

Member Directory

The Delegation of Canada to the OSCE PA



Hon. Hedy Fry

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Political Party Affiliation: Liberal Party of Canada

Home District Vancouver Centre

Member of Parliament since 1993

Positions held in Parliament: Member of Parliament

Current positions in Parliament: Chair – Heritage Committee

Educational background:

Other information:

Honourable Hedy Fry was first elected to Parliament for Vancouver Centre in 1993 becoming the first rookie to defeat a sitting Prime Minister. She has been re-elected in 1997, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2011 and 2015. She is currently the Chair of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage and chair of the BC Federal Liberal Caucus.

Hedy Fry was born in Trinidad and Tobago where she graduated as class Valedictorian, winning a full scholarship for a Masters degree in English Literature at Oxford, England. She had done her undergraduate in French, English and Spanish literature, though her passion turned to medicine and she relinquished the scholarship to study medicine in Dublin, Ireland. Accepted into the program, she had one year to fulfill the academic requirements, which meant an intensive immersion in science from high school level to the equivalent of a Bachelor of Science in a single academic year. She completed her degree in Medicine with Honours at the Royal College of Surgeons.

She immigrated to Canada in 1970. She practiced family medicine at St. Paul's Hospital in the West End of Vancouver for two decades and was a local, provincial and national leader in medical politics. She served as president of the Vancouver Medical Association (VMA), BC Medical Association (BCMA), and the Federation of Medical Women, during which time she was hailed as a powerful and successful negotiator. She hammered out a deal with then-premier Bill Vander Zalm that ended with a groundbreaking agreement that included Canada's first retirement plan for doctors. Further, Dr. Fry led the CMA to recognize self-governance of aboriginals as crucial determinants of Aboriginal health. She was a spokesman for the CMA on issues of health, health financing and reforms, frequently speaking to US audiences about Medicare. Prior to being elected to Parliament, Dr. Fry was well-known to Canadian audiences as a panellist on the long-running national CBC television program Doctor, Doctor.

Dr. Fry began in 1993 as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health. She spent 6 years from 1996-2002 in Cabinet serving as Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and the Minister for the Status of Women. She was on a number of Cabinet Committees regarding health, social policy, volunteerism, homelessness and same-sex benefits. She was also the Minister responsible for the Vancouver agreement.

In 2006, Dr. Fry ran for the Leadership of the Liberal Party as the first immigrant woman to do so with her "True Grit" campaign. Dr. Fry served as Opposition Critic for Sports and the 2010 Olympics, and for Canadian heritage. Dr. Fry served as Federal Liberal Health Critic in the last parliamentary session. Currently, Dr. Fry serves as BC Federal Liberal Caucus Chair.

As a Minister, Dr. Fry represented the Canadian government as Head of delegation at many high-profile, multilateral Conventions of the United Nations, Francophonie, Commonwealth, Organization of American States and Council of Europe, most notably Canada's 4th Report to the UN Commission on Human Rights, UN's Beijing Plus 2000 and the World Conference Against Racism (WCAR) in Durban. There, Canada played the key role in expunging the Teheran document of all anti-Semitic language and hate speech against Israel. In preparation for the WCAR, Dr. Fry initiated the first UN Youth Against Racism Secretariat, culminating in a youth NGO convention at Durban.

She has been appointed the Special Representative on Gender Issues of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Parliamentary Assembly (PA).

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She lives in Vancouver and has 3 adult sons. She continues working hard at key priorities of representing her constituents and fighting for issues such as justice and human rights, health care, poverty, housing and homelessness, education and a multiplicity of others.

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Political Party Affiliation: Liberal Party of Canada

Home District Cloverdale-Langley City

Member of Parliament since 2015

Positions held in Parliament: Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying (PDAM)

Current positions in Parliament: Member of Parliament and Member of Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development (ENVI)

Educational background: Master of Business Administration (Royal Roads University)
Bachelor of Business Administration (BC's Open University)
Diploma in Public Sector Management (University of Victoria)

Other information:

BORN

Gull Lake, Saskatchewan in 1963

ELECTED

October 19, 2015 to the House of Commons

Sworn into office on November 17, 2015

COMMITTEES

Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying (PDAM)

Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development (ENVI)

HOME

Langley, British Columbia and Ottawa, Ontario... also, airplanes.

