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## 1. Members of Parliament

### **The Very 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.

### **Celina Caesar-Chavannes**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, member of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association and Member of Parliament for Whitby (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.

## 1.1 Members of the Ministry (Cabinet)

### The Honourable Stéphane Dion

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Minister of Foreign Affairs, Member of Parliament for Saint-Laurent (Quebec).

**Biography:** First elected in a 1996 by-election, Mr. Dion was re-elected in 1997, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2011 and 2015. Stéphane Dion served as Leader of the Opposition from December 2, 2006 to December 10, 2008. In July 2004, under former Prime Minister Paul Martin, Mr. Dion was appointed Minister of the Environment. As Minister, Mr. Dion was instrumental in securing international agreement to extend the Kyoto protocol beyond 2012 at the follow-up to the Kyoto Conference on Climate Change in Montreal in December 2005. Mr. Dion was appointed Intergovernmental Affairs Minister in January 1996 under former Prime Minister Jean Chrétien. Mr. Dion graduated from Université Laval with a B.A. in 1977 and an M.A. in 1979, both in political science. In 1986 he received his doctorate in sociology from the Institut d'études politiques in Paris. Before entering politics, Mr. Dion taught public administration and political science at the Université de Montréal from 1984 to 1996. He lectured at the Université de Moncton in 1984, was a visiting professor at the Brookings Institution in Washington, at the Laboratoire d'économie politique in Paris and at the Canadian Centre for Management Development in Ottawa.

### The Honourable Chrystia Freeland

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Role:** Minister of International Trade and 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.

### **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.

### **The Honourable Catherine McKenna**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Member of Parliament for Ottawa – Center (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.

### **The Honourable Harjit Sajjan**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Minister of National Defense 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.

## 1.2 Parliamentary Secretaries

### **Pamela Goldsmith-Jones**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, 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.

### **David Lametti**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade, Member of Parliament for LaSalle-Émard-Verdun (Quebec).

**Biography:** David Lametti is the Member of Parliament representing LaSalle-Émard-Verdun and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade. Mr. Lametti was recently a Professor of Law at McGill University. He was Associate Dean (Academic) between 2008 and 2011. He is a Member of the Institute of Comparative Law, and was a founding Member of the Centre for Intellectual Property Policy (CIPP); he served as its Director from 2009 to 2012. He obtained a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from the University of Toronto in 1985, and received his Common and Civil law degrees from McGill in 1989. Mr. Lametti received an LL.M. from the Yale Law School in 1991, and a doctorate in law at Oxford University. He is an internationally-recognized expert in property and intellectual property.

### **Karina Gould**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, member of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association, member of the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas, Member of Parliament for Burlington (Ontario).

**Biography :** Karina Gould is a trade and investment specialist and community activist. As a student at McGill University, she served as president of the Arts Undergraduate Society, and organized a \$20,000 fundraising campaign for victims of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. That same year, she began working as a consultant to the Migration and Development Program at the Organization of American States in



Washington, D.C. After completing her master's degree in International Relations at the University of Oxford, she moved back to Burlington, where she worked as a trade and investment specialist for the Mexican Trade Commission. Karina has been an active member of her community. She is a member of the Oxford Cambridge Society of Toronto, and has volunteered at the Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club, and as the social media coordinator for the Mississauga Furniture Bank.

### **Jonathan Wilkinson**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, 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.

### **The Honourable John McKay**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defense, Member of Parliament for Scarborough-Guilwood (Ontario).

**Biography :** John McKay was first elected as the Member of Parliament for Scarborough East in the 1997 federal election and re-elected in 2000. Most recently, John was re-elected in May of 2011 and was appointed the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence. He attended the University of Toronto at Scarborough (UTSC), where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree. After graduating he attended Queen's University where he obtained a Bachelor of Laws degree. He has assumed leadership positions in the legal community, serving with the Durham Bar Association (Past President), the County and District Law Association (Executive Member), the Canadian Bar Association (Real Estate Executive), and as a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada's Committee on Title Insurance. John is also the past moderator of Spring Garden Church, Vice-President of CIDO (an organization devoted to community banking in developing nations), and a past member of the Advisory Council of Durham College.

### 1.3 STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### **The Honourable Robert Nault**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles** : Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Chair of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Chair of the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas, Member of Parliament for Kenora (Ontario).

