



Ontario Agencies Supporting Individuals with Special Needs
Agences ontariennes de soutien pour les personnes qui ont des besoins spéciaux

One Voice Kit

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Ontario General Election 2014

USER GUIDE

Introduction

Dear OASIS member,

The suddenness of the fall of Budget 2014 appears to have caught all three of Ontario's political parties by surprise. On May 7, the official start of the campaign, none of the parties had a full slate of 107 candidates nominated (NDP 68, Liberal 95, and PC 99).

Combined with the Elections Ontario mandated political advertising blackout that is in effect until May 21, the first two weeks of the campaign are not likely to garner a great deal of media attention. Public salience will remain low until the first televised debate, yet to be scheduled or agreed upon by the three major parties.

As OASIS members gathers in London Ontario from May 7-9, this *One Voice Kit* provides an inflection point for a conversation about grassroots activation during the 2014 election. We will take the opportunity to come together one last time before spreading out across the province to remind candidates about our sector's importance to the province's future prosperity.

At present, over a third of OASIS members have taken the Brighter Future Pledge. The *One Voice Kit* will encourage and enable greater adoption while ensuring that OASIS is collecting valuable information that can be used to further amplify our message.

These tools will ensure that online engagement complements a robust, central grassroots programme that prioritizes face-to-face contact with candidates and community influencers.

Finally, the toolkit is designed to ensure that OASIS members increase their community and media profile. This is a critical goal.

In the wake of Ontario's 41st General Election on June 12, OASIS' member agencies can expect the Select Committee on Developmental Services, as well as the Office of the Ombudsman, to issue their final reports on the sector. Combined with the Liberals' promise of over \$800 million over the next three years, it is clear that an increased profile is needed to ensure that whoever forms government fulfills this commitment. Further, an infusion of such funds demands that developmental services agencies demonstrate their value more publicly than ever before. The guide for conducting site tours, for example, has been specifically designed to drive community awareness.

Sincerely,

David Barber
President

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- In addition to outlining the issues and key messages, provides a template on how to address recent media coverage and articles on the sector.

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POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION RULES

Ontario General Election 2014

Contributions can be made to either to a local campaign via the riding association or the central campaign via its registered political party.

There are two types of donations that can be made: you can donate money or give an in-kind contribution, which is the donation of goods and services to a campaign, riding association or central campaign. Volunteer time does not count as an in-kind political donation.

The *Election Finances Act* outlines how much an individual, trade union or corporation may contribute.

Who May Contribute?

Political contributions may be made by: a person normally resident in Ontario; a corporation that is not a registered charity and carries on active business in Ontario; and a district labour council, or trade-union that holds bargaining rights for employees in Ontario.

Contributions are prohibited from sources outside Ontario.

How Much May I Contribute?

Eligible contributors can contribute up to \$9,975 to a central party in any year and an additional \$9,975 for each campaign period. The campaign period began on May 7 and concludes on June 12, 2014.

In addition, eligible contributors can contribute up to \$6,650 annually to riding associations of any one party, but no more than \$1,330 annually to a single association. Similarly, \$6,650 can be contributed to candidates of any one party, with a limit of no more than \$1,330 to a single candidate.

All contributions must be acknowledged with tax credit receipts, no matter how small. Contributions of up to \$25 can be accepted in cash. Amounts over \$25 must be paid by a cheque, money order or credit card having the name of the contributor legibly printed thereon and drawn on an account in the contributor's name.

Tax credit

The amount of the credit depends on how much you give. The maximum credit is \$1,330 for 2014.

To get the credit, you need to be an Ontario resident on December 31 of the tax year, and have made a contribution to a registered Ontario political party, registered constituency association or candidate in an Ontario provincial election during that year. You cannot claim this credit for contributions to municipal or federal elections.

The amount of credit depends on how much you give. The rate is 75 per cent on the first \$399 of donations in 2014, 50 per cent on the portion of your donation between \$399 and \$1,330, and 33.33 per cent on the portion between \$1,330 and \$3,026.

You claim the credit on your personal income tax and benefit return.

ISSUE SUMMARIES

ISSUE

ESTABLISH STABILITY: INCREASE BASE FUNDING WITH CAPITAL AND ANNUALIZED FUNDING TO RELIEVE PRESSURE

Critical investments are needed to ensure that short term needs in our sector are met. The province must commit to a capital funding investment to arrest the mounting crisis situation created by consecutive years of no additional funding to sustain existing services or even annual cost of living increases. However, one-time or ad hoc funding based on crisis alone will ensure that waiting lists continue to grow, that we all fall further behind, and the burden to taxpayers continues to skyrocket. Therefore, capital investment should complement sustained, annualized funding.

SOLUTION

✓ **ASK**

That the allocation of \$810million for developmental services over the next three years coincides with annualized investment of an additional 2% on current base budgets to Transfer Payment agencies for 2014-15.

✓ **ASK**

That the Minister of Finance upholds the proposed application of the \$810million investment to address growing wait-lists for services is disbursed in a manner that is most impactful for Ontario's most vulnerable.

ISSUE

ADDRESS SYSTEMIC ISSUES: LEVEL PLAYING FIELD & PREDICTABILITY

Many of our member agencies have had legislated Pay Equity (PE) commitments imposed upon them. In a frozen funding environment, services must necessarily be reduced in order to meet these legal obligations. Some organizations have deferred pay equity commitments as funding has been frozen. Others have reduced staffing levels and services. All agencies that had internal comparators met their PE obligation years ago. Agencies that were mandated to compare with salaries in the health sector have years remaining before their obligation is met. This comparison to the health sector is the issue, but the legal obligation remains:

SOLUTION

✓ **ASK**

The province must mitigate this pressure. Make changes to the Proxy Pay Equity legislation, or amend Proxy Regulation 396/93, to allow for in-sector comparators, placing a moratorium on Proxy Pay Equity liabilities until changes are put in place, and commit to funding pay equity adjustments to completion once the changes are in place. This will prevent the loss of 3,600 full-time positions and mitigate service impacts for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Many of our member agencies deliver transfer payments on an ad hoc annual basis. An inability to plan beyond the current year means that agencies cannot ensure cost-effective service delivery with long-term stability and planning. To provide greater flexibility in planning and the use of resources and to ensure that local agencies can stretch the value of each dollar of funding they receive, at no additional cost to the government:

✓ **ASK**

The budget process must allow for the creation of reserves. Transfer payment agencies should have four year rolling budgets for the purpose of establishing reserves to fund capital items and major repairs, and to develop innovative, cost-effective programs in a planned manner.

ISSUE

CREATIVE SOLUTIONS: THE BRIGHTER PROSPECTS DIVESTITURE DIVIDEND

In 2011, the government sold the Rideau Regional Centre site. The Huronia Regional Centre in Orillia, and other decommissioned properties, should be divested and the proceeds reinvested as capital dollars in support of sustained annualized investments.

SOLUTION

✓ **ASK**

The government must agree to undertake a comprehensive survey and appraisal process, and sell unused properties and assets in the sector. Treated as capital dollars, the revenue generated from these divestitures must go directly into funding reserves, to be allocated as needed, such as maintaining existing properties and relieving pressure on wait-lists.

ISSUE

HOPE: LONG TERM PLANNING FOR FAMILIES

The Government of Ontario must consider how the developmental services sector can be included within an integrated strategy to address poverty and the need for accessible and affordable housing. A majority of families with disabled children incur significant out-of-pocket expenses and as primary caregivers forego employment opportunities. Non-medical costs, such as added transportation to and from appointments or therapy, are also pervasive. These costs are magnified for parents of adults once they can no longer access the public school system.

A commitment to invest in the developmental services sector would ensure that by April 1st, 2020, every person who has a developmental disability - and their family - has access to the support they need to live free from poverty, in the community. To this end, OASIS supports the service improvement recommendations outlined in the 2012 report commissioned by the Ministry of Community and Social Services, *Brighter Prospects*, which reviewed social assistance in Ontario.

THE ASK

✓ ASK

That the government immediately begins implementation of the changes recommended in *Brighter Prospects*.

PARTY PLATFORM ANALYSES

When the incumbent minority Liberal government unveiled its budget on May 1, 2014, the document was intended to double as an election platform in the event that the government fell. As a result, the Liberals are not expected to announce any new initiatives beyond what was outlined in the budget over the course of the campaign. Most importantly for OASIS members, on April 11 the Liberal government announced as part of its budget proposal an investment of \$810M over three years to tackle developmental services wait lists. The announcement specifically noted more funding for agencies and front-line workers.

The Ontario PC Party has written a series of policy white papers over the past two years, and framed each one as an airing of ideas that may or may not be selected as official party policy during an election campaign. While using these papers mostly as trial balloons, the PC's have successfully managed to create room to maneuver during the course of a general election within a set of parameters acceptable to its core supporters. On developmental services, it was PC MPP Christine Elliott (Whitby-Oshawa) who first called on the legislature to create the Select Committee on Developmental Services. The PC's have not outlined a firm funding position.

The NDP are the least mature party in terms of policy commitments to date, and have adopted a much more populist tenor under leader Andrea Horwath, who has doubled the seat count of her caucus since taking the helm through the 2011 election and several by-elections. The NDP will have the greatest ability and willingness to surprise over the course of the campaign with new ideas and platform promises. Ms. Horwath stopped short of saying her party did not support the actual budget introduced by the Liberal government on May 1, but rather said that the NDP could no longer support the Liberal Party itself.

When speaking with a political candidate during a site tour or another interaction by telephone or in person, we encourage you to emphasize common ground by linking OASIS' priorities with the priorities outlined in the party's platform. This is not hard to do. You will note that throughout the course of the Ontario Select Committee on Developmental Services' work, each party's representatives have at one time attempted to claim a moral mandate as best placed to fight wait lists.