Over the years, I've lived in Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories, Manitoba, Yukon, Alberta and Ontario.

FAMILY

Married to Elaine, with 3 children - Kai, Hattie & Kalani

CAREER

32 years managing parks and historic sites at Parks Canada

AWARDS

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2013

Tourism Langley Lifetime Achievement Award, 2011

Parks Canada CEO Award of Excellence, three-time recipient

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Political Party Affiliation: Conservative Party of Canada

Home District Niagara West

Member of Parliament since 2004

Positions held in Parliament: Former Chair of the Human Resources, Skills Development and Status of Persons with Disabilities Committee
Former chair of the Foreign Affairs & International Development Committee
Former Chair of the Liaison Committee

Current positions in Parliament: Official Opposition Critic for International Development
Vice-Chair, Standing Committee on International Trade
Member, Standing Committee on International Trade
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on International Trade

Educational background:

Other information:

Dean Allison was elected as the first MP for the riding of Niagara West-Glanbrook on June 28, 2004, and was re-elected with resounding majorities in the 2006, 2008, 2011 and 2015 general elections. On October 19, 2015 Dean began his fifth term as the MP for the newly realigned riding of Niagara West.

A graduate of Wilfrid Laurier University with a degree in Economics, Dean established himself in the Hamilton and Niagara area through accumulating businesses and working for a major franchise organization. He served his community as President of the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation, as President of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, as Director of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and board member of Junior Achievement in Niagara. Dean is also a founding member of the Dave Thomas Adoption Foundation in Canada and the Belarus Children of Chernobyl program that brings children affected by the Chernobyl disaster to Canada.

With regard to his parliamentary duties, Dean has chaired the Human Resources, Skills Development and Status of Persons with Disabilities committee, and the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development. He also chaired the Liaison Committee for almost 10 years. Additionally, former Prime Minister Stephen Harper appointed Dean to the Red Tape Reduction Commission which released an influential report on the relationship between government and the private sector.

Currently, Dean serves as Critic for International Development and as Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development.

As a committed advocate for his constituents, Dean works tirelessly on their behalf and can often be found at community events and meetings in the riding. Through his efforts, hundreds of individuals and numerous businesses have seen positive results.

Dean lives in Beamsville with his wife and children.

Parliamentary Associations and Interparliamentary Groups

Executive

Member, Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association

Member

Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association

Canadian Delegation to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA)

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Political Party Affiliation: Liberal Party of Canada

Home District Oakville North - Burlington, Ontario

Member of Parliament since 2015

Positions held in Parliament:

Current positions in Parliament: MP

Educational background:

Other information:

Pam Damoff, a politician, community activist and business professional with over 25 years' corporate experience on Bay Street, was elected to represent the riding of Oakville-North Burlington in the House of Commons in the 2015 federal election. Prior to the election, Pam served as an Oakville Town Councillor from 2010-2015. During her time on council, she served on the Oakville Public Library Board, the budget committee and the Oakville Tourism Partnership. She was recognized as a leading advocate for active transportation and better cycling infrastructure in Oakville.

Pam was named Vice Chair of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women in December 2015. She is also a member of several Parliamentary Committees, Associations and inter-parliamentary groups, including the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security. Pam co-founded Cycle Oakville to promote cycling and improved cycling infrastructure and received the 2013 Bicycling Leadership Award for her tireless promotion of cycling in Ontario. She has since founded the first all-party Cycling Caucus in Ottawa. She is an active volunteer in her community, serving as Chair of Oakville's Terry Fox Run and is a member of the organizing committee of the Courage Polar Bear Dip.

Pam is a proud recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and the Paul Harris Fellow Award from Rotary International, The Linda Jones Women's Activist Award from the ODLC for her community service, She also received the Top 40 Fabulous Women Over 40 Excellence Award for Community Leadership.

Pam is passionate about many causes including employment for persons living with disabilities, women's empowerment, mental health, environmental protection, and cycling safety & development.