**Biography** : Born in Manitoba, 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, 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.

#### **Dean Allison**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles** : 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, Deputy Critic for International Development, counsellor for the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas, Member of Parliament for Niagara West (Ontario).

**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.

#### **Hélène Laverdière**

*New Democratic Party of Canada*

**Roles** : 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, NDP’s Critic for Foreign Affairs, 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 went to Canada's 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.

### **Peter Fragiskatos**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles** : Member 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, Vice-Chair of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association, Member of Parliament for London North Center (Ontario).

**Biography** : Prior to being elected, Peter was a media commentator. His works have been published by major Canadian and international news organizations including Maclean's Magazine, The Globe and Mail, The Toronto Star, BBC News, and CNN. Very active in London's Greek community, Peter ran a youth mentorship program. Peter 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. Peter 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.

### **The Honourable Peter Kent**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles** : Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, member of the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas, Deputy Critic for Foreign Affairs, Member of Parliament for Thornhill (Ontario).

**Biography** : Peter Kent was first elected to the House of Commons representing Thornhill in 2008 and sworn into Cabinet as Minister of State of Foreign Affairs, responsible for the Americas. Re-elected in 2011, Peter was appointed Canada's Environment Minister and served in that capacity until July 2013. In October, 2013 Peter was elected Chair of the House Standing Committee on National Defence. In October, 2015 Peter was again re-elected as MP for Thornhill and appointed Deputy Critic for Foreign Affairs. In Summer 2016 Peter was appointed as Critic of Foreign Affairs. Prior to his election to the House of Commons, Peter Kent was a broadcast journalist, having spent more than 40 years working as a writer, reporter, producer, anchor and broadcast executive in Canada, the United States and around the world. Peter Kent won a number of awards over the course of his career, including the prestigious Robert F. Kennedy Award.

## **Tom Kmiec**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Member of Parliament for Calgary Shepard (Alberta).

**Biography :** Tom Kmiec was born in Poland and raised in Quebec, where he graduated from the Université de Concordia with a Bachelor degree in Political Science. He has a Master's degree from Regent University, Virginia, USA, in American Government with a concentration in Terrorism and Homeland Security. Tom has also served for ministers both provincially and federally in portfolios as diverse as Finance, Immigration, Sustainable Resource Development and National Defense. He is a past manager of policy and research with the Calgary Chamber of Commerce and the past registrar for the human resources profession in the province of Alberta.

## **Michael Levitt**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Chair of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, member of the Canadian Section of ParAmericas and member of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association, Member of Parliament for York Centre (Ontario).

**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 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.

## **Marc Miller**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, member of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights 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, Member of Parliament for Ville-Marie- Le Sud-Ouest- Île-des-Sœurs (Quebec).

**Biography :** Marc Miller graduated from McGill University in Common Law and Civil Law. Focusing on international and commercial law Marc worked in both Stockholm and New York City before returning to

Montreal. He also holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Political Science from Université de Montréal. Marc has been involved in several charitable and pro bono legal initiatives and served for four years in the Canadian Armed Forces as an infantry section commander. Marc has also authored articles on constitutional and human rights law. Since his election October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Marc has been elected Quebec Caucus chair and is currently serving as a member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development.

### **Raj Saini**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, member of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Member of Parliament for Kitchener-Centre (Ontario).

**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, member of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Member of Parliament for Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon (British Columbia).

**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.

## 1.4 SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### **Michael Levitt**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Role :** Chair of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development (for complete roles and biography see p. 12)

#### **David Sweet**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Caucus Chair, member of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association, member of the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas, Member of Parliament for Flamborough-Glanbrook (Ontario).

**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. MP 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 MP Sweet with the Holocaust Education Committee Humanitarian Award for his work.

#### **Cheryl Hardcastle**

*New Democratic Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Member of Parliament for Windsor-Tecumseh (Ontario).

**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.

## **David Anderson**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

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

**Biography :** David 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, David 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. David 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. David is a founding member of the International Panel of Parliamentarians for Freedom of Religion or Belief. David studied at the University of Regina where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He then went on to complete a Masters of Divinity at the Canadian Theological Seminary in 1990.

