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MEMBERSHIP PROFILES

WILLIAM AMOS

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (LIBERAL)



RIDING

- Pontiac (Quebec)

ELECTION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

- Elected in 2015; re-elected in 2019

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Former environmental lawyer; worked in private sector and CRTC
- Former University of Ottawa Professor of law and science
- Former board member of Chelsea Foundation and Sierra Club Canada
- Former volunteer for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada and for Santropol Roulant

POLITICAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ROLES

- Vice-Chair of Liberal rural caucus; member of Seniors' / Energy and Environment Caucus
- Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Innovation, Science, and Industry (Science) (2019 – Present)
- Former Member of the Canadian Branch of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (2016 – 2018)
- Former Member / Counsellor of the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas (2015 – 2019)

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Member of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (2020 – Present)
- Former Member of the Standing Committee on National Defence (2020 – 2020)
- Former Member of the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (2017 – 2019)
- Former member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development (2016 – 2019)

GENERAL INTERESTS

- Environment
 - Carbon pricing
- Indigenous policy
 - *Citizenship Act* amendment
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Medical assistance in dying
- Veterans Interests:
 - Past funding reduction to services and programs
 - VAC staffing



RACHEL BLANEY

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (NDP)



RIDING

- North Island – Powell River (British Columbia)

ELECTION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

- First elected in 2015

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Former Executive Director of the Immigrant Welcome Centre of North Vancouver Island
- Worked with small businesses to support local economic growth

POLITICAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ROLES

- Current New Democratic Party of Canada (NDP) Whip
- Inter-Parliamentary Group Memberships:
 - Counsellor of the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association
 - Member of the Canadian Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Member of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs (2019 – Present)
- Member of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (2019 – Present)
- Former Vice-Chair and member of the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (2018 – 2019)

GENERAL INTERESTS

- Seniors Issues
 - Ending poverty and food insecurity
- First Nations Issues
- Reducing cost of living
- Cannabis pardons
- Veterans Interests:
 - Ending Veteran homelessness.
 - Ensuring that Veterans suffering from mental health issues and PTSD receive the support they require.
 - Reducing wait times for benefits and services.



JOHN BRASSARD

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (CONSERVATIVE)



RIDING

- Barrie-Innisfil (Ontario)

ELECTION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

- Elected in 2015

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Member of Barrie City Council
- Firefighter, including Executive Member of the Markham Professional Firefighter's Association, including a three-year term as its President
- Co-owner of a sports apparel marketing company

POLITICAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ROLES

- Appointed to the Conservative Shadow Cabinet as the Opposition Critic for Veterans Affairs September 2020
- Former Deputy Opposition Whip (2017-2020)
- Former Member of the Conservative Shadow Cabinet as the Opposition Critic for Veterans Affairs (2016-2017)
- Former Member of various following Parliamentary Associations and Interparliamentary Groups (42-1)

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Member of the Standing Committee of Procedure and House Affairs and the Special Committee on the COVID-19 Pandemic (43-1)
- Former Member of the Subcommittee on the Code of Conduct for Members of the House of Commons: Sexual Harassment (42-1)
- Former Member of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (42-1)

GENERAL INTERESTS

- Opposition to virtual Parliament
- Carbon Tax
- Veterans Interests:
 - Medical Marijuana
 - Homelessness
 - Pensions
 - Mental Health and PTSD, including the use of psychiatric service dogs

Past Legislation

- **Bill C-378** (42-1) *An Act to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Act (fairness principles)*
 - Defeated at second reading stage, February 14, 2018



MEMBERSHIP PROFILES

- The bill sought to “amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Act to require that, in exercising his or her powers and in performing his or her duties and functions, the Minister of Veterans Affairs take into account certain principles in relation to, among others, persons who have served in the Canadian Forces or merchant navy or in the naval, army or air forces or merchant navies of Her Majesty as well as in relation to their dependants or survivors.”