All party commitments to date are captured in the chart below. We will update this document as new campaign commitments are revealed. These summaries provide you with context to ensure your interaction with candidates is productive and informed. In several cases, you will find indirect linkages to OASIS priorities that provide context, such as the PC Party stance on transit.

ISSUE	Liberal	PC	NDP
JOBS/ECONOMY	Promising a 10 year, \$2.5B “jobs and prosperity fund” to attract business to Ontario.	Million Jobs Plan to create 1M jobs over 8 years. Includes encouraging more young people to train for skilled trades. Pledging to cut 100,000 jobs from Ontario’s public sector to bring the budget to balance in two years.	Would establish a 10% tax credit for businesses that put money into Ontario’s buildings, machinery and equipment.
TRANSIT	Offering \$29B over the next 10 years for roads, bridges and public transit.	Propose and Ontario transportation trust that would include funds from selling surplus lands to pay up to \$2B a year for new projects. Same principle as OASIS divestiture dividend – see Issue Summaries	Would tell municipalities to freeze transit fares at current levels for four years.
LABOUR	Promise to raise the minimum wage for personal support workers in the home care area by \$4 by 2016 – from \$12.50 to 16.50.	Would challenge the “extraordinary powers government grants to unions”. Supports an across the board public sector wage freeze.	Plan to increase <i>Employment Standards Act</i> enforcement to better protect people’s right on the job.
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	Pledge a 1% increase for Ontario Works recipients and those receiving ODSP payments.	Plan to replace Ontario Works and ODSP with one streamlined program.	Want to ensure social assistance rates keep pace with inflation and reduce claw backs for working ODSP recipients.
HEALTH CARE	Would invest more than \$11.4B in capital grants in major	Plan to create a single point of accountability for health care by	Aim to ban ambulance fees and scrap Local Health

	hospital expansion or redevelopment projects over the next 10 years.	breaking down the “barriers” between Community Care Access Centres, Local Health Integration Networks, family doctors and hospitals.	Integration Networks and replace them with “effective local decision making”.
EDUCATION	Offering \$11B for school construction and repair in Ontario.	Would reinvest savings into 300 elementary schools where more than half of students fail to meet test standards.	Propose forgiving student debt for doctors in under-served areas of the province.
PENSIONS	Planning an Ontario retirement pension plan funded by workers and employees.	In favour of pooled registered pension plans, and would work with businesses to make it easier for employers to offer this.	Propose an Ontario retirement plan that would provide an optional defined benefit pension.
TAXES	Pledge to maintain a “low” corporate income tax rate for small business at 4.5%.	Promise to significantly reduce Ontario tax rates to encourage investment, create jobs, and grow the economy.	Pledge to cut small business tax rate from 4.5% to 4%.
ENERGY	Promise to upgrade Darlington and Bruce B nuclear facilities. Darlington upgrade alone is estimated to cost about \$10B.	Promise to upgrade existing nuclear power plants and build new ones.	Say money set aside for nuclear projects should fund energy efficiency initiatives instead.

SITE TOURS, COMMUNICATIONS MATERIALS

How To Conduct a Site Tour

Tours Provide Hands-On Education

Agency tours host candidates at a local site to educate them about your agency's role in assisting and supporting people with disabilities and their families. An agency tour with candidates is a great way to demonstrate your agency's contribution to the local communities, visibly demonstrating why agency issues matter, and advancing the profile of your organization.

Arranging the tour:

Complete and send the *OASIS Agency Tour Invitation* (beside) to your local candidates. Please contact OASIS should you require assistance identifying the candidates running in your area. We encourage you to invite all candidates of the major parties for their own one-on-one tour.

Preparing for the tour

Once the tour has been scheduled, please contact us and we will ensure that you have OASIS backgrounders, candidate bios, and any further information you need to effectively communicate agency's message. Remember to have a camera ready!

Educating on the Tour

1. Showcase the value of your agency: During the tour, demonstrate the value of your agency through three key points: (1) Developmental services agency provides frontline support for people with disabilities and the families; (2) Nearly all Ontarians know someone with a developmental disability; (3) Agencies serve the entire community through promoting independence, inclusion, and diversity.
2. Highlight Your Agency and the Constituency Served: Talk about your agency and the role it serves in the community. Sharing information such as:
 - How long has your agency been serving families and the community
 - How many individuals are served
 - Describe the ongoing assistance many individuals and their families require

Sample Invitation

Dear [insert candidate's name]:

Developmental services agencies play an integral role in supporting people with disabilities in Ontario. We are dedicated to helping improve the life of those individuals living with developmental disabilities in Ontario and their families.

On behalf of [insert agency name here], we would like to extend an invitation to you so you can see firsthand the terrific work that we do. It will take less than an hour and is an ideal opportunity to learn more about those we serve.

We hope that you accept our invitation and invite you to contact us at [insert phone number here]. We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

- Residential services
- Day services
- Respite services

3. Demonstrate Agency Services: Over the course of the tour, try to visually educate candidates about agency services. Demonstrate how your agency:
- Provides responsive and cost effective assistance to people with developmental disabilities and their families
 - Benefits the community
 - Lessens strain on public services

Sharing the Tour: Share the excitement with other agency employees and invite them to meet the candidate. If the candidate agrees, promote the tour through a media release, take pictures during the tour and post them to social media, and have your employees tweet about the event. Send us your pictures and we will post them on the OASIS Facebook page.

Tour Follow Up

As they often have full schedules, it is important to thank candidates and MPPs for their time. Considering using the following template:

[Your Agency's Letterhead]

[Date]

Name of Candidate [confirm correct title; members, minister, etc.]
Street Address
City ON Postal Code

Dear _____,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me on [DATE].

I greatly appreciated the opportunity to introduce myself and discuss the importance of our agency to the people of our community.

You specifically raised the issue of _____. I am pleased to enclose [or, I will send you] material on that issue which I think you will find helpful.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss these matters with you again. If you should require any further information or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your agency's contact information]

Site Tour Feedback Form

Following your tour with the candidate, be sure to debrief on how the tour went, what questions were asked, and any issues or questions that need follow up. Consider the key messages and how well they were received. Share the following the feedback with OASIS.

Agency Name _____

Date of tour _____

Tour Conductor(s) _____

Visiting Candidate _____

I. Was the candidate already familiar with issues related to developmental services?

Very Familiar Knew the issues after briefing Not familiar

II. Was the candidate supportive of making changes to Proxy Pay Equity Legislation?

Very Supportive Would consider supporting Not Supportive

III. Will candidate discuss developmental services as part of their platform?

Yes No Unsure

IV. Will the candidate support the proposed funding?

Yes No Unsure

V. Does the candidate support the development of a longterm plan to ensure the effective delivery of developmental services?

Very Supportive Would consider supporting Not Supportive

Additional Comments:

Follow Up?

Political Engagement – How to Contact Your Candidate

Well-informed, knowledgeable candidates are better able to act in a way that benefits everyone. Furthermore, candidates want as much information as possible on issues that are of importance to them and have come to rely in particular on constituents to provide it. So be sure to contact the candidates in your area to get the key messages for developmental services agencies heard.

The goal of communicating with candidates is raising awareness of the developmental services needs and issues, and persuades them to take appropriate action. Obviously, the skills of advocacy and negotiation are involved. There are certain basic principles that have proven to be very effective when communicating candidates.

**Find contact information for your member of parliament at the
Legislative Assembly of Ontario:**

<http://www.ontla.on.ca/lao/en/getting-involved/contact-an-mpp/>

Writing to Legislators

Writing to a candidate is one of the most effective means of connecting with them. When a candidate receives fifteen letters from a constituent on an issue, he or she knows that there are probably more constituents that feel the same way and takes that into consideration when developing a position on issues. The following are tips on writing to candidate to share key messages. Most importantly, make sure your letter to every candidate asks for action: ask them to commit, on the record and in a written response back to you, where they stand on the proposed \$810M in funding over the next three year to tackle developmental services wait lists.

TIPS

Be Clear:

- Identify the issues for developmental services agencies.
- Identify yourself and your agency.
- Describe your concerns clearly. Candidates hear many issues – make sure you differentiate your topic of concern.

Be Knowledgeable:

- Be sure to review OASIS materials so can discuss issues and key messages confidently and competently.

Be Concise:

- Keep it short and to the point. Time is valuable and a concise letter will get better attention. A typewritten letter should not be longer than one page and a handwritten no longer than two pages. Quality, not quantity, will get a candidate's attention.

Be Personal:

- Communicate in your own words. Demonstrate how the issues will affect your agency and the community.
- Present the best argument. End by asking for consideration of your position.
- Write on your agency stationary. It is important for candidates to see that your agency is located in his or her constituency.

Be Polite:

- Never threaten or argue. After a vote is taken, it is valuable to write your candidate, either thanking them for their vote or politely explaining both that you regret that they did not and your thanks for their willingness to consider your views.

Calling to Legislators

Phone calls can be an extremely effective means of grassroots communication. If the candidate is unable to speak to you, be sure to let the staff person you are speaking with know that you want to leave a message. Your views and opinions will be registered and staff will tabulate the issue of the calls for the candidate.

If the candidate is unavailable, ask to speak to their assistant. handling the issue for the member. Identify yourself and state the issue, the bill number and brief message.

TIPS

- Know what you will say. Prior to your call, prepare talking points outlining the points you want to make.
- Be sure to highlight key messages and OASIS asks.
- Follow up with a written letter keeping in mind the tips above. A written letter on agency stationery should be prepared citing the day you called, the person with whom you spoke, and the issues you discussed. Always request a response to your letter.

Media Management – Op-Ed Template

Typically published on the page opposite the editorials in a newspaper, op-eds offers a forum through which to address media coverage of issues facing the developmental services sector and raise awareness of key messages to a wider audience through newspaper's readership. Use the template below:

To the Editor,

Your recent article, [Insert here], missed the mark/gets to the heart of the need for a comprehensive, long-term plan and increased financial support for Ontario's developmental services sector. [Insert specific argument in relation to article].