## **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, member of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, 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, member of the Africa-Canada Parliamentary Association, member of the Canada-Chine Legislative Association, member of the Canada-Japan Interparliamentary Group, Member of Parliament for Kitchener-Sud – Hespeler (Ontario).

**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, Marwan is committed to acting as an advocate for residents of Kitchener South-Hespeler with the federal government. He is a member of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.

**Marc Miller**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Role** : Member of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development (for complete roles and biography see p. 12)

## 1.5 STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

**The Honourable Mark Eyking**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Chair of the Standing Committee on International Trade, member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on International Trade.

**Biography** : He is a graduate of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro. Mark 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 & 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, Eyking was appointed Agriculture Critic by Justin Trudeau.

**Randy Hoback**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles** : Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on International Trade, member of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association, member of the Canada-China Legislative Association, member of the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas, Member of Parliament for Prince Albert (Saskatchewan).

**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, Randy 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, Hoback was also elected President of FIPA at the Association's 8th Annual FIPA-ParlAmericas in Asuncion, Paraguay.

### **Tracey Ramsey**

*New Democratic Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on International Trade, member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on International Trade, Member of Parliament for Essex (Ontario).

**Biography :** Tracey Ramsey worked at Ford Motor Company for the past 19 years and holds a diploma in practical nursing. Tracey 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.

### **Sukh Dhaliwal**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Member of the Standing Committee on International Trade, member of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association, member of the Canada-China Legislative Association, member of the Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group, member of the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas, Member of Parliament for Surrey – Newton (British Columbia).

**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, 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.

### **Linda Lapointe**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on International Trade, Member of Parliament for Rivière-des-Mille-Îles (Quebec).

**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, member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on International Trade, Member of Parliament for New Brunswick Southwest (New Brunswick).

**Biography :** Prior to entering politics, Karen Ludwig was a small business owner, an associate dean and a teacher. She has a Master of Arts, a Master of Education, and a CITP (Certified International Trade Professional) degree. She is also a current member of the St. Andrews Chamber of Commerce. She was elected to represent the riding of New Brunswick Southwest in the 2015 federal election.

### **Kyle Peterson**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on International Trade, member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on International Trade, Standing Committee on International Trade, member of the Canada-China Legislative Association, member of the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas, 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. Kyle 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. Kyle 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 Gerry Ritz**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Member of the Standing Committee on International Trade, Vice-Chair of the Canada-China Legislative Association, Member of Parliament for Battlefords-Lloydminster (Saskatchewan).

**Biography :** Over his eight years as Agriculture Minister he has led over 30 trade missions to open and expand international markets for Canadian farmers and food processors. Gerry has been recognized with a number of industry awards for his work in restoring and expanding Canadian beef and pork to key markets around the world. He also works closely with industry, academia and other levels of government here at home to invest in science and innovation. Gerry served as Minister of Agriculture from 2007-2015, and currently as Member of Parliament for Battlefords-Lloydminster since 1997. He also served as Secretary of State for Small Business and Tourism and is now the International Trade Critic for the Official Opposition.

### **Dave Van Kesteren**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Member of the Standing Committee on International Trade, Member of Parliament for Chatham-Kent – Leamington (Ontario).

**Biography :** Dave Van Kesteren was first elected in January 2006 as a Member of Parliament for Chatham-Kent-Essex. Subsequent to becoming the Member of Parliament for Chatham-Kent-Leamington, Dave worked in the auto industry. In 1985, Dave opened his first auto body shop, later running his own used car business and then becoming a Hyundai dealer in 1996. During his time as a Member of Parliament he has served on several Committees: In this the 42nd Parliament he is the deputy critic of International Trade for the Official Opposition and sits on the Standing Committee for International Trade. He is also the chair of the CPC Ontario Regional Caucus.

## 1.6 STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

### Stephen Fuhr

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defense, Chair of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defence, Member of Parliament for Kelowna – Lake Country (British Columbia).

**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.

### Cheryl Gallant

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defense, director of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association, member of the Canada-China Legislative Association, Member of Parliament for Renfrew-Nipissing – Pembroke (Ontario).

**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.

### Randall Garrison

*New Democratic Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defense, member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defense, NDP's Critic for National Defense, member of Parliament for Esquimalt – Saanich – Sooke (British Columbia).

**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 the NDP's LGBT Critic. Before entering Parliament, Randall 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, Randall has also participated in international human rights missions to East Timor, Indonesia, Afghanistan and the Philippines.

