaliwal & Associates Land Surveying Inc. As a former member of the Surrey Board of Trade, he was an active spokesman for small businesses. He participated on the Board of Directors for SEEDS (Self Employment and Entrepreneur Development Society), was a member of the City of Surrey Parks and Community Services committee, and volunteered with Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation's Emergency Centre Campaign.

## **PETER FONSECA**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on International Trade and Member of Parliament for Mississauga East-Cooksville (Ontario).

**Biography:** Peter Fonseca, an Olympian who proudly represented Canada as a top Marathon runner, is the Member of Parliament for Mississauga East-Cooksville. Peter is no stranger to public service, sitting in Ontario Legislature as a Member of Provincial Parliament between 2003 and 2011. Peter Fonseca also served as Cabinet Minister, taking on the Labour and Tourism & Recreation portfolios.

## **PAMELA GOLDSMITH-JONES**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade, Non-Voting Member of the Standing Committee on International Trade, Member of Parliament for West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country (British Columbia).

**Biography:** See page 8.

## **RANDY HOBACK**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on International Trade and Member of Parliament for Prince Albert (Saskatchewan); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Randy Hoback holds a business administration certificate through the University of Saskatchewan and a Chartered Director's designation (C. Dir.), which he completed through McMaster University's Chartered Directors College. In March 2010, Mr. Hoback was elected Chair of the Canadian Section of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the Americas (FIPA) – an organization committed to promoting parliamentary participation in the inter-American system, developing inter-parliamentary dialogue on issues of importance to the hemisphere and encouraging the sharing of experiences and best practices amongst its members. In February 2011, Mr. Hoback was also elected President of FIPA at the Association's 8th Annual FIPA-ParlAmericas in Asuncion, Paraguay.

## **LINDA LAPOINTE**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on International Trade and the Standing Committee on Official Languages and Member of Parliament for Rivière-des-Mille-Îles (Quebec); also a member of various interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Employee of Provigo Lapointe et fille since 1980, Mrs. Lapointe has been the Store director from 1988 to 1997 and owner of the company from 1997 to 2006. In addition to her career as a manager, she was treasurer and member of the Board of l'Association des détaillants en alimentation du Québec (ADAQ) from 2002 to 2006. In 2007, Mrs. Lapointe has been elected as member of the Action démocratique du Québec in the riding of Groulx. Mrs. Lapointe had the honor to have served the province of Quebec as Vice-President of the Commission of public finances from April 25, 2007 to May 28, 2008 and also as the assistant Whip for the Official opposition from May 15, 2008 to October 23, 2008.

## **KAREN LUDWIG**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on International Trade and the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on International Trade and Member of Parliament for New Brunswick Southwest (New Brunswick); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Karen Ludwig comes to public life after a highly successful career in the halls of academic learning. Twenty years of professional commitment to post-secondary education began in 1996 where at New Brunswick Community College in St. Andrews, she began as an instructor for 13 years. In 2002 Mrs. Ludwig earned her Certified International Trade Practitioner designation (CITP) from the Forum for International Trade Training in Ottawa. She has owned her own consulting company and worked as a business-training consultant. She concurrently pursued her PhD in Adult Education through the University of New Brunswick. On October 19, 2015, she was elected the Liberal Member of Parliament for the Federal Electoral District of New Brunswick Southwest.

## **KYLE PETERSON**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on International Trade, the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on International Trade and the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates and Member of Parliament for Newmarket-Aurora (Ontario).

**Biography:** Kyle Peterson is the Member of Parliament for Newmarket-Aurora. Prior to being elected, Kyle was practicing commercial litigation and advocacy as a partner at the firm of Affleck Greene McMurtry LLP. He also has experience as an executive and entrepreneur. Mr. Peterson has a history of community involvement, including as a Director of the United Way for 5 years, and currently serves as the Chair of the Aurora-Newmarket Family Health Team. Mr. Peterson holds a B.A. from Western University, an M.A. from the University of Toronto, a J.D. from Dalhousie University, and an M.B.A. from the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management.

## **THE HONOURABLE ANDREW LESLIE (Parliamentary Secretary – Non-Voting Member)**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Canada-U.S. Relations), Non-Voting Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and the Standing Committee on International Trade and Member of Parliament for Orléans (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** See page 21.

## **1.8 Standing Committee on National Defence**

### **STEPHEN FUHR (Chair)**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence and the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defence, Member of the Liaison Committee and the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets of the Liaison Committee and Member of Parliament for Kelowna-Lake Country (British Columbia); also a member of the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association (NATO PA) and the Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group.

**Biography:** Stephen Fuhr is a former CF-18 fighter pilot with the Canadian Air Force, who has run a military pilot training establishment and successfully managed a technology company of over 40 employees. After serving with distinction for 20 years, Stephen Fuhr retired from the Canadian Forces in 2009 with the rank of Major and joined his family's Kelowna-based company, Skytrac Systems, which develops aviation communication and tracking equipment. As director of business development and as CEO, he led the company to financial success in a challenging economic climate. In 2012, he left the company to pursue his first love of flying. He ran for office in the 2015 election. Today, he serves as a member of parliament for the Kelowna-Lake Country riding.

**JAMES BEZAN (Vice-Chair)**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for National Defence, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence, Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Member of Parliament for Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman (Manitoba); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** See page 12.

**RANDALL GARRISON (Vice-Chair)**

*New Democratic Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for National Defense and LGBTQ2+ Issues, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence, Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Member of Parliament for Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke (British Columbia); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** See page 16.