Ontario's developmental services sector needs greater support from the Ontario government. While the Liberal government recently promised \$810 million in funding, the sector requires predictability in administration and service delivery. This plan is essential to meet the needs of up to 20,000 Ontarians with developmental disabilities currently languishing on waiting lists for services, and the many more expected to join the queue in the coming years.

Providing funding will help the many volunteer-run agencies across Ontario to address the mounting crisis situation that has resulted from consecutive years without funding increases. To address the needs of individuals with development disabilities and their families, it is imperative that the proposed \$810 million be approved by whichever party forms government. This funding will support the sector in developing a proactive, as opposed to a reactive, approach to help people in communities across Ontario.

Funding based on crisis alone will cause waiting lists to grow. By ensuring that the developmental services sector receives the \$810 million, the Ontario government is making a critical investment in its people, which will have long-term benefits for the economy.

Sincerely,

INSERT NAME /AGENCY
TITLE

Media Management – Template Letter to the Editor

As an open letter to the public, a letter to the editor in a newspaper is an effective way to raise awareness of the issues faced by the developmental services sector, the key messages, and the role that agencies play in Ontario communities.

To the Editor,

Ontario Developmental Services need long-term support
By [Author name, Agency]

Ontario's developmental services sector needs greater support from the Ontario government. While the Liberal government recently promised \$810 million in funding, the sector requires predictability in administration and service delivery. This plan is essential to meet the needs of up to 20,000 Ontarians with developmental disabilities currently languishing on waiting lists for services, and the many more expected to join the queue in the coming years.

Providing funding will help the many volunteer-run agencies across Ontario to address the crisis that has resulted from consecutive years without funding increases. To address the needs of individuals with development disabilities and their families, it is imperative that the proposed \$810 million be approved by whichever party forms government. This funding will support the sector in developing a proactive, as opposed to a reactive, approach to help people in communities across Ontario.

No financial commitment bears a very human cost. In addition to the increased economic strain on social services and healthcare in the long run, there are the intangible costs of unrealized potential and missed opportunities. Communities are negatively impacted when the basic needs of a group of its population are unmet. The social and economic costs of waiting lists and unserved people with developmental disabilities and their families are very real, and are experienced by thousands of families in Ontario on a daily basis.

Funding based on crisis alone will ensure that waiting lists grow, that many Ontario families will struggle to care for their loved ones, and that the burden on taxpayers will skyrocket. Therefore, we need to ensure that the proposed funding is secure. By ensuring that the developmental sector receives the \$810 million commitment, the Ontario government is making a critical investment in its people, which will have long-term benefits for the economy.

Media Management – Social Media

Best estimates suggest that less than one quarter of the population uses Twitter, and over 50% use Facebook.

The OASIS Brighter Future Pledge ensures that we are promoting a consistent message, and also driving tangible action on social media: the adoption of the pledge, which collects stakeholder information, thereby feeding a virtuous engagement cycle. You can find the pledge on the [OASIS website](#). Be sure to take the pledge yourself and proudly display it on your website too.

A Note on Twitter

If you want to catch fish, go where the fish are, don't try to create your own pond. That means use **#onpoli** in addition to the **#EndTheWait** and **#oasisontario** hashtags. #onpoli is monitored by all the major parties and your tweets are sure to be noticed. Always make sure to drive traffic to the Brighter Future Pledge. And for beginners, the easiest and safest way to get your feet wet is to re-tweet OASIS!

- Use the “#EndTheWait fact sheet in your election messaging and make copies available on your website
- Attend all candidate meetings and debates and ask questions
- Connect with the party leaders and ask questions

Twitter avatars:

- OASIS: [@oasisontario](#)
- Liberals -- Kathleen Wynne: [@kathleen_wynne](#)
- NDP -- Andrea Horwath: [@AndreaHorwath](#)
- PC -- Tim Hudak: [@timhudak](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 1 – Ontario Budget 2014 introduced in legislature.
- May 2 – Ontario NDP leader Horwath announces her party will not support budget, which would trigger no confidence in the government.

Premier Wynne asks Lieutenant Governor Onley to dissolve legislature.

- May 7 – Lieutenant Governor Onley issues official writs of election, official start to campaign period and political advertising blackout period.

A writ is the official document, signed by the Chief Electoral Officer and the Lieutenant Governor, requiring Returning Officers to hold an election. When a general election is called, a writ is issued for each of the 107 electoral districts in Ontario.

- May 7-9 – OASIS 17th Conference and Annual General Meeting, London.
- May 21 – Blackout on political advertising is lifted.
- June 12 – 41st Provincial General Election Day.

CANDIDATE BIOS

Ajax-Pickering



Ontario PC Party

Todd McCarthy

- Ontario trial lawyer for 25 years.
- Served as a trustee on the Durham Region Separate School Board and was the Vice-Chairman of the Board

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Ontario Liberal Party

Joe Dickson – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration
- Has been the President of Dickson Printing for the past 50 years

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

TBD

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Algoma-Manitoulin

Ontario PC Party

Jib Turner



Ontario Liberal Party

Craig Hughson

- More than a dozen years at Queen's Park, he has worked for an opposition MPP, government ministers, and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.
- Served as the chief of staff and senior policy advisor to several Cabinet Ministers in the Government of Ontario, including Natural Resources, Aboriginal Affairs, Health Promotion, Government Services and Consumer Services.
- Served as a vice president for one of the world's largest public relations firms and was also the director of public affairs at the Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores
- Currently he is founding partner in a government and public relations firm.

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

Michael Mantha – Incumbent

- Has been a strong voice for rural healthcare, safe road conditions, northern jobs and affordability.
- Michael worked with The Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities assisting displaced workers access social services and training.
- Michael was a Labour Representative for 22 years and spent 4 years with United Steelworkers local 1-2693.

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Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale



Ontario PC Party

Donna Skelly

- Gained exposure to the political sphere through her work as a journalist.
- She has been involved with the Children's Aid Society, McMaster Children's Hospital, the United Way, Catholic Youth Organization and was president of the parent council at her boys' school.
- Has identified three areas in particular that she wishes to champion: Improved care and dignity for seniors, Reform of the slots at racetracks program, and job creation.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Ted McMeekin – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Minister of Community and Social Services.
- Has also served as Minister of Government Services, Consumer Services, and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.
- Served as Mayor of Flamborough from 1994-2000 and Hamilton City Councillor from 1977-1981.
- Served as Executive Director of the Burlington Social Planning Council, Chairman of Part-Time Studies at Mohawk College, Mission and Stewardship Officer with the United Church of Canada and as owner-operator of the original Chapters Book Store.
- Has been a powerful advocate for seniors, children with special needs, farm risk-management programs, strategic infrastructure investment and our local environment.

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

TBD

Barrie



Ontario PC Party

Rod Jackson – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Community and Social Services Critic
 - Member, Select Committee on Developmental Services
 - Member, Standing Committee on Social Policy.
- Worked at Queen's Park as the local MPP's Legislative Assistant.
- Later re-entered the private sector as the Director of Human Resources for Moore Packaging
- Started own human resource service business
- Introduced private members bills to support the dignity of children with special needs, to support the rights of children in care, advocating for

improved frontline healthcare delivery.

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Ontario Liberal Party

TBD

**New Democratic Party of
Ontario**

TBD

Beaches-East York



Ontario PC Party

Nicholas Johnson

- Is committed to restoring economic health and improving the quality of life in the community and in the province
- Has lived and worked around the world as a journalist specializing in business and finance.
 - Worked as a senior editor with Bloomberg News
 - Worked as an investment reporter in the Toronto newsroom of The Globe and Mail
- Began his career at an environmental NGO that promoted cooperation among government, business and grassroots community activists.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Arthur Potts

- Co-founded a waste management company that recycled unwanted wood into usable end products.
- Ran for Toronto City Council in 1994.

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

Michael Prue – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Chair, Standing Committee on Estimates
 - Member, Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs
 - Critic, Finance
 - Critic, Citizenship and Immigration
- Before starting his career in public office, he worked as counsel to the Minister of Employment and Immigration.
- Helped maintain and expand investment in services such as child care, and children's programs. He supported city measures to improve housing for seniors, children, and the disabled.
- Has championed issues such as child poverty, improved conditions for people on social services, better investment in education and housing.

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Bramalea-Gore-Malton



Ontario PC Party

Harjit Jaswal

- Real estate broker by profession and currently holds a position as the regional director of the Ontario PC Fund in the GTA West area.
- Has been appointed to the Government Relations Advisory Council as well as the Professional Standards Committee for the Brampton Real Estate Board.
- Ex-president of the Etobicoke North Conservative Riding Association and ex-secretary of the Bramalea-Gore-Malton Conservative Riding Association.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Dr. Kuldip Kular

- He spent eight years in family practice as a doctor.
- Has been a long-standing member of the Canadian Medical Association and the Ontario Medical Association.
- Was appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care on September 1, 2010, and again in March 2006.

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

Jagmeet Singh – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Member, Standing Committee on Public Accounts
 - Critic, Attorney General
 - Critic, Consumer Services
- Before becoming an MPP, Jagmeet Singh was a criminal defence lawyer and a strong community advocate.
- Jagmeet offers free legal rights seminars across Ontario and provides pro bono legal counsel for people and community organizations in need.

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Brampton West

Ontario PC Party



Randeep Sandhu

- Sits on rate payers committee in his ward, volunteers in Peel Multicultural Council and is an active member of Guelph Chamber of Commerce
- Built his own logistics company, Load Solutions Inc.
- Focus on reducing size and cost of government, kickstarting economy to create private sector jobs. Need to rein in government spending.
- Highlighted Patient-Centred Healthcare as a priority, calling for “a better system that puts patients at the centre of decision-making.”