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Political Party Affiliation: Liberal Party of Canada

Home District Prince Edward Island

Member of Parliament since 2003

Positions held in Parliament: Deputy Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Current positions in Parliament: Whip of the Senate Liberals

Educational background:

Other information:

Senator Downe was appointed to the Senate of Canada on June 26, 2003 and lives in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Present Member of:

- Senate Liberal Caucus (Facilitator/Whip)
- Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Vice Chair)
- Standing Senate Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration
- Vice-President of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association
- Joint Interparliamentary Council Member

Formerly a Member of:

- Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament (Joint Chair)
- Standing Committee on National Finance
- Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
- Standing Committee on Rules, Rights and Procedures of Parliament

Previous Career:

- Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister of Canada
- Director of Appointments, Office of the Prime Minister
- Executive Assistant to the Minister of Labour
- Executive Assistant to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
- Executive Assistant to the Secretary of State, Veterans Affairs and ACOA
- Executive Assistant to the Premier of Prince Edward Island

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Political Party Affiliation: Conservative Party of Canada

Home District Red Deer-Mountain View

Member of Parliament since 2008

Positions held in Parliament: Vice-Chair of Industry Committee, Public Accounts, Ethics, Aboriginal Affairs, Agriculture and Health Committees

Current positions in Parliament: MP

Educational background:

Other information:

Earl was most recently elected in 2015 as the first ever Member of Parliament for the riding of Red Deer – Mountain View. Previously, Earl served two terms as the Member of Parliament for Red Deer following his successes in the elections of 2008 and 2011.

Earl currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology. He previously served as a Member of the Standing Committees on Agriculture, Health, Public Accounts, Ethics, and Aboriginal Affairs. Earl is also experienced in Parliamentary Diplomacy and has served as a Canadian delegate for ParlAmericas, the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum, as well as the Parliamentary Association for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. He was also selected to be part of the delegation for the Governor General's state visit to China and Mongolia because of his recognized background in agriculture and education.

Earl has been acknowledged in the community as a long-time volunteer and advocate. He served for many years as chair of the Elnora Hospital Board as well as the Eltrohills Health Advisory Committee, where he worked to improve local health care. Earl has volunteered for local community groups, such as the Crossroads Agricultural Society, Pine Lake Hub Community Center, Howell's Lake Community Club and the Pine Lake Curling Club. Earl also has served as treasurer for his local community church.

Earl holds a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Alberta and taught Mathematics at the Innisfail High School for 34 years, retiring in June 2008. Over those years, Earl devoted his time and expertise to working with area youth, coaching football, fastball, track and field, volleyball and minor hockey, both inside and outside of school.

Earl and his wife Judy are proud to be fourth-generation farmers and life-long residents Central Alberta. Together they have two grown children, Megan and Devin, along with two grandchildren, and own and operate a family farm near Pine Lake, Alberta.

In Parliament, Earl has earned a reputation as a strong voice for the hard-working people of Central Alberta. He brings this work ethic to the House of Commons every day, always defending the interests of his constituents.

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Political Party Affiliation: Conservative Party of Canada

Home District New Brunswick

Member of Parliament since 2012

Positions held in Parliament:

Current positions in Parliament: Senator

Current Member of the following Senate Committee(s):

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Official Languages

Security and National Defence

Senate Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs

Educational background:

Other information:

Paul E. McIntyre is a lawyer and member of the Canadian Bar Association and New Brunswick Barristers' Society. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from the Université de Moncton, a Master of Arts (History) from the University of New Brunswick, and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from Dalhousie University.

He was Chairperson of the New Brunswick Criminal Code Board of Review from 1985 to 1998 and 2000 to 2012. He was also the senior law partner at the McIntyre Law Firm in Dalhousie, New Brunswick, until 2008. He was appointed federal Queen's Counsel in 1993.

He is an active community member. He is the former owner and creator of the Alfred-Victoria Desrosiers Nature Park (more than 125 acres of land) and, in 2014, transferred the park as a gift to the Village of Balmoral.

He is a fundraiser to various charitable organizations, including the Salvation Army and a former Chairperson of the Charlo Fall Fair and Winter Carnival. He was also the Assistant Coordinator of the Children's Wish Foundation (Restigouche region). He was one of the chief organizers of the Donat McIntyre Gentlemen Hockey Tournament and first President of the Charlo Lion's Club.