**LEONA ALLESLEV**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on National Defence and of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defence, and Member of Parliament for Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Leona Alleslev is a former Canadian Air Force Officer, Senior Manager, and entrepreneur. Ms. Alleslev has held leadership positions in the Department of National Defence, as well as senior managerial roles with IBM Canada and Bombardier Aerospace. She served on the Aerospace Industry Association of Canada, the Ontario Aerospace Council and the Women in Aerospace Association joint government/industry change initiatives. In addition, Ms. Alleslev earned a B.A. (Honours) in History and Political Science from the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston and received her Queen's Commission to serve as an Air Force Logistics Officer.

**DARREN FISHER**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on National Defence, the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defence and the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and Member of Parliament for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour (Nova Scotia); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Prior to being elected to Halifax Regional Council in 2009, Darren was also an avid fundraiser; working with charities, schools and local sports teams to help them achieve their goals. Re-elected to Council in 2012, Darren was also elected by his peers to represent them as Deputy Mayor. Darren now serves his community as the Member of Parliament for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour. Darren was sworn in as Member of Parliament for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour in 2015.

## **CHERYL GALLANT**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Member of Parliament for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Cheryl Gallant attended the University of Western Ontario, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. She worked at the University of Toronto doing research in biochemistry. Prior to relocating to Pembroke, Cheryl was a group insurance executive with a major Canadian life insurance company. As an MP, in addition to previously serving as Deputy House Leader of the Official Opposition, Cheryl has served her constituents as a member on a number of standing committees of the House of Commons including National Defence and Veteran Affairs, Industry, Science and Technology, Canadian Heritage and Procedure and House Affairs.

## **MARK GERRETSEN**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Member of Parliament for Kingston and the Islands (Ontario); also a member of the Canada-Italy Interparliamentary Group.

**Biography:** In 2015, Mr. Gerretsen was elected as Member of Parliament for Kingston and the Islands. Mr. Gerretsen first entered municipal politics in 2006, and he served as Mayor from 2010 to 2014. As Mayor, he oversaw the creation of the Mayor's Task Force on Development to improve customer service for residents, businesses and developers. As a member of Large Urban Mayor's Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO), he worked with municipal leaders across Ontario advancing such issues as payments in lieu of taxes, the integration of social services and increased investment in local infrastructure and affordable housing. Mr. Gerretsen holds an Economics degree from Queen's University and also attended St. Lawrence College for Computer Engineering.

## **YVES ROBILLARD**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Member of Parliament for Marc-Aurèle-Fortin (Quebec); also a member of the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association.

**Biography:** Yves Robillard is a former Commander in Squadron 21 (Royal Canadian Air Force Air Reserve), Air Force Major and Chief of Personnel for the Air Cadet Camps at Bagotville Military Base, with a University degree in Pedagogy, Human Relations and a diploma in recreation. He has had an inspiring career over

four decades as a secondary school teacher, as well as acting briefly as Recreation Director at the Rivière-des-Mille-Îles School Board in the 1970s. In addition to his academic career, Yves Robillard emerged as a key player in the political world. First, as Chief of Staff to the President of the National Assembly of Quebec, and then as Principal Secretary to the Leader of the Official Opposition in the National Assembly of Quebec, before returning to his home in Laval where he served as an administrative assistant to Mayor Lucien Paiement. He has had a diverse, rich and thriving career that eventually led him to the Far North in Kujjuaq, Quebec, and Akulavik, Nunavut, where he inspired the academic paths of many young students. He also spent ten years in Costa Rica in the early 2000s and got involved with an organization that helps young people with drug and alcohol problems. More recently, he became the president of the Marc-Aurèle-Fortin Liberal Association.

## **SVEN SPENGE MANN**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on National Defense and the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security and Member of Parliament for Mississauga-Lakeshore (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Sven Spengemann has degrees from the University of Toronto, Osgoode Hall Law School and the Collège d'Europe in Bruges, Belgium. He earned his doctorate at Harvard Law School in the field of political and constitutional theory. In the course of his studies, Mr. Spengemann earned a number of awards and distinctions: In 2008, Osgoode Hall Law School recognized Mr. Spengemann's academic and professional achievements with a Gold Key Alumni award. Mr. Spengemann's professional experience spans the private sector, academia, government and international affairs. From 2005 until 2012, he served with the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq. Spengemann also worked for a major Canadian bank and in the Government of Canada's Privy Council Office in Ottawa, where he was part of the team that supported Prime Minister Chrétien's Smart Regulation initiative.

## **DAVID YURDIGA**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Member of Parliament for Fort McMurray-Cold Lake (Alberta).

**Biography:** David Yurdiga was elected as a Member of Parliament in for Fort McMurray-Athabasca June 2014. As an elected official he sat on both the Transport, and Canadian Heritage committees. He attended several post-secondary institutions including Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT), University of Alberta, and Alberta Vocational College. He entered into politics in 2007 when he was elected to the municipal council of Athabasca County. He later successfully ran for Reeve and served from 2009 to 2013. Besides politics, Mr. Yurdiga has been a very active member of the community, where he advocated for his constituents as co-chair of the Alberta Energy Corridor, and a Chair for both the Athabasca Regional Multiplex, and Aspen Regional Water Commission. He has also served on the Board for Tawatinaw Community Futures and Physician Recruitment Committee for Athabasca, and is a full member of a provincial Metis organisation. For his work in the community, Mr. Yurdiga was awarded the Canadian Queen Jubilee Medal.

### **JEAN R. RIOUX (Parliamentary Secretary – Non-Voting Member)**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence, Non-Voting Member of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Member of Parliament for Saint-Jean (Quebec); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** See page 10.