COLIN CARRIE

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (CONSERVATIVE)



RIDING

- Oshawa (Ontario)

ELECTION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

- First elected in 2004

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Doctor of Chiropractor, including as Executive Member of the Durham Chiropractic Society
- Prior to entering Parliament, co-owned one of Durham Region's leading chiropractic and wellness clinics
- Son of a career Naval officer

POLITICAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ROLES

- Appointed to the Conservative Shadow Cabinet as the Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Canada/US relations
- Former Official Opposition Critic for Health (2015-2017)
- Current member of various Parliamentary Associations and Inter-Parliamentary groups, including Vice Chair of the Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Member of the Standing Committee on Veteran Affairs (43-2)
- Former Member of the Standing Committee on International Trade and COVID-19 Pandemic (43-1)
- Former Member of the Standing Committee on Health and International Trade (42-1)

GENERAL INTERESTS

- Families affected by autism and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
- Human trafficking
- Veterans' related interests:
 - Healthcare and Mental Health
 - Controlled Drug and Substances



SEAN CASEY

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (LIBERAL)



RIDING

- Charlottetown (Prince Edward Island)

ELECTION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

- Elected in 2011; re-elected in 2015, 2019

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- BBA – Saint Francis Xavier University, JD – Dalhousie University
- Former President, kitchenware family business, Paderno Group of Companies (2003 – 2008)
- Former President, Liberal Party of PEI (2003 – 2007)
- Former Regional Managing Partner, Steward McKelvey (2008 – 2011)
- Awarded Queen's Counsel (2008)
- Former President, Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce (2009 – 2010)

POLITICAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ROLES

- Chair of the Liberal Atlantic Caucus
- Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities
- Former Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard (2018 – 2019)
- Former Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Canadian Heritage (2017 – 2018)
- Former Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada (2015 – 2017)
- Former Justice Critic (2013 – 2015)
- Former Justice Assistant Critic (2011 – 2013)
- Former Veteran Affairs Critic (2011 – 2013)

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Member of the Liaison Committee (2020 – Present)
- Member of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (2020 – Present)
- Member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs
- Member of the Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (2011 – 2014, 2020 – Present)
- Former Vice Chair and member of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights (2013 – 2015)
- Former Vice Chair and member of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (2011 – 2013)

GENERAL INTERESTS

- Atlantic Canada



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MEMBERSHIP PROFILES

- Prince Edward Island
- Fisheries and Oceans
- Physician Assisted Suicide
- Veterans Interests :
 - Budget Cuts
 - Funeral and burial support
 - Last Post Fund



LUC DESILETS

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (BQ)



RIDING

- Rivière-des-Mille-Îles (Québec)

ELECTION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

- Elected in 2019

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Master's Degree in Psychoeducation from the University of Montreal
- Former Director (Principal) of several schools of the Commission Scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles
- Degrees in Education and Criminology
- Nominated for a number of literary awards, including Prix d'Excellence en Français Gaston-Miron, Grand Prix de la Relève Littéraire Archambault, Prix Marcel-Couture, and Bourse Charles-Gagnon

POLITICAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ROLES

- Bloc Québécois critic for National Revenue (2019 – Present)
- Member of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association
- Member of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association
- Member of the Canada-France Inter-Parliamentary Association
- Member of the Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association
- Member of the Canadian Delegation to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly
- Member of the Canada-China Legislative Association
- Member of the Canada-Germany Inter-Parliamentary Group
- Member of the Canada-Italy Inter-Parliamentary Group
- Member of the Canadian Branch of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie
- Member of the Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
- Member of the Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Association
- Member of Canadian Section of ParlAmericans
- Member of the Canadian Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Vice-chair of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (2020 – Present)

GENERAL INTERESTS

- Climate Change
- Education
- Criminology
- Affordable Housing
- French Language
- Quebec



ANDY FILLMORE

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (LIBERAL)



RIDING

- Halifax (Nova Scotia)

ELECTION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

- Elected in 2015; re-elected in 2019

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Former urban planner and community builder
- Founding member and former VP of Canadian Council for Urbanism
- Former Director and Associate Professor at Dalhousie University
- Former VP of Planning & Development at Waterfront Development Corp.
- Co-founder of Halifax Strategic Urban Partnership (2010)

POLITICAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ROLES

- Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities (2019 – Present)
- Member of Climate Change Caucus
- 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 Veteran Affairs (2020 – Present)
- Former Chair and member of the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (2016 – 2017)
- Former Chair and member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (2016 – 2017)
- Former member of the Liaison Committee (2016 – 2017)

GENERAL INTERESTS

- Environment
- Indigenous Issues
- Urban planning, development, architecture
- Veterans Interests:
 - Veterans' Identification Card



MARIE-FRANCE LALONDE

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (LIBERAL)



RIDING

- Orléans (Ontario)

ELECTION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

- Elected in 2019

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Social worker at the Children's Aid Society and the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario
- Co-owner and Executive Director of the Portobello Manor Retirement Residence
- Served on the Community Advisory Committee for the Champlain Community Access Centre

POLITICAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ROLES

- Current member of the following Parliamentary Association and Inter-parliamentary Groups:
 - Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association (2020 – Present)
 - Canada-China Legislative Association (2020 – Present)
 - Canada-Germany Inter-parliamentary Group (2019 – Present)
 - Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association (2019 – Present)
 - Canada-France Inter-Parliamentary Association (2019 – Present)
 - Canada-Ireland Inter-parliamentary Group (2019 – Present)
 - Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group (2019 – Present)
 - Canadian Branch of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (2019 – Present)
 - Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (2019 – Present)
 - Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group (2019 – Present)
 - Canadian Section of ParlAmericas (2019 – Present)
 - Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association (2019 – Present)
 - Canadian Delegation to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly (2019 – Present)

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Member of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (2019- present);
- Member of the Standing Committee on Official Languages (2019- present);

GENERAL INTERESTS

- Seniors
- Official languages
- Canadian businesses
- Veterans Interests:
 - Improving access to benefits
 - Veteran homelessness
 - Mental health services



BRYAN MAY

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (LIBERAL)



RIDING

- Cambridge (Ontario)

ELECTION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

- First elected in October, 2015
- Re-elected in October, 2019

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Senior management roles with YMCA, the Boys and Girls Club of Canada, and the University of Waterloo
- Served on the committee for the Oxford Active Living/ Youth Action Plan
- Executive Treasurer of the Social Planning Council of Cambridge and North Dumfries

POLITICAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ROLES

- Former Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills, and Social Development
- Chair of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs
- Chair of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (2019 – Present)

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Liaison Committee
- Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs
- Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs
- Standing Committee on Natural Resources

GENERAL INTERESTS

- Social development
- Status of persons with disabilities
- Industry and trade
- Veterans Issues:
 - Veteran homelessness
 - Veterans benefits and services



DARRELL SAMSON

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (LIBERAL)



RIDING

- Sackville—Preston—Chezzetcook (Nova Scotia)

ELECTION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

- Elected in 2015; re-elected in 2019

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Former educator and superintendent of Nova Scotia's Acadian and Francophone school board
- Former member of the Provincial Advisory Council to the Minister of Education on Early Years in Nova Scotia
- Former small business owner in the retail and construction sectors.

POLITICAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ROLES

- Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence (2019 – present)
- President of the Canadian Branch of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie
- Member of the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Former member of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (2017 – 2019);
- Former member of the Standing Committee on Official Languages (2016 – 2019);
- Former member of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage (2016 – 2017)

GENERAL INTERESTS

- French language
- Youths and Education
- Nova Scotia
- Rural Issues
- Veterans Interests:
 - Ensuring that Veterans and their families are aware of—and receive—all available benefits and services.
 - Providing timely and efficient Mental Health & PTSD supports and services.
 - Improving services for Veterans as they transition from military to civilian life.



KYLE SEEBACK

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (CONSERVATIVE)



RIDING

- Dufferin-Caledon (Ontario)

ELECTION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

- Member of Parliament for Brampton West from 2011-2015
- Elected in 2019 as MP for Dufferin-Caledon

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Former practicing lawyer in Canada

POLITICAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ROLES

- Former Member of various following Parliamentary Associations and Interparliamentary Groups (42-1)

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Current member of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (43-2)
- Former member of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration (43-1)
- Former member of the Special Committee on the COVID-19 Pandemic (43-1)
- Former member of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (41-2) (41-1)
- Former member of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights (41-2) (42-1)
- Former member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights (41-1)

GENERAL INTERESTS

- Agriculture exports
 - The member's riding has many dairy farmers
- Carbon Tax
- Mental Health
- Equal Access to Palliative Care



CATHAY WAGANTALL

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (CONSERVATIVE)



RIDING

- Yorkton-Melville (Saskatchewan)

ELECTION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

- Elected in 2015; re-elected in 2019

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Owned a signage and printing business, lumberyard
- Worked in finances and development at Taylor University College & Seminary
- Completed missionary work in Delhi, India

POLITICAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ROLES

- Deputy Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Member of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (2020 – Present)

GENERAL INTERESTS

- Canada Summer Jobs
- Carbon tax / pricing
- Fetus and embryo
- Health (Special Needs)
- Violence Against Women
- Veterans Interests:
 - Mefloquine
 - Backlogs
 - Service dogs