He is an organizer of numerous athletic events in his community. He is also active in various sports including hockey, cross-country skiing and running. He has ran in more than 200 road races (5k, 10k, half-marathons). He has also ran and completed 59 (42.2km or 26.2 miles) national and international marathons including the prestigious Boston Marathon.

In his spare time, he writes and recites poetry. In 1965, he was the national winner of a French poetry contest on 'Jeunesse Oblige'. And he is hoping to publish a book of poetry in the near future.

He was appointed to the Senate on September 7th, 2012, by virtue of which he became the first Senator appointed from the county of Restigouche and more importantly, he is the first Senator born in the village of Charlo. He currently sits on various committees including Legal and Constitutional Affairs, Official Languages, and Modernization of the Senate. From July 2015 to July 2016, he was President of l'Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie at both the national and international level.

On September 9th, 2016, he received the honour of being named 2016 Charlo Citizen of the Year at the Official Opening of the 43rd edition of the Charlo Fall Fair.

Since his appointment to the Senate, he continues to give a good part of his salary to various charitable organisations in his community.

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He was born and still resides in Charlo, New Brunswick.

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Political Party Affiliation: New Democratic Party

Home District Outremont, Québec

Member of Parliament since 2007

Positions held in Parliament: Leader of the Official Opposition (2012 - 2015) · Leader of the New Democratic Party (2012 - 2017) · Opposition House Leader (2011 - 2011) · Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks (2003 - 2006) · MPs (1994 - 2001)

Current positions in Parliament: MP

Educational background:

Other information:

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Political Party Affiliation: non-affiliated

Home District: Ontario

Member of Parliament since: 2016

Positions held in Parliament:

Current positions in Parliament: Senator

Educational background:

Other information:

Member of Independent Senators Group (ISG)

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Home District Vaughan — Woodbridge, Ontario
Member of Parliament since 2015
Positions held in Parliament:
Current positions in Parliament: MP

Educational background:

Other information:

Francesco Sorbara is the Member of Parliament for Vaughan-Woodbridge and sits on the House of Commons Standing Committee of Finance and the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Finance. He is Chair of the Canada-Italy Inter-Parliamentary Group, Vice-Chair of the Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group, and Executive Member of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association.

An economist by training and a CFA Charterholder, Francesco worked in the global financial markets in both Canada and the United States for JPMorgan Chase, DBRS, and the Bank of Nova Scotia. Originally from Prince Rupert, B.C., Francesco earned an honours degree in economics & finance from Simon Fraser University and a Masters of Arts (Economics) from the University of Toronto. Before entering public life, Francesco worked in the private sector for approximately twenty years.

A first-generation Canadian, his parents came to Canada from southern Italy 50 years ago. Settling in Prince Rupert, his father joined the Carpenters and Sheet Metal Workers' Union and his mother worked in the local cannery and as a dietician's aid, all while raising three boys. The values of hard work, family and a sense of community that his parents brought with them to Canada were instilled in Francesco and his brothers from an early age.

After putting himself through University with a variety of different jobs including working at a pulp mill and at a grain elevator, Francesco pursued opportunities in the centre of the financial world in New York City, working at J.P. Morgan. He lived and worked in the U.S. for six years before returning to Canada where he met and married his wife Rose, with whom he is proud to be raising two daughters, Eliana and Natalia.

As dedicated as he has been to his professional life, Francesco has been equally involved in community activities aimed at improving the lives of others. His volunteer work includes contributions to the United Way, Eva's Initiatives and the Inner-City Scholarship Fund, as well as with organizations such as the Canadian Italian Business Association, Italian Chamber of Commerce of Ontario and the Toronto Society of Financial Analysts.

Francesco's professional background in finance and economics has provided him with an extensive expertise in financial materials across a broad range of industry sectors, including automotive media and telecommunications, retail, real estate, energy, infrastructure, and financial services. The knowledge that he has acquired through his work and academic training coupled with his commitment to community and family gives Francesco a unique perspective on Parliament Hill and motivates him to continue to work toward creating a Canadian economy that works for all and leaves no one behind.