### **SHERRY ROMANADO (Parliamentary Secretary – Non-Voting Member)**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence, Non-Voting Member of the Standing Committee on National Defence and the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs and Member of Parliament for Longueuil-Charles-LeMoyne (Quebec); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Sherry Romanado has over 15 years of experience as an administrator in both the public and private sectors. A graduate of McGill University's Public Relations certificate program, she also holds an MBA from Concordia University. She has held several positions at McGill University, including International Development Manager and Assistant Director of International Partnerships. Until her election as Member of Parliament in 2015, she served as Assistant Director, Continuing Education at Champlain Regional College in Saint-Lambert as well as Instructor in Public Relations at McGill's School of Continuing Studies. Ms. Romanado has a strong background in politics at the municipal as well as provincial and federal levels. She has been V.-P. and Communications Director of the CGG 1979 Centennial cadet corps in Greenfield Park and is currently a member of both the Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 94) and Greenfield Park Lions Club.

## **1.9 Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development**

### **DEBORAH SCHULTE (Chair)**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Chair of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, Member of the Liaison Committee and the Subcommittee on Budgets of the Liaison Committee and Member of Parliament for King-Vaughan (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Deborah Schulte previously served as a York Regional Councillor and saved taxpayers millions of dollars through fiscal discipline and accountability at Vaughan City Hall. She has also been fighting gridlock by improving traffic flow, expanding capacity, making roads safer and building more transit and cycling infrastructure. As a recognized environmental champion, she has saved hundreds of hectares of greenspace through advocacy and sustainable development. Ms. Schulte served on Greenbelt Task Force, the Humber Watershed Alliance and the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation board of directors. In addition,

she earned a mechanical and aerospace engineering degree from Princeton University and spent twenty-two years in business and management at Bombardier Aerospace.

#### **THE HONOURABLE ED FAST (Vice-Chair)**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for Environment and Climate Change, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and Member of Parliament for Abbotsford (British-Columbia).

**Biography:** See page 12.

#### **LINDA DUNCAN (Vice-Chair)**

*New Democratic Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for International Development, Deputy Critic for Environment and Climate Change, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and Member of Parliament for Edmonton Strathcona (Alberta); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** See page 15.

#### **JOHN ALDAG**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and Member of Parliament for Cloverdale-Langley City (British Columbia); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** John Aldag was elected in 2015 to the House of Commons. Upon his election, he was appointed to the Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying. M. Aldag is also a member of the Special Committee on Electoral Reform. His career was spent managing parks and historic sites at Parks Canada for 32 years. M. Aldag obtained a diploma in public sector management from the University of Victoria, a Bachelor of Business Administration from BC's Open University, and a Masters of Business Administration from Royal Roads University.



## **WILLIAM AMOS**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs and Member of Parliament for Pontiac (Quebec); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** William Amos is a recognized expert in environmental law and natural resources. For years he has been advocating for environmental protection and sustainable resource development – holding governments and corporations accountable to Canadians. He has also written numerous publications on various environmental law topics and has participated on a number of parliamentary committees. Prior to his election, M. Amos was the regional director of a national environmental law charity, which offers legal advice free of charge to community groups and individuals regarding environmental matters. He also taught at the University of Ottawa and was a regular guest commentator in the national media. Active in the community, he has been a long-time member of the boards of directors for the Chelsea Foundation and Sierra Club Canada. In addition, M. Amos holds a Bachelor of Arts and Science from McMaster University, a Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of British Columbia and a double degree of civil law and common law from McGill University.

## **MIKE BOSSIO**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs and the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs and Member of Parliament for Hastings-Lennox and Addington (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Mike Bossio has owned Boscan Consultants Inc. since 1989, where he is responsible for the recruitment of sales, marketing, and R & D professionals globally for the telecommunications industry. Mr. Bossio is very involved in his community, most notably as the past chair of Concerned Citizens of Tyendinaga and Environs and as an advisor for Citizens Against Melrose Quarry. He has led a successful 15-year battle with the world's largest waste company, halting the building of a massive landfill on fractured limestone. Mr. Bossio also served as councillor for Tyendinaga Township between 1998 and 2000 as well as sat on the Centre and South Hastings Waste Management Board. Mr. Bossio also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from York University.

## **DARREN FISHER**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on National Defence, the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defence and the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and Member of Parliament for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** See page 29.

## **JOËL GODIN**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and Member of Parliament for Portneuf-Jacques-Cartier (Quebec); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Joël Godin was elected as a Member of Parliament in 2015. Prior to his political career, he worked as Sales Manager for TQS Québec from 1997 to 2008 and was also President of AJC Communication Inc. from 2008 to 2012. In addition, Mr. Godin also worked as an advisor to MP Sam Hamad.

## **CHURENCE ROGERS**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and the Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations and Member of Parliament for Bonavista-Burin-Trinity (Newfoundland and Labrador); also a member of the Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group.

**Biography:** Churence Rogers first enjoyed a long and successful career as a community leader and teacher. He has served as the Mayor of Centreville-Wareham-Trinity since 2009, and previously served as Mayor of Harbour Breton from 1997 to 2003. From 2011 to 2015, Churence also served as President of Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL). Under his leadership, MNL negotiated a new fiscal framework arrangement with the provincial government that invested millions of dollars annually into municipalities across Newfoundland and Labrador, helping to improve the lives of families throughout our province. At the same time, he served on the national Board of Directors for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and as the Chair of its Atlantic Caucus.

## **ROBERT SOPUCK**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for Wildlife Conservation and Parks Canada, Deputy Critic for Environment and Climate Change, Member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and Member of Parliament for Dauphin-Swan-River-Neepawa (Manitoba).