### **James Bezan**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Member of the Standing Committee on National Defense, member of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association, member of the Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group, member of the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas, Official Opposition Shadow Cabinet as the Conservative Defence Critic. Member of Parliament for Selkirk – Interlake – Eastman (Manitoba).

**Biography :** James Bezan has been elected five times as a Conservative Member of Parliament since 2004. Over the course of his parliamentary career, he has chaired the House of Commons Standing Committees for Agriculture and Agri-Food (2006-2008), Environment (2008-2011), and National Defence (2011-2013). Bezan currently serves in the Official Opposition Shadow Cabinet as the Conservative Defence Critic. During his 12 years in Parliament, Bezan has fought strongly for marketing freedom for Western Canadian farmers, and ending the long-gun registry. Bezan has also been a very outspoken critic on the issue of Russian aggression in Eastern Europe, and protecting Ukraine’s democracy, sovereignty and human rights. Before public life, Bezan worked in the livestock industry.

### **Darren Fisher**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on National Defense, Member of Parliament for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour (Ontario).

**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 in Ottawa. Darren was sworn in as Member of Parliament for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour in 2015.

### **Mark Gerretsen**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Member of the Standing Committee on National Defense, Member of Parliament for Kingston and the Islands (Ontario).

**Biography :** In 2015, Mark was elected as Member of Parliament for Kingston and the Islands. Mark first entered municipal politics in 2006, and he served as Mayor from 2010 to 2014. As Mayor, Mark 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. Mark holds an Economics degree from Queen's University and also attended St. Lawrence College for Computer Engineering.

### **Pierre Paul-Hus**

*Conservative Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on National Defense, member of the Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group, Member of Parliament for Charlesbourg – Haute-Saint-Charles (Quebec).

**Biography :** Paul-Hus is a graduate of political science at Laval University and owner of PRESTIGE Media Group. He was also vice president and general manager of Sélections mondiales des vins - Canada (the largest wine competition in North America) for 9 years. Paul-Hus is a military officer (reserve) and a graduate of the Canadian Army Command and Staff College in Kingston, Ontario and the Ecole Militaire in Paris, where he also taught. During the 22 years of his military service, He has conducted two operational missions: one in Goose Bay, Labrador, under the aegis of NATO, and the second in Cyprus to the United Nations. He was elected in the 2015 federal election for the riding of Charlesbourg – Haute-Saint-Charles.

### **Jean R. Rioux**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Member of the Standing Committee on National Defense, member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defense, Member of Parliament for Saint-Jean (Quebec).

**Biography:** Jean Rioux is an educator, businessman and politician. He holds a B.A. in History and certificates in pedagogy and political science. He represented Iberville in the Quebec National Assembly from 2003 to 2007. Rioux stood as the Liberal Party of Canada's candidate for Saint-Jean in the 2015 federal election and won.

### **Sherry Romanado**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on National Defense, member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defense, Member of Parliament for Longueuil – Charles-LeMoyne (Quebec).

**Biography:** Sherry Romanado, Member of Parliament for Longueuil – Charles-LeMoyne Mrs. Sherry Romanado has been performing administrative functions for more than 15 years in the public as well as in the private sector. A graduate from McGill University's Public Relations Certificate program, she also

completed her MBA in 2011 at Concordia University. She has filled several positions at McGill, such as International Development Manager and Assistant Director of International Partnerships. Until recently, she was Director, Continuing Education at Cégep Champlain Saint-Lambert as well as Instructor in Public Relations at McGill's School of Continuing Studies. A member of the Société québécoise des professionnels en relations publiques and the Canadian Public Relations Society, Ms. Romanado has a strong background in politics, at the municipal as well as provincial and federal levels.

### **Sven Spengemann**

*Liberal Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of the Standing Committee on National Defense, Member of Parliament for Mississauga – Lakeshore (Ontario).

**Biography :** 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, Spengemann earned a number of awards and distinctions. In 2008, Osgoode Hall Law School recognized Spengemann's academic and professional achievements with a Gold Key Alumni award. 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.