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Ontario Liberal Party



Vic Dhillon – Incumbent

- Currently:
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Consumer Services
 - Member of the Standing Committee on Social Policy
- Served as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Government Services and the Minister Responsible for Seniors. He has also served on the Health, Education and Social Policy Committee.
- Interested in measures to protect transient workers at risk of exploitation; support small business owners; and build economic ties internationally
- Has led not-for-profit fundraising campaigns for food banks, the Korean War Memorial, and a leading local group that helps regions after natural disasters.

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Brampton-Springdale



Ontario PC Party

Pam Hundal

- Legal practice focuses on Family Law, Wills, Immigration and Real Estate. Dedicates time to pro bono work and helping Legal Aid clients.
- Focus on reducing the size and cost of government and kick-starting the economy to create private-sector jobs.
- Mother of two young children and as a child of immigrant parents, relates to people seeking to establish families
- Volunteer and fundraiser in Brampton's healthcare community

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Brant



Ontario PC Party

Phil Gillies

- Currently a public affairs and relations executive, counsel to the Patey Law Group
- Previously represented Brant from 1981-1987, serving as Minister of Skills Development and Youth in 1985. Has worked on over 30 municipal, provincial, and federal campaigns, most recently serving as Campaign Manager for Michael St. Amant during the 2011 provincial election.
- Highlighted education, health and wellness, and transportation as key areas

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Ontario Liberal Party



Dave Levac – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Parliamentary Assistant for Energy,
 - Chair of the Board of Internal Economy,
 - Speaker
- An elementary and high school teacher for 12 years, then principal.
- Began working in the Ontario legislature in 1999.
- Delivered new MRI, a Family Health Team, and funding the Brantford campuses of Wilfrid Laurier and Nipissing Universities

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

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Bruce-Grey-Owen-Sound

Ontario PC Party

Bill Walker – Incumbent

- Currently the Progressive Conservative Critic for Children and Youth Services. Member, Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills.
- Previously served as Deputy Health Critic for Rural and Northern Ontario.



Served as the Executive Director of the Bruce Peninsula Health Services Foundation (2000-2006)

- Developed strategic plan that helped raise funds for Lion's Head Hospital and for Wiarton Hospital
- Strong sense of family values and a deep appreciation for rural heritage

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Burlington



Ontario PC Party

Jane McKenna- Incumbent

- Currently
 - Member, Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills
 - Critic, Economic Development, Trade & Employment
- Co-Chair of the Greater Toronto Area Policy Advisory Council.
- Has previously served as her party's Critic for Children and Youth, Critic for Government Services, and Vice-Chair of Community Outreach.
- Has introduced legislation designed to raise awareness of the warning symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest in children and youth.
- Has authored a discussion paper, Paths to Prosperity: A Fresh Start for Children and Youth.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Eleanor McMahon

- Spent early part of her career on Parliament Hill in a number of roles including Press Secretary in the office of the Right Honorable Jean Chrétien.
- Has served as Director of Public Affairs at the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women as well as Vice President at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.
- Worked as Director of Public Affairs at Petro-Canada, Vice President at United Way Ottawa, and Executive Director of Public Affairs at the Ontario Medical Association.

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Cambridge

Ontario PC Party



Rob Leone - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Education.
 - Member, Standing Committee on Estimates
- Previously Critic for Training, Colleges and Universities
- Assistant Professor at Wilfrid Laurier University, teaching courses on Leadership, Journalism and Political Science.
- Previously ran a small public policy consulting firm.
- Wife works as clinical psychologist.

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Ontario Liberal Party



Kathryn McGarry

- Currently case manager at Waterloo Wellington CCAC and Critical Care nurse at Cambridge Memorial Hospital
 - Strong focus on preservation and maintenance of Cambridge's heritage
 - A founding member of Hospice Waterloo Region; past president of the Heritage Cambridge Board of Directors; and chaired the Heritage Master Plan Implementation Committee
- Two priorities are the expansion of Cambridge Memorial Hospital and

retaining and expanding local economy.

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Chatham-Kent-Essex



Ontario PC Party

Rick Nicholls - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic; Sport, Recreation and Youth
 - Member of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills.
- Opened a second constituency office in the community of Leamington
- Founder of *Nicholls Training Group*
- Previously a member of the Standing Committee on Estimates.

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Davenport

Ontario PC Party



Lan Daniel

- She has worked as an electronic technician, a manufacturing technologist and owns her own small business, a printing company.
- Economic focus, encourage growth of small businesses, creation of jobs

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Ontario Liberal Party



Cristina Martins

- Currently president of the Federation of Portuguese Canadian Business & Professionals, the deputy chair of the Greater Toronto Business Association and a director with the European Union Chamber of Commerce in Toronto.
- Has a wide breadth of experience in the pharmaceutical industry.

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New Democratic Party of Ontario



Jonah Schein – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Greater Toronto Area Issues
 - Member, Standing Committee on Justice Policy
 - Critic, Environment
- Has worked as a teacher, social worker, and community organizer.
- Since being elected has been a strong advocate for public transit and cycling, renewable energy, sustainable food, precarious workers, strengthened tenant protection, and social assistance reform.

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Don Valley East

Ontario PC Party



Angela Kennedy

- Registered Nurse and four-term elected School Trustee
- Worked with government to support and manage the health-care and education
- Played a critical role in developing and obtaining provincial funding for an innovative community health care model called DECNET (heavily involved in education programs addressing diabetes)
- Trustee for the Toronto Catholic District School Board

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Ontario Liberal Party



Michael Coteau – Incumbent

- Previously served as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. Previously, Michael was elected as a school trustee for the Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
- Advocated for student nutrition, community use of space and the use of educational technology. He initiated the Community Use of Schools motion that drastically cut user fees and made the schools more accessible to groups that offer programs for children.
- Community organizer for a United Way agency in Scarborough where he organized the Malvern Youth Cabinet, the Law and Order Youth Group and the Malvern Photo Club.

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Don Valley West



Ontario PC Party

David Porter

- Chartered Accountant with more than two decades of senior-level experience in the financial services industry
- Serves as Managing Director at BMO Capital Markets,
- Through various charity and volunteer opportunities, he has developed a recognition of the importance of grassroots participation in the development of strong communities.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Kathleen Wynne – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs
 - Minister of Agriculture and Food
 - Premier
- Fairness, diversity, collaboration and creativity
- Has served as Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Minister of Transportation, and Minister of Education.
- Served as a Public School Trustee in Toronto

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Dufferin-Caledon



Ontario PC Party

Sylvia Jones - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Commissioner, Board of Internal Economy
- Served as PC Critic for the Ministry of Community and Social Services, Critic for the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. Appointed to serve as Deputy House Leader and Critic of Government Services
- Her private member's Bill 94, which would have ensured that Ontario Disability Support Program payments could not be clawed back as a result of Registered Disability Support Program contributions, was adopted by the Liberal government through regulation.

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Durham



Ontario PC Party

Mike Patrick

- Owned and operated the Bowmanville Foundry since 1988. Mike is a Professional Engineer
- As a businessman, with experience in both the private and public sector, in union and non-union environments, Mike is well positioned to bring a much needed fresh outlook to Queen's Park regarding Ontario's debt and job loss.

- founding President of the Clarington Board of Trade and has served on the Clarington Physician Recruitment Committee (Chair), the Board of Lakeridge Health

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Ontario Liberal Party

Granville Anderson

- Owner of a local mediation firm Mediator and member in good standing with the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Institute of Ontario.
- served as Vice-Chair and Chair of the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board, Vice-President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Courtice Chapter

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Eglinton-Lawrence



Ontario PC Party

Robin Martin

- Trial lawyer specializing in general commercial and environmental litigation and medical malpractice.
- Robin later worked as a public policy consultant and developed substantive expertise in the area of energy policy.
- Acted as Senior Policy Advisor to the Minister of Health
- As a volunteer working with health organizations like the CCSI

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Ontario Liberal Party

Mike Colle – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Member, Standing Committee on Estimates
 - Member, Standing Committee on Social Policy
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation



- Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure
- Served as TTC commissioner and was chair of the TTC from 1988 to 1994. He also taught high school history at St. Michael's College School

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Elgin-Middlesex-London

Ontario PC Party

Jeff Yurek – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Transportation
 - Critic, Auto Insurance Reform
 - Member, Standing Committee on General Government
- Has served as Deputy Critic of Finance in the Ontario PC Shadow Cabinet.
- Before becoming an elected official, Jeff owned and operated Yurek Pharmacy
- Being a part of the healthcare sector, Jeff is also passionate about advocating the improvement of healthcare in Ontario.

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Essex



Ontario PC Party

Ray Cecile

- Practicing electrician
- Track record of holding public officials to account,
- Through Access to Information requests; he has brought to light improper spending by public officials

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Ontario Liberal Party

Crystal Meloche

- Part of LaSalle's Strategic Planning Committee, the Catholic School Advisory Committee, the annual Strawberry Festival
- focused on helping ensure good healthcare

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

Taras Natyshak – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Vice-Chair, Standing Committee on Estimates
 - Critic, Labour
- Prior to his election Taras was the Director of Training for the Labourers' International Union of North America.
- Taras has also volunteered much of his time with the United Way and the Canadian Paraplegic Association.
- has fought for Occupational Health and Safety reform

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Etobicoke Centre

Ontario PC Party



Pina Martino

- Trained lawyer, having practiced family, criminal, and real estate law for 15 years served as a deputy judge in the Ontario Small Claims Court division.
- Until her nomination as the PC Candidate, Pina worked as the Special Advisor on Issues Management in the Office of Mayor Rob Ford for the City of Toronto
- Prior to the Mayor's Office, Pina worked at Queen's Park, aiding Peter Shurman, MPP, Thornhill, in legislative affairs on the vital portfolio of Economic Development and Trade.
- This followed her time as Legislative Advisor in the Office of the Leader of the Official Opposition, where she provided strategic advice to then interim PC Leader Bob Runciman and, prior to that, PC Leader John Tory.