**Biography:** See page 13.

## **JONATHAN WILKINSON (Parliamentary Secretary – Non-Voting Member)**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Non-Voting Member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and Member of Parliament for Vancouver North (British Columbia).

**Biography:** See page 9.

## 1.10 Standing Committee on the Status of Women

### **KAREN VECCHIO (Chair)**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for Families, Children and Social Development, Chair of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women and of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women, Member of the Liaison Committee and of the Subcommittee on Communications Activities in Relation to Committees and Member of Parliament for Elgin-Middlesex-London (Ontario); also a member the Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group.

**Biography:** Karen Vecchio was first elected on October 19, 2015 to represent the riding of Elgin-Middlesex-London in the 42nd Parliament. Following the election of the Interim Leader, she received the role as Official Opposition Critic for Families, Children and Social Development. In her role as the Official Opposition Critic, Ms. Vecchio deals with issues related to housing and homelessness, poverty, childcare, as well as issues related to youth and seniors. In addition, her experience as the Executive Assistant to the former Member of Parliament provided her with a greater understanding of federal government programs and their connection to individuals, not-for-profits and small businesses in the community.

### **PAM DAMOFF (Vice-Chair)**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Vice-chair of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women, Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women, the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security and the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security and Member of Parliament for Oakville-North-Burlington (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Pam Damoff was elected to represent the riding of Oakville-North Burlington in the House of Commons in the 2015 federal election. Prior to the election, Ms. Damoff served as an Oakville Town Councillor from 2010-2015. During her time on council, she served on the Oakville Public Library Board, the budget committee and the Oakville Tourism Partnership. She was recognized as a leading advocate for active transportation and better cycling infrastructure in Oakville. Pam Damoff is also a member of several Parliamentary Committees, Associations and inter-parliamentary groups. She co-founded Cycle Oakville to promote cycling and improved cycling infrastructure and received the 2013 Bicycling Leadership Award for her tireless promotion of cycling in Ontario. She has since founded the first all-party Cycling Caucus in Ottawa. Ms. Damoff is a proud recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and the Paul Harris Fellow Award from Rotary International, The Linda Jones Women's Activist Award from the ODLG for her community service.

### **SHEILA MALCOLMSON (Vice-Chair)**

*New Democratic Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for Women's Equality, Vice-chair of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women, Member of the Subcommittee on the Code of Conduct for Members of the House of Commons: Sexual Harassment and the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women and Member of Parliament for Nanimo-Ladysmith (British Columbia).

**Biography:** Sheila Malcolmson entered Parliament with 12 years of constituency experience under her belt, having been elected four times to local government. As Chair of the Islands Trust Council, she worked with all levels of government, championing local campaigns for fair ferry service, marine safety and oil spill prevention. Also, as Islands Trustee, she signed a government-to-government protocol between the Snuneymuxw First Nation and the Islands Trust—establishing a relationship of respect and cooperation in planning, land use management and heritage conservation. Before being elected, Ms. Malcolmson was an energy policy analyst for a number of non-governmental organizations where she opposed nuclear power expansion and advocated for ratepayers. She has also worked in small business, tourism and environmental advocacy on Vancouver Island.

## **SEAN FRASER**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women and the Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities and Member of Parliament for Central Nova (Nova Scotia).

**Biography:** Sean Fraser was elected to office on October 19th, 2015. He holds a law degree from Dalhousie University, a Masters degree in Public International Law from the Netherlands' Leiden University, and a Bachelor of Science from St. Francis Xavier University. Prior to running for office, Mr. Fraser had a successful career with one of Canada's top-ranked law firms. He is a long-time volunteer, having served as the Vice President of a local branch of the United Nations Association of Canada, acted as a Research Fellow with the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law, and provided pro bono legal services to the Boys and Girls Club and underprivileged community members. While attending St. Francis Xavier University, Mr. Fraser served as President of the St. Francis Xavier Student's Union in 2005 to 2006.

## **RACHAEL HARDER**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Critic for Status of Women, Member of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women and Member of Parliament for Lethbridge (Alberta); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Elected in October of 2015, Rachael Harder serves as the Member of Parliament for the riding of Lethbridge. As a member of the Conservative Caucus, Ms. Harder was appointed by Rona Ambrose to be the Official Opposition Critic for Youth and Persons with Disabilities as well as the Deputy Health Critic. In addition, Ms. Harder sits on the Status of Women Committee. Before entering political life, Ms. Harder travelled across the country, working as a youth sociologist and consultant who focused on the values and beliefs of Canada's emerging generation. She holds an Associate of Arts Degree in General Social Sciences from Briercree College and a Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Arts with a General Social Sciences Major in Sociology, Political Science, and Psychology from the University of Lethbridge.

## **BERNADETTE JORDAN**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women, the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans and the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans and Member of Parliament for South Shore-St. Margarets (Nova Scotia).

**Biography:** Bernadette Jordan was first elected on October, 2015. A professional fundraiser and community activist, Bernadette Jordan is currently the Development Officer for Health Services Foundation in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, where she has spent the last eight years as part of a team raising millions of dollars for health care in her region. Ms. Jordan has participated in community-level politics for over 30 years, having held positions such as the President of the Atlantic Community Newspapers Association and Earth Day Challenge Committee Chair. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from St. Francis Xavier University, is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy.

