

ANDY FILLMORE, M.P.

MEMBER – LIBERAL



RIDING

- Halifax (Nova Scotia)

ELECTION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

- Initially elected in 2015.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Spent twenty years as urban planner and community builder in the private, public, and academic sectors;
- Was a founding member and former Vice President of the Canadian Council for Urbanism;
- Was Halifax's first Manager of Urban Design; and
- Served as Director and Associate Professor at the Dalhousie University's School of Planning.

POLITICAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ROLES

- Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities (2019 – present)
- Former Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism (2018 – 2019)
- Former Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Democratic Institutions (2017 – 2018)

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Member of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (February 2020 – present)
- Former Chair and member of the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (Chair 2016 – 2017) (member 2016 – 2017)
- Former Chair and member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (Chair 2016 – 2017) (member 2016 – 2017)
- Former member of the Liaison Committee (2016 – 2017)
- Parliamentary Secretary (Non-Voting Member) of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage (2018 – 2019)
- Parliamentary Secretary (Non-Voting Member) of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs (2017 – 2018)

GENERAL INTERESTS

- Urban planning and Infrastructure
- Environment and Climate Change
- Indigenous Issues
- Canadian Heritage
- Veterans
- Social Development

DETAILED INTERESTS

Veterans

Veterans ID Card

- Affirmed that the federal government was in the process of advancing the Veterans ID Card initiative [[Facebook-2017-11-29](#)];
- Advocated for the reinstatement of the Veterans ID card [[Facebook-2019-10-18](#)] [[Twitter-2019-10-18](#)];
- Commented on the Conservative government's decision to cancel the Veterans identification card [[HoC Debate-2018-11-08](#)] [[Facebook-2018-11-11](#)]; and
- Rose e-petition 1140 in the House of Commons, asking the Government of Canada to implement a Veterans identification card [[HoC Debate-2017-11-22](#)].

Veteran Employment

- Included the topic of Veterans in his House of Commons speech on employment and the job market, assuring the House that the budget would foster “inclusive growth.” He mentioned allotting “\$74 million to enhance the career transition services program for Veterans and \$17.5 million to establish a centre of excellence on PTSD” [[HoC Debate-2017-11-07](#)].

Health Care, Mental Health

- Was pleased with the government's decision to move 25 beds to the “modern-day Veterans” wing from the “WWII and Korean War” wing of Camp Hill, a health care centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia [[Facebook-2018-11-15](#)]; and
- Advocated for access to mental health care, specifically for Veterans and their families [[Twitter-2019-10-10](#)].

Disability

- Highlighted the International Day of Persons with Disabilities; showed support for Bill C-81, the Accessible Canada Act [[Twitter-2019-12-03](#)].

Pension

- Announced the return of Pension for Life for Veterans, as well as the implementation of extra weeks of paid leave for new parents [[Facebook-2019-04-05](#)].

Engaging with Veterans, Commemoration

- Honoured Veterans by promoting the Valentines for Veterans program on Facebook [[Facebook-2017-02-14](#)];
- Participated in a Peace Day celebration [[Twitter-2019-09-21](#)];
- Participated in a Workout to Remember event [[Twitter-2019-11-10](#)];
- Supported Veterans by attending a Remembrance Day Breakfast in Halifax [[Facebook-2019-11-11](#)];
- Met with the mother of Capt. Jonathan Sutherland Snyder, who received the Star of Military Valour two days before his death on June 7th 2008 [[Twitter-2019-11-11](#)];
- Paid tribute to the members of the Canadian Armed Forces who participated in the liberation of the Netherlands during the Second World War [[Twitter-2019-11-11](#)];
- Highlighted Remembrance Day on Twitter [[Twitter-2019-11-11](#)]; and
- Highlighted Wreaths Across Canada on Twitter [[Twitter-2019-12-01](#)].

Social Development

- While explaining the 2018 budget in the House of Commons, spoke of programs and issues such as the Canada Child Benefit, access to child care, affordable housing, the Canada housing benefit, unemployment, wage equality between men and women, and Canadian pension plans benefiting senior citizens [[HoC Debate-2018-04-23](#)]; and

- Addressed the topic of suicide within Indigenous communities in the House of Commons on many occasions in 2016 [[Publication Search INAN-2016-05-31 to 2016-09-26](#)].

OTHER NOTES

- Has also demonstrated interest in:
 - The environment [[Twitter-2020-01-30](#)] [[Twitter-2020-01-31](#)] [[Twitter-2020-01-29](#)] [[Twitter-2020-01-28](#)] [[HoC Debate-2016-05-05](#)] [[Twitter-2019-09-15](#)] [[HoC Debate-2019-05-16](#)];
 - Canadian heritage [[HoC Debate-2019-04-08](#)] [[HoC Debate-2016-10-27](#)];
 - Urban planning [[Twitter-2020-02-03](#)] [[Twitter-2019-08-20](#)] [[HoC Debate-2020-01-28](#), [HoC Debate-2020-01-27](#)] [[HoC Debate-2020-01-28](#)] [[HoC Debate-2020-01-27](#)];
 - Indigenous relations [[HoC Debate-2016-05-19](#)] [[HoC Debate-2018-11-05](#)]; and
 - Gun-safety legislation [[Twitter-2019-09-30](#)].