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Ontario Liberal Party



Yvan Baker

- Owns and runs his own business, working as a management consultant
- Yvan was a consultant with [The Boston Consulting Group](#) in Toronto and New York
- Served our constituency as an Executive Assistant to a former MP for Etobicoke Centre

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Ontario PC Party

Doug Holyday – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Member, Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs
 - Critic, Government Accountability
 - Critic, Greater Toronto Area Issues
 - Critic, Management Board of Cabinet
 - Critic, Greater Toronto Area Transportation
- Strong proponent of accountable spending at city hall as Deputy Mayor.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Peter Milczyn

- Trained architect
- Serves as Councillor of Toronto City Council, representing Ward 5
- currently Chair of the City's Planning and Growth Management Committee; TTC Commissioner; is a member of Mayor Ford's Executive Committee, BUILD Toronto and represents Council at the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

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Etobicoke North



Ontario PC Party

Tony Milone

- Has over 30 years of leadership and project management experience in international telecommunications and consulting
- Worked for Bell Canada for nearly four decades

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Ontario Liberal Party



Dr. Shafiq Qadri

- Currently
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Government Services.
 - Chair, Standing Committee on Justice Policy
- Dr. Qadri is a strong advocate of quality Public Healthcare, Education, Diversity and a Just Society
- In 2006 he was appointed Parliamentary Assistant to Ontario's first Minister of Health Promotion
- As a physician, the multilingual Dr. Qadri has published and presented more than 700 articles on a variety of medical topics

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Glengarry – Prescott – Russell



Ontario PC Party

Roxanne Villeneuve Robertson

- Daughter of Noble Villeneuve, former PC MPP.
- Agricultural and rural issues a priority.
- As the Manager of a small rural hospital foundation, helped raise \$2 million for new medical equipment for a local hospital.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Grant Crack - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Chair, Standing Committee on General Government
 - Member, Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture and Food
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Rural Affairs
- Served 11 years as Mayor of Alexandria

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Guelph



Ontario PC Party

Anthony MacDonald

- Over 20 years' experience in Ontario's harness racing industry
- Has competed in Canada's biggest harness racing events with multiple wins in Ontario Sires Stake races in Gold and Grassroots divisions.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Liz Sandals – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Minister of Education
- Served as a public school board trustee, and as President of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.

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Haldimand-Norfolk



Ontario PC Party

Toby Barrett - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Consumer Services
 - Vice-Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts
- A former teacher of high school Agriculture and Environmental Science, Toby is a partner in his family farm near Port Dover.
- For 20 years worked for the Ontario Addiction Research Foundation.

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Ontario**

Name

Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock



Ontario PC Party

Laurie Scott – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Tourism and Culture
 - Critic, Women's Directorate
 - Member, Standing Committee on General Government
- Father, Bill was MPP
- Worked as a Registered Nurse in Toronto

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Ontario Liberal Party



Rick Johnson

- Had a successful business career in music and served as an elected school board trustee from 1997 to 2009.
- From 2004-2008 served as President of the Ontario Public School Boards Association
- In 2008, he was elected President of the Canadian School Boards Association
- Served on Provincial Committee reviewing funding and delivery of Special Education Services

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Halton



Ontario PC Party

Ted Chudleigh – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.
- Served as critic to Tourism; opposition critic to the Attorney General and Deputy Whip; critic to the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade and Small Business
- Served as Parliamentary Assistant to Minister of Finance; as Parliamentary

Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development and Trade, and as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources.

- Led consultations on the insurance industry and on Ontario's competitiveness in key industry sectors including commercial, industrial and institutional construction, chemicals and early-stage business investment.
- Entire private career was spent in the food and agriculture industry.

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Indira Naidoo-Harris

- Worked as a journalist, for NBC and PBS in US. Has anchored numerous national, provincial and regional television and radio programs
- Decided to pursue politics three years ago and currently works with the Honorable Michael Couteau, Ontario's Minister of Citizenship and Immigration as a Director of Communications.

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Hamilton Centre



Ontario PC Party

John Vail

- Certified accountant and local realtor.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Donna Tiqui-Shebib

- A lawyer focused in matrimonial, family, and immigration law,
- Has worked on disability tribunal matters
- a facilitator of Mandatory Information Program training at the Superior Court of Justice (Family)

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Andrea Horwath – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Leader, New Democratic Party of Ontario
 - Leader, Recognized Party
 - Critic, Intergovernmental Affairs
- Community organizer at a local legal clinic.

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Hamilton East – Stoney Creek

Ontario PC Party



David Brown

- Owns a Land Use Planning Consulting business
- Worked over 10 years, City of Mississauga
- Former Chairman of the Mississauga Traffic Safety Council

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Ontario Liberal Party



Ivan Luksic

- Born and raised in the riding
- Has practised law for 10 years and is currently teaching Employment Law, Labour Relations and Business Law at Conestoga College in Kitchener.

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New Democratic Party of Ontario



Paul Miller – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Third Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole House

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Hamilton Mountain



Ontario PC Party

Albert Marshall

- Practicing lawyer
- Has built houses, flown planes, worked as a mechanic, and operated businesses

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Ontario Liberal Party

Javid Mirza

- Established Seven Star Sports, a Hamilton based sporting goods distribution company
- Involved in numerous community groups

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

Monique Taylor – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Member, Select Committee on Developmental Services
 - Member, Standing Committee on Government Agencies
 - Critic, Children and Youth Services
- Prior to her election, she worked as an assistant to Scott Duvall, City Councillor for Ward 7 on Hamilton Mountain, she was also a member of the campaign to save the McMaster Emergency room

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Huron-Bruce



Ontario PC Party

Lisa Thompson – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Small Business and Red Tape
 - Critic, Green Energy Act
 - Member, Standing Committee on Government Agencies
- Served as the General Manager of the Ontario Dairy Goat Cooperative (ODGC).
- Spent time as a Rural Community Advisor for the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program, Class 6; and the George Morris Executive Development Program.

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Ontario Liberal Party



Colleen Schenk

- Currently a trustee with the Avon Maitland District School Board, a former chair of the board and a past president of the Ontario Public School Board Association.

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Kenora-Rainy River



Ontario PC Party

Randy Nickle

- Owns and operates the A&W Restaurant and the Movies on Main stores.
- On the Executive of the Lake of The Woods Development Commission, Chair of the Kenora Tourism Committee, Chair of the Brand Leadership Team, Chair of Harbourfest

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Ontario Liberal Party

Sarah Campbell - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Member, Standing Committee on General Government
 - Critic, Aboriginal Affairs
- As Constituency Assistant and Outreach Coordinator for former NDP leader Howard Hampton, Sarah organized local residents against the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) and rising hydro prices

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

Anthony Leek

- Currently serving as Deputy Mayor
- Former president of the Borderland Racing Association
- Experience in both private and public sectors

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Kingston and the Islands



Ontario PC Party

Mark Bain

- Started his career in the private sector and then moved to the Ontario Public Service, working in Community and Social Services.
- Public sector efforts saw him receive the Premier's Award for his work and leadership in the Ontario Federated Health Campaign.
- Involved in the establishment of the territory of Nunavut

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Ontario Liberal Party

Sophie Kiwala

- Began working with the federal government as the Hon. Peter Milliken's office manager and continued as Ted Hsu's Chief of Staff.
- 17 years prior in retail management and ownership.

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Kitchener Centre



Ontario PC Party

Wayne Wettlaufer

- 1995 to 2003 represented Kitchener as the MPP for Kitchener Centre, served as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism and Recreation.
- Sat on the Cabinet Committee on Health and Social Services

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Ontario Liberal Party

Daiene Vernile

- Journalist who covered the community's economic, health and transit issues on CTV's Province-wide for more than 30 years.

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Kitchener-Conestoga



Ontario PC Party

Michael Harris – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Member, Standing Committee on General Government
 - Critic, Environment
- Prior to his election, he was a business development manager at Honeywell helping local businesses improve their sustainability and energy efficiency.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Wayne Wright

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Kitchener-Waterloo



Ontario PC Party

Tracey Weiler

- Instructor at the Wilfrid Laurier MBA program
- Held positions at international businesses including Research In Motion (BlackBerry) and PricewaterhouseCoopers

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Ontario Liberal Party

Jamie Burton

- Co-founded Dolphin Digital Technologies, an information and communications technology company
- Actively engaged in community service

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

Catherine Fife – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Vice-Chair, Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills
 - Member, Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs
 - Critic, Research and Innovation
 - Critic, Economic Development, Trade & Employment
- Large focus on education and childcare.

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Lambton-Kent-Middlesex



Ontario PC Party

Monte McNaughton – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Labour
 - Member, Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs

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Ontario Liberal Party

Mike Radan

- Businessman and entrepreneur, currently a business manager specializing in agricultural and commercial lighting projects.

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Lanark - Frontenac - Lennox and Addington



Ontario PC Party

Randy Hillier – Incumbent

- Electrician by trade, former member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.
- Former Project Manager in the Public Works division of the Federal Government.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Bill MacDonald

- Owner of a logging and forest management company in Sharbot Lake
- 18 years of Municipal Government experience
- 9 years as Mayor of Central Frontenac

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

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Leeds-Grenville



Ontario PC Party

Steve Clark – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Member, Standing Committee on Estimates
 - Critic, Community Safety and Correctional Services
 - Deputy Opposition House Leader
- Served 3 terms as Mayor of Brockville.
- Worked in the media and Internet development for 14 years.

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London North Centre



Ontario PC Party

Nancy Brascombe

- Currently she is a member of the Civic Works Committee, Community and Protective Services Committee, and a number of other committees.
- Worked as Real Estate Broker until 2007. Involved concurrently with Conservative politics at Provincial and Federal levels. Served as spokesperson for Reform Party of Canada.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Deborah Matthews - Incumbent



- Currently
 - Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
 - Deputy Premier
- Served as the Minister of Children and Youth, the Minister Responsible for Women's Issues and the Chair of the Cabinet Committee on Poverty Reduction.