## **STEPHANIE KUSIE**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women and Member of Parliament for Calgary Midnapore (Alberta); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Born and raised in the Calgary Midnapore riding, Stephanie Kusie has significant experience in business, government and the non-profit sector. Stephanie Kusie earned a degree in political science from the University of Calgary and a Masters in Business Administration from Rutgers University in New Jersey, one of the top business schools in the United States. She later worked in consulting and management positions in the private sector. As a diplomat for the federal government, Ms. Kusie helped advance Canadian interests while working in the United States, El Salvador, and Argentina and as a Senior Policy Advisor to Minister Peter Kent in Ottawa. Her responsibilities included negotiating free trade deals, work related to the Keystone pipeline project and lobbying the United Nations to place Canada on the Security Council. Stephanie most recently served as the Executive Director of Common Sense Calgary, a non-profit organization that helped convince City Hall to freeze property taxes in 2017.

## **EMMANUELLA LAMBROPOULOS**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women, the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women, the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs and the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs and Member of Parliament for Saint-Laurent (Quebec).

**Biography:** Emmanuella Lambropoulos is a devoted community leader and educator who is dedicated to supporting children and families in her community. She was a French and History teacher at Rosemount High School, and closely supported children with learning disabilities in her 6 years teaching at Lauren Hill Academy. Emmanuella earned a Bachelor's degree in Education from McGill University in 2013, and is also currently completing a McGill Master's degree in Educational Leadership and Administration. She served

as President of the Hellenic Association while at McGill, and has a long record of volunteer involvement supporting children's sports and arts activities in her community.

## **EVA NASSIF**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women and the Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament and Member of Parliament for Vimy (Quebec).

**Biography:** Eva Nassif has been an important political and social figure through her involvement in many charitable organizations, membership within institutions offering services in her community, and engagement in the political realm with the Liberal Party of Canada. She has been a prominent activist for women's rights and social and youth affairs. Ms. Nassif was a nursing sciences graduate in Lebanon where she practiced for eight years. After immigrating to Canada in 1993, she obtained a B.A. in Translation and then an M.A. in Translation Studies from Concordia University. Eva Nassif is a certified translator and terminologist. She has also worked as a teacher for the Laval School Board. Since assuming office, she has acquired duties throughout several important portfolios on committees, in Parliamentary Associations, and Interparliamentary Groups, including the Canada-Lebanon Parliamentary Friendship Group.

## **MARC SERRÉ**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women, the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Member of Parliament for Nickel Belt (Ontario); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Marc Serré is currently the Vice-Chair of the National Rural Caucus, Vice-Chair of the Seniors Caucus, as well as member of the the Northern Ontario Liberal Caucus, Liberal Indigenous Caucus, the ASL All Party Caucus, the Standing Committee on the Status of Women, and the Standing Committee on Natural Resources. Mr. Serré is an award-winning telecom technologies researcher and developer whose presentations have taken him across Canada and the US. He is the proud recipient of the Canadian IWAY Award in recognition for his innovation and outstanding achievements in Internet adaptive technology. Driven by a desire to invest in future generations, Mr. Serré served as a school board trustee for the Conseil Scolaire Catholique du Nouvel-Ontario. He was also a Municipal Counsellor in West Nipissing. He is a proud recipient of the Ontario Community Action Award for his work in both the non-profit and disability sectors. Mr. Serré earned an Honours Bachelor of Commerce B. Com. with a specialization in Human Resources and Marketing from Laurentian University. He is also a Citizen of the Mattawa/North Bay/Algonquin First Nation and a Metis of Ontario.

## **TERRY DUGUID (Parliamentary Secretary – Non-Voting Member)**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Status of Women, Non-Voting Member of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women and Member of Parliament for Winnipid South (Manitoba); also a member of various parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

**Biography:** Terry Duguid has a diverse background including civic government, business, and environmental leadership. Mr. Duguid has a lifelong interest in science and its role in the betterment of society. He earned first-class honours in obtaining his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, and his Master of Environmental Design degree (Environmental Science) focused on tackling the crucial issues of water quality, ozone depletion and acid rain. Throughout his career, Terry has had an abiding commitment to public service. In 1997 he founded Sustainable Developments International, a firm specializing in environmental management, sustainable development, transportation and international affairs consulting. In 2000, he was named Chairman of the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission, and in 2004 he became President and CEO of the International Centre for Infectious Diseases, a research facility he helped to create. In addition to his professional career, Mr. Duguid has devoted considerable time and effort contributing to his community, including serving as Executive Director of the Manitoba Climate Change Task Force in 2001, Chair of the Nature Task Force in 2003, and as a Member of the Manitoba Emissions Trading Task Force in 2004.

## **2. SENATE**

### **2.1 Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade**

#### **SENATOR RAYNELL ANDREYCHUK (Chair)**

*Conservative Party of Canada (appointed by B. Mulroney)*

**Roles:** Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Senate Standing Committee on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators, Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights and the Senate Standing Committee on National Finance.

**Biography:** Raynell Andreychuk earned a Bachelor of Arts degree followed by a Bachelor of Laws degree at the University of Saskatchewan, after which she spent more than nine years practicing law in Saskatchewan. In 1976, she was appointed a Judge of the Saskatchewan Provincial Court. She went on to serve as Associate Deputy Minister of Social Services in Saskatchewan. Senator Andreychuk served as Chancellor of the University of Regina (1977-1983). In 1987, she was named High Commissioner to Kenya and Uganda and Ambassador to Somalia and the Comoros. Concurrently, she served as Canadian representative to the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and Habitat. In 1990, she was appointed Ambassador to Portugal. During the course of her diplomatic appointments, she also served as Canada's representative to the United Nations Human Rights Commission. In 1993, Senator Andreychuk was called to the Senate of Canada. She has served on numerous committees. Senator Andreychuk was instrumental in setting up the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights, which she chaired from 2001 to 2009, undertaking major studies on International Human Rights machinery, laws and treaties, including the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

### **SENATOR ANNE C. COOLS (Deputy Chair)**

*Non-Affiliated (appointed by P. E. Trudeau)*

**Roles:** Deputy Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Member of the Senate Standing Committee on National Finance.