## **1.7 OTHER OPPOSITION CRITICS**

### **OFFICIAL OPPOSITION (PCC)**

#### **The Honourable Ed Fast**

*Conservative Party of Canada.*

**Role :** Critic for Environment and Climate Change, Member of Parliament for Thornhill (Ontario).

**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 Ed to his cabinet to serve as Minister of International Trade. Prior to his appointment to cabinet, Ed 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 & Human Rights.

## **NDP**

### **Robert Aubin**

*New Democratic Party of Canada*

**Roles :** NDP's Critic for International Development and Francophonie, Member of Parliament for Trois-Rivières (Québec).

**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.

### **Linda Duncan**

*New Democratic Party of Canada*

**Roles :** Critic for Environment and Climate change and Member of Parliament for Edmonton Strathcona (Alberta).

**Biography :** Linda Duncan was elected MP for Edmonton Strathcona in 2008. She was re-elected in 2011 and 2015. Linda 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, Linda 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. Linda is a graduate of Strathcona High School and the University of Alberta.

## **Green Party**

### **Elizabeth May**

*Green Party of Canada*

**Roles:** Member of Parliament for Saanich—Gulf Islands (British Columbia), Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Special Committee on Electoral Reform, Special Committee on Electoral Reform

**Biography:** Elizabeth May is an environmentalist, writer, activist, lawyer, and leader of the Green Party of Canada. Elizabeth became active in the environmental movement in the 1970s. In 1986, Elizabeth became Senior Policy Advisor to then federal Environment Minister, Tom McMillan. In June 2006, Elizabeth stepped down as Executive Director of the Sierra Club of Canada, a post she had held since 1989, to run for the leadership of the Green Party of Canada. She was successful in her bid, was elected the Green Party's ninth leader at their national convention in August 2006. In the 2011 Election, Elizabeth made history by being the first Canadian Green Party candidate to be elected to the House of Commons. She now represents the riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands.



## 2. SENATORS

### 2.1 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

#### **Senator Raynell Andreychuk**

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

**Roles :** Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, member of the Senate Committee on Human Rights, member of the Senate Committee on National Finance.

**Biography :** Entering the University of Saskatchewan, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree followed by a Bachelor of Laws degree, 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, 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 Percy Downe**

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

**Role :** Deputy Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

**Biography :** Senator Percy Downe graduated from the University of Prince Edward Island in 1977. From 1986 to 1993, he was executive assistant to the Premier of Prince Edward Island. He served as an executive assistant to the Secretary of State for Veteran Affairs and, subsequently, as executive assistant to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Minister of Labour. He became Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's chief of staff in 2001. He was appointed to the Senate of Canada in 2003.

#### **Senator Salma Ataullahjan**

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

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

**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 Rose-May Poirier**

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

**Roles:** Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, member of the Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans and member of the Senate Committee on Official Languages.

**Biography:** Before her appointment to the Senate, Rose-May Poirier was the Member of Legislative Assembly in New Brunswick representing the people of Rogersville-Kouchibouguac for three terms. First elected in 1999, Senator Poirier has served as Minister of the Office of Human Resources, Minister of Local Government and Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs. Immediately prior to her appointment, she acted as the Opposition Critic for issues relating to the Office of the Premier, the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation and the Secretariat for Community Non-Profit Organizations. Previous to her election to the provincial legislature, Senator Poirier was a successful businessperson working as an insurance representative and as an executive VIP manager for Tupperware Canada. She also served on the Saint-Louis de Kent town council. Senator Poirier is married to Donald and they reside in Saint-Louis de Kent.

### **Senator Anne Cools**

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

**Role:** Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

**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 Jane Cordy**

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

**Role :** Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

**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)*

**Role:** Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

**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 trustee 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 Nicole Eaton**

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

**Role:** Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

**Biography :** Senator Eaton has devoted much of her life to serving her community in varying degrees through her participation and leadership in a number of charitable organizations, foundations and the arts. Presently she is Director and Vice-Chair of St. Michael's Hospital Foundation, Director and Vice-Chair of the National Ballet of Canada and Chair of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies. Previously, Ms. Eaton has served in varying capacities on a number of other organizations, including the Royal Ontario Museum, the George R. Gardiner Museum, the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and the Stratford Festival of Canada. Ms. Eaton has also been a columnist for the National Post newspaper and is co-author of two publications.

### **Senator Leo Housakos**

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

**Role:** 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 2001-2002. 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 Thanh Hai Ngo**

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

**Roles :** Member of the Senate committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, member of the Senate committee on Human Rights.