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London West

Ontario PC Party

Jeff Bennett

- Client development consultant with Scotia McLeod, has served on the Board of the Canadian Club and the advisory committee for London's Banting House
- Active board member of Childreach, a London-based non-profit organization that helps families by teaching parents to be the best they can be

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Peggy Sattler – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Community Safety and Correctional Services
 - Member, Standing Committee on General Government
- Former Thames Valley District School Board Chair, Western Region Vice-President of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.

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London-Fanshawe

Ontario PC Party

Dr. Chris Robson

- Veterinarian specializing in equine services, and is commissioned with the Ontario Racing Commission

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Ontario Liberal Party

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

Teresa Armstrong - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Member, Standing Committee on Justice Policy
 - Critic, Training, Colleges and Universities
 - Critic, Seniors' Issues
- Has worked alongside and supported her husband Bill Armstrong, City Councillor, Ward 2 for many years.
- Worked as an insurance broker.

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Markham-Unionville



Ontario PC Party

Shan Thayaparan

- Arrived in Canada at 21 as a refugee from Sri Lanka, worked numerous jobs at a time to make ends meet, put himself through school and became an IT consultant, store manager, entrepreneur, factory owner and real estate agent.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Michael Chan – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Minister Responsible for the 2015 Pan and Parapan American Games
 - Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
- An honorary president of the Toronto Chinese Senior Health and Recreation Association

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Mississauga East-Cooksville



Ontario PC Party

Zoran Churchin

- President of the All Saints Serbian Orthodox Church in Mississauga.
- Guarantees that hospitals have the money they need

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Ontario Liberal Party

Dipika Damerla – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Member, Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills
 - Member, Standing Committee on General Government
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister Responsible for the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
- Background in journalism and business

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

TBD

Mississauga Erindale



Ontario PC Party

Jeff White

- Two terms on Peel District School Board
- Has spent most of his working life in the Property Management/Facilities Services field

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Ontario Liberal Party

Harinder Takhar – Incumbent

- Served on the Executive Council of Ontario and as the Minister of Transportation. Served as Ontario's first Minister of Small Business and Entrepreneurship, then Minister of Small Business and Consumer Services, and most recently Minister of Government Services
- Served as Chairman and a member of the Board of Governors of the Credit Valley Hospital.

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

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Mississauga South



Ontario PC Party

Effie Triantafilopoulos

- Experience in business, law, and government
- Has served as Chief of Staff to Ministers at Treasury Board, Industry Canada, and at External Affairs and International Trade

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Ontario Liberal Party

Charles Sousa - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Chair of the Management Board of Cabinet
 - Minister of Finance
- Before joining government, Charles worked at the (RBC) Financial Group for more than 20 year.

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

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Mississauga Streetsville



Ontario PC Party

Nina Tangri

- Runs her own business as a financial advisor and insurance broker.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Bob Delaney - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy
- Serving 3rd term.
- Was the Chair of Ontario's Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.
- Worked in corporate communications, consulting and marketing roles.

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Mississauga-Brampton



Ontario PC Party

Amarjeet Gill

- Worked in the automotive and aerospace industries in quality control before becoming a realtor, working with C 21 Green Realty.
- A longtime Brampton resident whose family lives in the city.

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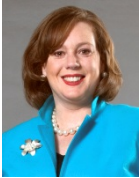
Amrit Mangat – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Member, Standing Committee on Estimates
 - Member, Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children and Youth Service
- Worked as a teacher in India and obtained her Ontario College of Teachers certification.

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Nepean-Carleton



Ontario PC Party

Lisa Macleod – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Energy
 - Critic, Francophone Affairs
 - Vice-Chair, Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly
- Before being elected to the Ontario Legislature, she served as an advisor to Nepean-Carleton politicians at all three levels of government, spent time as a political commentator on local TV and radio.

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Ontario Liberal Party

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Newmarket-Aurora



Ontario PC Party

Jane Twinney

- First elected to Newmarket Town Council in the 2010 municipal election
- Serves as the Chair of Central York Fire Services for the Newmarket-Aurora Joint Council of Fire Services, as well as being a representative of the Environmental Advisory Committee and the Accessibility Advisory Committee.
- Entrepreneur, establishing and operating her own chain of clothing and gift stores.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Chris Ballard

- Runs a communications company specializing in public affairs and business development
- Serving on Aurora Town Council

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Niagara Falls



Ontario PC Party

Bart Maves

- Former Niagara Falls MPP
- Served as the Parliamentary Assistant to Ministers of Health; Community and Social Services; Labour and Transportation and has actively maintained his positive relationships with staff in those Ministries.

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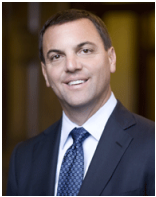
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Wayne Gates – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Jobs
 - Critic Small Business and Training
- Strong advocate for the new hospital in Niagara Falls. He fought the closing down of ER services in Fort Erie

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Niagara West - Glanbrook



Ontario PC Party

Tim Hudak – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Leader, Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario
 - Leader, Official Opposition
- Before entering public life, he worked for the Fort Erie Economic Development Corporation
- Served as Ontario's Tourism Minister; Consumer and Business Services Minister; Northern Development and Mining Minister.

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Ontario Liberal Party

David Mossey

- Sales professional in the steel manufacturing sector for over 29 years.
- Served as an auxiliary policeman for the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police for 24 years.

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Nickel Belt



Ontario PC Party

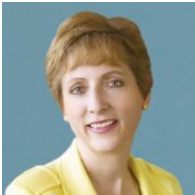
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Ontario Liberal Party

James Tregonning

- Strong advocate for Community Health Center, Physician Payments, Teletriage and Family Health Teams. His past health care advocacies have shaped the current structure of health care in Ontario.
- Part of the teams that established TeleHealth Ontario, the Telephone Health Advisory Service, Family Health Teams, Community Health Centers and the Local Health Integrated Networks (LHINs).



New Democratic Party of Ontario

France Gélinas – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Member, Standing Committee on Public Accounts
 - Critic, Health and Long-Term Care
 - Critic, Francophone Affairs
- Has served as President of the Sudbury and Manitoulin District Health Council, President of the Francophone Reference Group of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, and President of the Association of Ontario Health Centres.

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Nipissing



Ontario PC Party

Vic Fedeli – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Finance
 - Member, Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs
- Served as a Director of Global Vision. He has been a Director of the Province's Northern Businesses Support System, and Ontario's Northern Development Council
- Elected Mayor for 2 consecutive terms

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Ontario Liberal Party

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Northumberland – Quinte



Ontario PC Party

Rob Milligan – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Interprovincial Trade
 - Member, Standing Committee on Justice Policy
- Has served as the PC Deputy Critic of Education and Youth Outreach.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Lou Rinaldi

- Represented the people of Northumberland and Quinte West in 2003 and re-elected in 2007
- Served as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and others.
- Served as a member of the Poverty Reduction Action Committee and the Health.

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Oak Rides-Markham



Ontario PC Party

Farid Wassef

- Has been a pharmacist for 24 years
- A strong advocate for patient health and wellness through the integration of lifestyle changes, nutrition, and the safe and effective use of natural health products, over the counter and prescription medicines.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Dr. Helena Jaczek – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
 - Caucus Chair
- Member of the Select Committee on Mental Health and Addictions
- Many years in general practice at Women's College Hospital in Toronto, before becoming the Medical Officer of Health and Commissioner of Health Services for The Regional Municipality of York.

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

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Oakville



Ontario PC Party

Larry Scott

- Experience in banking and expertise in finance, held positions at financial institutions around the world.
- Political experience at the local level with the federal Conservative Electoral District Association and the Oakville PC Party Riding Association.
- Served as Chief of Staff for Federal MP Terence Young.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Kevin Flynn – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Minister of Labour
- Served as Chair of the all-party Select Committee on Mental Health and Addictions

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Oshawa



Ontario PC Party

Jerry Ouellette – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Member, Standing Committee on Estimates
 - Critic, Natural Resources (Fishing, Hunting, Forestry, Wildlife and Parks)
- Has served as a member of the Board of Governors for Durham College

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Ontario Liberal Party

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Ottawa Centre



Ontario PC Party

Rob Dekker

- Currently Product Sales Manager at N-Viro Systems Canada, looks after sales and product quality in N-Viro's facilities in Nova Scotia, Ontario and Alberta.
- Was an Announcer at CJCS-AM radio station in Stratford Ontario.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Yasir Naqvi – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Service
- Previously the Associate Director and International Trade Counsel at the Centre for Trade Policy and Law.
- Practiced international trade, competition, regulatory and administrative law.

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Ottawa-Orleans



Ontario PC Party

Andrew Lister

- Founder of the legal firm Lister-Beaupré
- has acted for governments, banks, school boards, hospitals, utilities, crown corporations, trade unions, government agencies, businesses (large and small), charitable organizations and individual
- Has taught a number of undergraduate and graduate courses.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Marie-France Lalonde

- Co-owner and executive director of the Portobello Manor in Orléans.
- Currently the Vice-President of CARP Ottawa, serves on the Community Advisory Committee for the Champlain Community Access Centre and is part of the working group on affordable housing for seniors with the United Way.
- Regional Director of Marketing and Sales in Eastern Canada for All Seniors Care Living Centres.

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

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Ottawa South



Ontario PC Party

Matt Young

- Currently work as a sales manager at a multinational industrial firm.
- Born in the region. Raising family there now.