**Biography:** Senator Anne Clare Cools is an Ontario Senator representing Toronto-Centre-York. She was summoned to the Senate in January 1984. She was educated at Queen's College Girls School, Barbados, Thomas D'Arcy McGee High School, Montreal, and Montreal's McGill University from which she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree. In the 1979 and 1980 federal general elections, Anne Cools was a candidate for the Liberal party in Toronto's Rosedale riding. For twenty years, from 1984 to 2004, Senator Cools sat as a Liberal Senator and then briefly joined the Conservative Caucus. Presently, Senator Cools sits as an Independent Senator. In October 2004, in CBC's *The Greatest Canadian* contest, Senator Cools was chosen one of the 100 greatest Canadians of all time, and also one of CBC's *Top 20 Canadian Women*.

### **SENATOR SALMA ATAULLAHJAN**

*Conservative Party of Canada (appointed by S. Harper)*

**Roles:** Deputy Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights, Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

**Biography:** Salma Ataullahjan immigrated to Canada from Pakistan 31 years ago. After settling in Toronto, she pursued a career in real estate. Ms. Ataullahjan has served many organizations including: on the executive of the Pakistani Canadian Professionals and Academics; as Founder and Chairperson of the Parent Council of David Lewis Public School; as a member of the South Asian Regional Council; as a former President and current Vice-President of the Canadian Pashtun Cultural Association; and on the executive of the Toronto chapter of the Citizens Foundation, a charity organization that builds not-for-profit schools in the poorest districts of Pakistan.

### **SENATOR PATRICIA BOVEY**

*Non-Affiliated (appointed by J. Trudeau)*

**Roles:** Deputy Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Special Committee on Senate Arctic.

**Biography:** Before being appointed to the Senate on November 10th, 2016, the Honourable Patricia Bovey was a Winnipeg-based gallery director and curator, art historian, writer, professor and, for many years, a management consultant in the arts and not-for-profit sector. The recipient of the 2015 Winnipeg Arts Council Investors Making a Difference Award, Senator Bovey's honours include her appointment as Fellow of the UK's Royal Society for the Arts, and as Fellow of the Canadian Museums Association; the Canada 125 Medal; the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal; Winnipeg's 2002 Woman of Distinction for the Arts; the Canadian Museums Association Distinguished Service Award; the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts Medal; and the 2013 Association of Manitoba Museum's inaugural Award of Merit.



## **SENATOR JANE CORDY**

*Liberal Party of Canada (appointed by J. Chrétien)*

**Roles:** Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Rights, Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Senate Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources.

**Biography:** Senator Cordy is a graduate of the Nova Scotia Teachers College and Mount St. Vincent University. She taught elementary school for 30 years in Nova Scotia, teaching in Sydney, New Glasgow and the Halifax Regional Municipality. Senator Cordy has served as vice-chair of the Halifax-Dartmouth Port Development Commission. Senator Cordy is a past president of the Nova Scotia Women's Liberal Commission. She also served on Prime Minister Chrétien's task force on seniors. Senator Cordy is the past chair of the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association. She is presently serving as an international vice president of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly representing North America on the executive. She is also vice president of the Civil Dimensions of Security Committee in the Assembly.

## **SENATOR DENNIS DAWSON**

*Liberal Party of Canada (appointed by P. Martin)*

**Roles:** Deputy Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Senate Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration and the Subcommittee on the Senate Estimates .

**Biography:** Dennis Dawson first studied political science at Laval University and the University of Ottawa where he received a Bachelor's degree. He later graduated from Laval University with a Master's in Business Administration. He began his career in public life as an elected school board trustees in Québec, and was elected as Chairman of Québec's second largest School Board. He chaired the Québec caucus after working as Parliamentary Secretary for Employment and Immigration as well as Labour. He later ran the Québec operation of one of Canada's leading government relations firms. As an executive for Hill and Knowlton, he managed governmental relations for clients and developed public affairs strategies. Dennis Dawson has also appeared regularly as a political commentator on national television.

## **SENATOR STEPHEN GREENE**

*Non-Affiliated (appointed by S. Harper)*

**Roles:** Chair of the Special Committee on Senate Modernization, Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Senate Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament.

**Biography:** Senator Greene has extensive business experience as well as political and public service experience at federal and provincial levels. Senator Greene's first important job was at the Canadian Embassy in Washington DC where he was asked to report on how the United States made its fisheries policy in the aftermath of the 200 mile limit. Subsequently, he managed the government relations of H.B. Nickerson & Sons Limited, the largest offshore trawler company on the East Coast. While in the fishing industry, he was asked to return to the Foreign Service and was sent to the Canadian Consulate in Boston. He subsequently joined Clearwater Fine Foods, Inc where he was Assistant to the President (John Risley)

for eight years. Greene joined the Reform Party for which he was a candidate in the 1993 and 1997 elections. Senator Greene also served as Chief of Staff to Preston Manning of the Reform Party of Canada from 1993 to 1996. He subsequently worked in the insurance industry. In 2006, he became Principal Secretary and Deputy Chief of Staff to Nova Scotia Premier Rodney MacDonald. He was appointed to the Senate in December, 2008.