**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)*

**Role :** Member of the Senate committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

**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 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.

## 2.1 SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

### Senator Jim Munson

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

**Role:** Chair of the Senate Committee on Human Rights.

**Biography:** Mr. Munson recently served as the Director of Communications to the Prime Minister. He has had an extensive career in journalism both in Canada and abroad. He previously served as a television correspondent for CTV reporting on national events in the public and political arena. He was CTV's Bureau Chief in Beijing from 1987 to 1992 reporting on events in China such as Tiananmen Massacre of June 4, 1989. He also served as Bureau Chief and senior correspondent in Halifax, Nova Scotia and London, England. He has covered the Iran-Iraq war, the Gulf war and the Philippines. Mr. Munson has twice been nominated for a Gemini Award in recognition of excellence in journalism.

### Senator Salma Atallahjan

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

**Roles:** Deputy Chair of Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights (for complete roles and biography see p.27).

### Senator Nancy Ruth

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

**Roles:** Member of the Senate Committee on Human Rights.

**Biography:** Nancy Ruth has Chaired the Human Rights Committee and initiated studies on UNSC 1325 and Canada's implementation of this and other Security Council resolutions relating to women, peace and security. She has served on many inter-parliamentary groups. She has also been instrumental in co-founding organizations that work for women's social change in Canada like LEAF (The Women's Legal Education and Action Fund), The Canadian Women's Foundation, [www.section15.ca](http://www.section15.ca), The Linden School, The Women's Future Fund and the Charter of Rights Coalition. Nancy Ruth holds a MA in the Applied Behavioural Sciences, a BA in Political Science and has a diploma in Theology. She also received several honorary doctorates.

### **Senator Raymonde Gagné**

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

**Role:** Member of the Senate Committee on Human Rights.

**Biography :** Senator Raymonde Gagné has worked in the field of education for over 35 years. Notably, she was President of the *Université de Saint-Boniface* (USB) from 2003-2014. Prior to her tenure as President, she served as Director of New Programs, Director of the Community College and of the Continuing Education Division of USB, as well as Professor in Business Administration. Prior to her arrival at USB, she worked as a high school teacher, a principal, and as a consultant in regional and industrial expansion in New Brunswick. She is a member of the Order of Canada, the Order of Manitoba, and a recipient of the Prix Riel. Throughout her career, she contributed to numerous organizations and boards within Manitoba and across the country. She was also a member of the Senate of the University of Manitoba.

### **Senator Elizabeth Hubley**

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

**Role :** Member of the Senate Committee on Human Rights.

**Biography :** Senator Elizabeth Hubley attended Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown, and the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In 1989, she was elected to represent the old District of Fourth Prince in the Prince Edward Island Legislative Assembly. Senator Hubley was re-elected in 1993, at which time she was appointed Deputy Speaker. She retired from provincial politics in 1996. In 1998, Senator Hubley was appointed as a member of the Federal Veterans Review and Appeal Board, a position she held until her appointment to the Senate of Canada in March, 2001. Senator Hubley is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the Indian River Festival and a member of the CUSO Circle. She also maintains a strong interest in the work of the Canadian Landmine Foundation.

### **Senator Yonah Martin**

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

**Role :** Member of the Senate Committee on Human Rights.

**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 Ratna Omidvar**

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

**Role :** Member of the Senate Committee on Human Rights.

**Biography :** Ratna Omidvar is an internationally recognized expert on migration, diversity and inclusion. In 2016, Prime Minister Trudeau appointed Ratna to the Senate of Canada as an independent Senator representing Ontario. Ratna is the founding Executive Director and currently a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Global Diversity Exchange (GDX), Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University. Ratna is a director at the Environics Institute, and Samara. Ratna Omidvar was appointed to the Order of Ontario in 2005 and became a Member of the Order of Canada in 2011, with both honours recognizing her advocacy work on behalf of immigrants and devotion to reducing inequality in Canada.

### **Senator Thanh Hai Ngo**

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

**Role:** Member of the Senate Committee on Human Rights (for complete roles and biography see p.26)

### **Senator Raynell Andreychuk**

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

**Role:** Chair of the Senate Committee on Human Rights (for complete roles and biography see p. 26)