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Ontario Liberal Party

John Fraser - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Northern Development and Mines

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Ottawa-Vanier



Ontario PC Party

Martin Forget

- Works in Ottawa's high tech sector. Expertise in technology, especially medical technology.
- Serves at the College of Physician and Surgeons of Ontario.
- Serves on the board of the International Forum for Rights and Security (IFFRAS) to advance our understanding of the relationship between human rights violations and international insecurity.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Madeleine Meilleur - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Attorney General
 - Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs
- Previously served as Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Minister of Culture and Minister of Community and Social Services.
- Contributed to passing of laws promoting the social inclusion of persons with developmental disabilities in Ontario.

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Ottawa West-Nepean



Ontario PC Party

Randall Denley

- Works as a journalist and an author.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Bob Chiarelli – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Minister of Energy
- Served as Minister of Infrastructure, in the Ministry of Transportation, and Parliamentary Assistant to the Chair of Management Board.
- Helped build over \$150 million in new recreational and health care infrastructure in Ottawa.

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Oxford



Ontario PC Party

Ernie Hardeman – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Agriculture
 - Chair, Standing Committee on Social Policy
- Formerly Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; Parliamentary Assistant to the Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance; Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community, Family and Children's Services; Associate Minister to Municipal Affairs (Rural).
- Owned and operated Hardeman Feed Ltd.
- Sat on the board of the Alexandra Hospital Board of Trust in Ingersoll.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Daniel Moulton

- Advisor to Ontario's Minister of Finance
- Holds a Master's in International Relations from the University of Amsterdam and is a graduate of Huron University College at the University of Western Ontario.

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

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Parkdale-High Park



Ontario PC Party

Jaime Ellerton



Ontario Liberal Party

Nancy LeBlanc

- Lawyer, public policy advisor, community activist, political volunteer and commentator.
- Nancy is a member of the Board of Directors of the Parkdale Community Foodbank.

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

Cheri DiNovo – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Member, Select Committee on Developmental Services
 - Critic, Women's Issues
 - Critic, Community and Social Services
 - Chief Whip, Recognized Party
- Known for tabling the most bills in the Legislature that have all three party's support.
- Has proposed a bill to fast-track benefits for workers suffering from PTSD.
- founding member of Ruth's Daughters of Canada, a multi-faith organization that aims to mobilize women of faith to work towards ending violence against women
- Formerly the critic for Citizenship and Immigration.

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Parry Sound-Muskoka



Ontario PC Party

Norm Miller – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Aboriginal Affairs
 - Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts
 - Critic, Northern Development and Mines
- Served as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, Commissioner of the Red Tape Secretariat, member of the Estimates Committee, and sat on the Cabinet Committee for Economic and Resource Policy.

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Ontario Liberal Party

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Perth-Wellington



Ontario PC Party

Randy Pettapiece – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Rural Affairs
 - Critic, Horseracing Industry
 - Member, Standing Committee on Government Agencies

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Ontario Liberal Party

Stewart Skinner

- Currently serves as a delegate to Ontario Pork and is the chair of the communications committee for the Perth County Pork Producers Association.
- worked as a Commodity Trader in Mitchell

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Peterborough



Ontario PC Party

Scott Stewart

- President of Carlson Wagonlit Travel/Stewart Tours
- Raised \$100,000 with two friends for the PRHC Foundation's Radiation Bunker Campaign.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Jeff Leal – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Minister of Rural Affairs
- Served as Chair of the Legislation and Regulations Committee, Parliamentary Assistant in the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs (2007 – 2009), Ministry of the Environment (2006), Ministry of Energy (2005), Ministry of Economic Development (2005), and Ministry of Training, Colleges, & Universities (2004).

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

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Pickering-Scarborough East



Ontario PC Party

Kevin Gaudet

- Currently Federal and Ontario Director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.
- Accumulated experience in several professional sectors including telecommunications, banking and the high tech industry.

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Ontario Liberal Party



Tracy MacCharles – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Minister of Consumer Services
- Serves on the Health, Education and Social Policy and the Legislation and Regulations Cabinet Committees.
- has over 20 years of experience in human resources management
- Is most passionate about: health care, community health, education, employment, human rights, discrimination prevention, organizational change and effectiveness.
- Past Chair of the Ontario Accessibility Standards Advisory Council with a mandate to advise the Minister of Community of Social Services on the implementation of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. Also served on the Durham Board of Education's Special Education Advisory Committee for over five years.

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Prince Edward-Hastings



Ontario PC Party

Todd Smith - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Member, Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly
 - Critic, Citizenship and Immigration
- Served as the Critic for Small Business and Red Tape with the Official Opposition, named a member of the PC Caucus Job Creation Task Force.
- Served on the Loyalist College Advisory Board.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Georgina Thompson

- 25 years as the owner of All Care Health Services limited.
- Worked as a councilor
- Chair of the South East Local Health Integration Network and President of



All-Care Health Services.

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New Democratic Party of Ontario
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Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke



Ontario PC Party

John Yakabuski - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Chief Opposition Whip
- Has served as the House Leader and Energy Critic for the Official Opposition and has also served as the member of the General Government Committee.
- Formerly a real estate sales representative

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Richmond Hill

Ontario Liberal Party

Ontario PC Party



Vic Gupta

- Has worked in public life for over 15 years, including senior staff positions within the Ontario government and Toronto city council.
- Committed volunteer with several charities focused on healthcare, seniors care and various cultural groups

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Reza Moridi - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Minister of Research and Innovation
- Has served as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, the Minister of Research and Innovation and the Minister of Energy.
- Introduced a Private Members Bill -*the Radon Awareness and Prevention Act, 2011* – to raise awareness about this naturally occurring cancer causing substance and reduce it in homes and workplaces
- Is a scientist, engineer, educator, business leader and community activist.

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Sarnia-Lambton

Ontario PC Party



Bob Bailey – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Natural Resources (Oil, Gas & Aggregates)
- Has worked on various portfolios.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Anne Marie Gillis

- Has chaired the Sarnia Police Services Board; the Lambton Community Health Study; the Lambton County Committee for Financial and Corporate Services, Long Term Care, and Social Service.
- Worked as a critical care and a public health nurse in Sarnia.

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Sault Ste. Marie

Ontario PC Party

Rod Fremlin

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Ontario Liberal Party



David Oraziotti – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Minister of Natural Resources
- Served as Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Natural Resources, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and the Minister of Northern Development and Mines.
- Put forth a few healthcare-related Private Members Bills.

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Scarborough Centre



Ontario PC Party
David Ramalho

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Ontario Liberal Party

Brad Duguid – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities
- Served previously as Ontario's Minister of Economic Development and Innovation, Ontario's Minister of Energy, and Minister of Aboriginal Affairs

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Scarborough Southwest



Ontario PC Party

Nita Kang

- Developed her own internet consulting business
- Works as a real-estate agent

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Ontario Liberal Party

Lorenzo Berardinetti – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General
- Served on Scarborough, and Toronto City Councils
- Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour. As the Parliamentary Assistant

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Scarborough-Agincourt



Ontario PC Party

Liang Chen

- Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Management and was Associate Dean at the University of Toronto Scarborough
- Has served on the boards of community organizations, and regularly contributes to charitable causes
- Has small business experience in accounting and marketing.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Soo Wong - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities
- Served the Scarborough-Agincourt community as a Toronto District School Board Trustee
- Healthcare a priority.

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Scarborough-Guildwood



Ontario PC Party

Ken Kirupa

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Ontario Liberal Party

Mitzie Hunter – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community and Social Services
- CEO of the Greater Toronto CivicAction Alliance
- Ensuring fair and inclusive access to employment and prosperity is a priority.

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Scarborough-Rouge River

Ontario PC Party



Dr. Raymond Cho

- Currently
 - Member of Toronto City Council.
 - Vice-Chair, Parks and Environment Committee
 - Board of Management, Toronto Zoo
 - Member, Scarborough Community Council
 - Member, Civic Appointments Committee
 - Member, Toronto Board of Health
 - Commissioner, Toronto Transit Commission
 - Founder and Chair, Global Youth Leaders
- Worked as a Social Worker with Children's Aid Society and also with the Toronto District School Board.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Bas Balkissoon – Incumbent

- Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education
- Deputy Speaker and Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House.
- Chair of the Jobs and Economic Policy Committee.
- 17 years in municipal politics.

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Simcoe-Grey



Ontario PC Party

Garfield Dunlop – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Training and Apprenticeship
 - Chair, Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly
- Previously served as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education and Government House Leader

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Ontario Liberal Party

Fred Larsen

- A teacher or over 30 years
- Strong focus on education

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Simcoe North



Ontario PC Party

Jim Wilson – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Opposition House Leader
- Championed the restoration of birthing services at Stevenson Memorial Hospital.
- Served his province as Minister of Health, Minister of Energy, Science and Technology, Minister of Northern Development and Mines and Minister of the Environment.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Lorne Kenney

- Owns and operates a successful promotional products and corporate apparel business.
- Currently the Chair of Aboriginal Affairs for Rotary District 7010. Former President of the Rotary Club of South Georgian Bay.
- Formerly a senior official at Labour Canada.

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St. Catherines



Ontario PC Party

Mat Siscoe

- Taught English in South Korea upon completion of his undergraduate studies.
- Upon return to Canada, completed teacher's college and began teaching physics

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Ontario Liberal Party

Jim Bradley – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Deputy Government House Leader
- Has served as MPP working in various portfolios since 1977.
- Worked to get for St. Catharines the new state-of-the-art hospital and Walker Family Cancer Centre.

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St. Paul's



Ontario PC Party

Justine Deluce

- Chief Operating Officer and Broker of Record at Chestnut Park Real Estate
- Served at Queen's Park as a senior policy advisor for several Ministers in the Health and Long-Term Care and Citizenship, Culture and Recreation portfolios.
- Particular interest in the issues of mental health, addictions and related research.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Dr. Eric Hoskins – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment
- Previously served as Minister of Children and Youth Services and Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.
- Spent nearly a decade as a doctor and humanitarian in war-torn regions in Africa and around the world.
- Co-founded the international charity War Child Canada.