### **SENATOR LEO HOUSAKOS**

*Conservative Party of Canada (appointed by S. Harper)*

**Role:** Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament, Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

**Biography:** Mr. Housakos was appointed to the Canadian Senate by Prime Minister Stephen Harper in 2008. Speaker Housakos spoke at the United Nations in New York City as well as at the World Speakers' Conference in Geneva, Switzerland. He graduated from McGill University with a Bachelor of Arts in 1992 and worked as a ministerial staffer in the Ministry of Multiculturalism. Soon after, he became involved with the Hellenic Congress of Quebec and served two terms as its Vice-President, National Issues between 1998 and 2000. Senator Housakos also co-founded the Hellenic Board of Trade in 1993, an organization dedicated to the development of business opportunities and networking in the Greater Montreal Area. He eventually became an advisor to the Mayor of Montreal between 2001 and 2002. Senator Housakos' interest for the Canadian political system led to his candidacy, in 2000, with the Canadian Alliance in the riding of Laval Ouest.

### **SENATOR PAUL J. MASSICOTTE**

*Non-Affiliated (appointed by J. Chrétien)*

**Roles:** Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Senate Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources and the Special Committee on Senate Modernization.

**Biography:** Born in Manitoba, Senator Massicotte obtained his Bachelor of Commerce (Dean's Honour List) in 1974, from the University of Manitoba. In 1976, while working at Pricewaterhouse Coopers, he earned the designation of Chartered Accountant from the Manitoba Institute of Chartered Accountants, and the following year he became a member of the Ordre des comptables agréés du Québec/Ordre des comptables professionnels agréés du Québec. In February 2005, Senator Massicotte was granted the title of Fellow from the Ordre des comptables agréés du Québec/Ordre des comptables professionnels agréés du Québec, the profession's highest honorific designation. From 1977 onwards, he worked in real estate in Western Canada and Montreal. Senator Massicotte was appointed to the Senate on June 26, 2003, on the advice of the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien. He has joined the Independent Senators Group in October 2017. Senator Massicotte has contributed to different organizations as a board member or director and as been active as a mentor as well. He is still involved in many volunteer and fundraising activities.

## **SENATOR THANH HAI NGO**

*Conservative Party of Canada (appointed by S. Harper)*

**Roles:** Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights and the Senate Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples.

**Biography:** Thanh Hai Ngo was appointed Citizenship Judge for Ottawa in December 2007. Judge Ngo was educated in France and Canada, receiving a Bachelor of Arts (Honours), from the University of Paris – La Sorbonne, and a Bachelor and a Master of Education from the University of Ottawa. Prior to his appointment as Citizenship Judge, Mr. Ngo was Chairperson of the Employment Insurance Board of Referees in Ottawa. He has had a distinguished career in education both as a teacher in Ottawa and as an educator in Malaysia and Vietnam. Mr. Ngo has also been an active member of various Vietnamese communities across Canada and overseas, and is the founder and former Chairperson of the Ottawa Vietnamese Non-Profit Residence Corporation. He is also the co-founder of the International Committee for a Free Vietnam – Canada chapter. He served as the President of the Vietnamese Community Association of Ottawa and as a board member and Vice-President of the Canadian Assessment and Placement Centre, Employment Centre for New Immigrants.

## **SENATOR VICTOR OH**

*Conservative Party of Canada (appointed by S. Harper)*

**Roles:** Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Senate Standing Committee on National Security and Defence, the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry and the Special Committee on Senate Arctic.

**Biography:** Senator Victor Oh immigrated to Canada from Singapore in 1978. Mr. Oh is the founding chairman of the Canada-China Business Communication Council and President of Wyford Holdings. He also serves as a member of the Board of Governors of Sheridan College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning. He is the former president of Mississauga Chinese Business Association and former co-chair of the Confederation of Greater Toronto Chinese Business Association. In 2010, Mr. Oh became the first Chinese-Canadian in 26 years to receive a Tribute Dinner by the Community Living Foundation of Mississauga. In 2011, the *Canadian Immigrant* magazine named him one of the Top 25 Canadian Immigrants.

## **SENATOR RAYMONDE SAINT-GERMAIN**

*Non-Affiliated (appointed by J. Trudeau)*

**Roles:** Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Senate Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration, the Senate Selection Committee and the Subcommittee on Diversity.

**Biography:** Senator Saint-Germain holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and information from Laval University and an Ombuds certificate from Osgoode Hall Law School at York University, and also studied in the international management master's program at the École nationale d'administration publique of the Université du Québec. Senator Raymonde Saint-Germain is an experienced public administrator. She served in several senior multidisciplinary positions in the Government of Quebec such as Québec

Ombudsperson, Deputy Minister of Government Services, Deputy Minister of Relations with Citizens and Immigration, Assistant Deputy Minister of International Relations, and Quebec Official Publisher. She has chaired and been a member of many governance committees, boards of directors, and audit committees in the public sector and in community and philanthropic organizations.

## 2.2 Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights

### **SENATOR WANDA ELAINE THOMAS BERNARD (Chair)**

*Non-Affiliated (appointed by J. Trudeau)*

**Roles:** Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights, Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology.

**Biography:** Dr. Wanda Thomas Bernard is a highly regarded social worker, educator, researcher, community activist and advocate of social change. She has worked in mental health at the provincial level, in rural community practice at the municipal level, and, since 1990, as a professor at the Dalhousie School of Social Work, where she also served as director for a decade. In 2016, she was appointed Special Advisor on Diversity and Inclusiveness at Dalhousie University. Dr. Thomas Bernard has worked with provincial organizations to bring diversity to the political processes in Nova Scotia and teach community members about Canada's legislative process and citizen engagement. She is a founding member of the Association of Black Social Workers (ABSW) which helps address the needs of marginalized citizens, especially those of African descent. As a former member of the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women, and as its past Chair, she was instrumental in the development of advice to ministers regarding frameworks for gender violence prevention and health equity. At the national level, she has served as a member of the National Coalition of Advisory Councils on the Status of Women. She has served as an expert witness in human rights cases and has presented at many local, national and international forums. Dr. Thomas Bernard has received many honours for her work and community leadership, notably the Order of Nova Scotia and the Order of Canada.