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Stormont - Dundas - South Glengarry



Ontario PC Party

Jim McDonnell – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Municipal Affairs and Housing Member
 - Standing Committee on Government Agencies
- Served as Mayor of the township of South Glengarry

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Ontario Liberal Party

John Earle

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Sudbury



Ontario PC Party

Paula Peroni

- Served as municipal school board trustee, president of the Ontario Catholic School Trustee Association and Canadian Catholic School Trustee Association

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Thornhill



Ontario PC Party

Gila Martow – Incumbent

- Owned and ran an eye clinic
- Heavily involved in community events

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Ontario Liberal Party

Sandra Yeung Racco

- Has worked in municipal government for past 10 years
- Had careers in music, and business – international business in particular.



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Thunder Bay-Atkinokan



Ontario PC Party

Harold Wilson

- Formerly the President of the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Bill Mauro – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - Member, Standing Committee on Public Accounts
- Served on Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre
- Has served as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources, and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
- Has worked hard to improve health care in the region.

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Thunder Bay-Superior North



Ontario PC Party
Derek Parks

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Ontario Liberal Party

Michael Gravelle – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Minister of Northern Development and Mines
- previously served as the Minister of Natural Resources Forestry
- Health care is a priority. Brought forth private member's bills which resulted in access to insulin pumps for all Type II diabetics, lobbied for the angioplasty clinic and other improvements at TBRHSC, and ensured seniors have access to high-quality, comprehensive long-term care.

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Timiskaming-Cochrane

Ontario PC Party



Peter Politis

- Degree in Mining Engineering from Queen's University
- Councillor for City of Timmins
- Spent 16 months completing a co-op term at Kidd Creek Mine

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Ontario Liberal Party



Sebastien Goyer

- Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk of the Municipality of French River
- Member of the Knights of Columbus
- Worked for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and served as a school board trustee and municipal councillor

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New Democratic Party of Ontario



John Vanthof - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Deputy Whip, Recognized Party
 - Critic, Natural Resources
 - Critic, Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Have owned and operated a dairy and crop farm outside of Earlton Ontario since 1984.

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Timmins – James Bay

Ontario PC Party



Steve Black

- Entrepreneur with interests in micro brewing, sustainable agriculture and property management.
- Volunteer involved with opportunities for youth-at-risk, and environmental stewardship and habitat conservation.

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Ontario Liberal Party

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New Democratic Party of Ontario



Gilles Bisson – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic for Transportation
 - House Leader
- First elected in 1990
- Exposed the water crisis in First Nation communities like Kashechewan

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Toronto Centre

Ontario PC Party



Martin Abell

- Entrepreneur with interests in micro brewing, sustainable agriculture and property management.
- Volunteer involved with opportunities for youth-at-risk, and environmental stewardship and habitat conservation.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Glen Murray

- Currently
 - Minister of Infrastructure
 - Minister of Transportation

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Toronto-Danforth

Ontario PC Party



Naomi Solomon

- Administrative law and commercial litigation lawyer
- Currently engaged in developing policy and regulation for the securities industry.
- Began her career with Ombudsman Ontario

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Ontario Liberal Party



Rob Newman

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

Peter Tabuns – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Chair, Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills
 - Critic, Energy
 - Critic, Education
- Dedicated environmentalist.
- Former Executive Director of Greenpeace
- Leads the charge towards a new energy economy

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Trinity Spadina



Ontario PC Party

Roberta Scott

- 27 years serving as an Advanced Care Paramedic
- President of the Toronto Paramedic Association
- Vice-President of Ontario Paramedic Association

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Ontario Liberal Party



Han Dong

- Studied Economics and Political Science at the University of Toronto
- 8 years working at Queens Park

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

Rosario Marches – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Urban Transportation
 - Critic, Government Services
 - Caucus Chair
- 8 years as a school trustee
- Recognized for his work in field of elementary, secondary and post-secondary education
- Currently tackling the growing problem of childhood obesity by introducing



legislation to ban junk food advertising directed at children under the age of 13

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Vaughan

Ontario PC Party



Peter Meffe

- Municipal Councillor in Vaughan for 16 years
- First Chair of Powerstream
- Co-founder of Vaughan C.A.R.E.S.
- Director Vaughan Health Care Foundation
- Will work hard to deliver the hospital in Vaughan

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Ontario Liberal Party

Steven Delduca – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance
- Prior to his election, he was actively involved in the process for securing provincial approvals for the Vaughan hospital project
- Was the Director of Public Affairs for the Carpenters District Council of Ontario
- Served as Executive Assistant to Vaughan MPP Greg Sorbara and Special Assistant to then-Leader of the Opposition Dalton McGuinty

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Welland

Ontario PC Party

Frank Campion



Ontario Liberal Party

Benoit Mercier



New Democratic Party of Ontario

Cindy Forster – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Deputy House Leader
 - Member, Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly
 - Commissioner, Board of Internal Economy
 - Critic, Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Former Mayor and Registered Nurse
- Sat on Accessibility Committee

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Wellington – Halton Hills



Ontario PC Party

Ted Arnott - Incumbent

- Currently:
 - Vice Critic, Research and Innovation
 - First Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole House
 - Critic, Intergovernmental Affairs
- Now in his 24th year in the Ontario Legislature
- Successfully pushed for hospital capital projects in Centre Wellington and Georgetown.

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Ontario Liberal Party

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Whitby - Oshawa



Ontario PC Party

Christine Elliott - Incumbent

- Currently:
 - Vice-Chair, Select Committee on Developmental Services
 - Critic, Health and Long-Term Care
 - Deputy Leader, Official Opposition
- Co-founder and Director of the Abilities Centre, a multi-purpose sports, recreation and performing arts facility for people with special needs, which opened in June 2012
- Past Director and Chair of Grandview Children's Centre and a Past Director of the Lakeridge Health Whitby Foundation

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Ontario Liberal Party

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Willowdale

Ontario PC Party



Michael Ceci

- Works in a product management role at a national communications company as part of a specialized management development program
- Served as a Trustee on the Queen's University Board of Trustees
- His mother serves as the Chairperson of the North York Region Council of Community Living Toronto advocating for individuals with developmental disabilities like Michael's brother Marc, who has Down syndrome.
- Has become a founding member of an organization that is striving to provide a clear path to meaningful and dignified employment opportunities for individuals with special needs.

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Ontario Liberal Party



David Zimmer - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Minister of Aboriginal Affairs
- First elected in 2003
- Before entering politics, he was chair of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation
- Has practiced law for many years in Toronto and was an administrative law instructor in the Law Society's Bar Admission Course

- Has served as a director of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and president of the Alzheimer Society of Canada

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Windsor-Tecumseh

Ontario PC Party



Robert de Verteuil

- Worked in the automotive industry for fifteen years
- Trained in systems engineering and computer science

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Ontario Liberal Party



Jason Dupuis

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New Democratic Party of Ontario

Percy Hatfield – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Critic, Infrastructure Member,
 - Standing Committee on Government Agencies
- Prior Councillor for Ward 7



- Elected Vice-President of the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario
- Works hard to raise funds for local community groups like the Easter Seals, United Way and the Hospice.

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Windsor West

Ontario PC Party



Henry Lau

- Background as a small business owner in tool & mould industry
- Graduated from St. Clair College with a certification in Mould Making and Business Management

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Ontario Liberal Party



Teresa Piruzza - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Minister Responsible for Women's Issues
 - Minister of Children and Youth Services
- Prior to being elected, worked as the Executive Director of Employment and Social Services for the City of Windsor

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York Centre

Ontario PC Party



Avi Yufest

- Former advisor to Tim Hudak
- Volunteer with The Concerned Kids, a non-profit organization that educates children about drug prevention, standing up to bullying and coping with personal challenges
- Currently assisting the North York Women's Shelter with their capital campaign program to fund a new shelter for abused women.

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Ontario Liberal Party



Monte Kwinter - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Member, Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment
- Has served as Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, Minister of Financial Institutions, Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services and Solicitor General

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York Simcoe

Ontario PC Party



Julia Munro - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Second Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole House
- Outspoken against government's continued trend of attacking individual rights and freedoms
- Currently deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario
- Julia is a graduate of the University of Toronto. As a high school teacher, she taught thousands of students over her 28 year career.

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Ontario Liberal Party

Lorelea Carruthers

- Currently a trustee on the York Region District School
- First elected in 2003, she chaired the board's \$1.2-billion budget committee and delivered two new elementary schools in East Gwillimbury in two years
- Past vice-president of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association where she represented all public school boards in the 2008 salary negotiations.
- Continues to serve as vice-chair of the OPSBA Education Program Work Team
- Lorelea is a sought-after speaker, especially in the field of digital literacy.
- Graduate of the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and French and recently completed a Master's of Education from UOIT

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York South - Weston

Ontario PC Party



Andrew French

- Over a decade of experience in financial services, he currently works as a mortgage agent.
- Along with his family, he is active in supporting community organizations such as The Kidney Foundation of Canada, the Jamaican Canadian Association, and the African Canadian Heritage Association. Represented the Ontario PC Party in the Ajax-Pickering riding in the 2011 provincial election.

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Ontario Liberal Party



Laura Albanese - Incumbent

- Currently
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier
 - Chair, Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs Chair, Select Committee on Developmental Services Member, Standing Committee on Estimates Deputy Government Whip Member, Standing Committee on Government Agencies

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York West



Ontario PC Party

Karlene Nation

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Ontario Liberal Party



Mario Sergio – Incumbent

- Currently
 - Minister Responsible for Seniors
 - Minister without portfolio
- Has served as Parliamentary Assistant to the Ministers of Consumer and Business Services, Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister Responsible for Seniors, and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services.
- Member of the York Finch Hospital Board; co-chair of the United Way of North York the Children’s Aid Society and American Public Works Association

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