### **SENATOR SALMA ATAULLAHJAN (Deputy Chair)**

*Conservative Party of Canada (appointed by S. Harper)*

**Roles:** Deputy Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights, Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

**Biography:** See page 40.

### **SENATOR JANE CORDY (Deputy Chair)**

*Liberal Party of Canada (appointed by J. Chrétien)*

**Roles:** Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Rights, Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Senate Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources.

**Biography:** See page 41.

## **SENATOR RAYNELL ANDREYCHUK**

*Conservative Party of Canada (appointed by B. Mulroney)*

**Roles:** Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Senate Standing Committee on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators, Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights and the Senate Standing Committee on National Finance.

**Biography:** See page 39.

## **SENATOR PATRICK BRAZEAU**

*Non-Affiliated (appointed by S. Harper)*

**Roles:** Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights and the Senate Standing Committee on National Security and Defence.

**Biography:** Born in Maniwaki, Quebec, Patrick Brazeau is a member of the community of Kitigan Zibi. A champion of the rights of Aboriginal peoples, Senator Brazeau worked with the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP) since 2001. He was elected as CAP's National Chief in February 2006, and re-elected to a four-year term in November 2008. He was called to the Senate by Prime Minister Stephen Harper in December 2008. As National Chief, Patrick Brazeau was a vocal proponent of the repeal of section 67 of the Canadian Human Rights Act, which granted the same protective measures for human rights to citizens living under the Indian Act as all other Canadians had enjoyed since 1978. Senator Brazeau has worked extensively at the United Nations and collaboratively with other international agencies. He also served in the Canadian Armed Forces (Naval Reserve/HMCS Carleton). He holds a diploma in Social Sciences from Heritage College and has also studied Civil Law at the University of Ottawa.

## **SENATOR NANCY J. HARTLING**

*Non-Affiliated (appointed by J. Trudeau)*

**Roles:** Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights and the Senate Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans.

**Biography:** Nancy Hartling is one of New Brunswick's most dedicated advocates on issues affecting women. With a career focused on families and social issues, she is well versed in matters of mental health, poverty, violence against women and economic development. She founded the non-profit organization Support to Single Parents Inc. (SSPI), of which she was the Executive Director for thirty-four years. She has advocated locally, provincially and nationally on socio-economic issues facing single parents and their children and has contributed to programs for the elderly. In her work, Ms. Hartling built and maintained partnerships with all levels of government, community agencies, universities and educational institutions, businesses and media. Her involvement on women's issues has been extensive, including co-chairing the provincial Minister's Working Group on Violence against Women, serving on the Board of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research, co-chairing for New Brunswick for the Women's World March 2000, as well as lecturing at the University of New Brunswick. Ms. Hartling's achievements have been recognized with several awards, such as the Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case, the Community Spirit Award from the United Way of Greater Moncton and Southeastern New Brunswick, and the Order of New Brunswick.

## **SENATOR YONAH MARTIN**

*Conservative Party of Canada (appointed by S. Harper)*

**Roles:** Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights, the Senate Selection Committee and the Special Committee on the Charitable Sector.

**Biography:** Yonah Martin was appointed to the Senate Harper in January 2009. Born in Seoul, Korea, Yonah Martin immigrated to Canada in 1972. Graduate of the University of British Columbia in 1987, she spent 21 years as an educator until her appointment to the Senate. Her Senate Public Bill (Korean War Veterans Day Act) received Royal Assent on June 19, 2013. Senator Martin has received the Spirit of Community award for Cultural Harmony (2004), the Order of Korea Moran Medal from the Government of the Republic of Korea (2009), the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012), the Royal Canadian Legion's Friendship Award (2014), and the King Clancy Award (2016). She is currently the Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.

## **SENATOR THANH HAI NGO**

*Conservative Party of Canada (appointed by S. Harper)*

**Roles:** Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights and the Senate Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples.

**Biography:** See page 43.

## **SENATOR KIM PATE**

*Non-Affiliated (appointed by J. Trudeau)*

**Roles:** Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights and the Senate Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples and the Special Committee on Senate Arctic.

**Biography:** Kim Pate is a nationally renowned advocate who has spent the last 35 years working in and around the legal and penal systems of Canada, with and on behalf of some of the most marginalized, victimized, criminalized and institutionalized. Senator Pate graduated from Dalhousie Law School in 1984 with honours in the Clinical Law Programme and has completed post graduate work in the area of forensic mental health. She was the Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies (CAEFS) from January 1992 until her appointment to the Senate in November 2016. Prior to her work with CAEFS, she worked with the local John Howard Society in Calgary, as well as the national office. She has developed and taught Prison Law, Human Rights and Social Justice and Defending Battered Women on Trial courses at the Faculties of Law at the University of Ottawa, Dalhousie University and the University of Saskatchewan. She also occupied the Sallows Chair in Human Rights at the University of Saskatchewan College of Law in 2014 and 2015. Kim Pate is widely credited as the driving force behind the Inquiry into Certain Events at the Prison for Women in Kingston, headed by Justice Louise Arbour. Kim Pate is a member of the Order of Canada, a recipient of the Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case, the Canadian Bar Associations's Bertha Wilson Touchstone Award, and five honorary doctorates and numerous other awards.