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*In Loving Memory of  
Douglas Jack Wiseman*  
(July 21, 1930 – August 1, 2020)

Progressive Conservative Member of Provincial Parliament for  
Lanark in the 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd and 33rd Parliament (October 21, 1971-September 9, 1987)  
Lanark-Renfrew in the 34th Parliament (September 9, 1987-September 5, 1990)

Doug Wiseman was Minister of Government Services, Minister Without Portfolio, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health. He served on 3 Select Committees; Land Drainage, Inquiring into Hydro's Proposed Bulk Power Rates, Inco/Falconbridge Layoffs, and 7 Standing Committees; Resources Development, Public Accounts, Estimates, Social Development, Members' Services, General Government, Regulations and Private Bills.

Biographical Snapshot

- Educated at Smiths Falls College
- Farmed Chaloa Acres, just east of Perth in the 60's and 70's, showing his prized Charolais cattle and developed a prominent cow-calf business in the region
- After retirement from politics, he owned and operated Wiseman's Shoes in Prescott and founded Wiseman's Shoes in Perth
- Public school board chair, and a trustee of St. Paul's United Church in Perth, Ontario.
- Awarded Queen's Jubilee Medal in 2012



*Douglas Wiseman*

“Doug Wiseman was from the riding of Lanark-Renfrew in Eastern Ontario. As a small business owner in Perth he was well known and liked. Although quiet in demeanour he spoke up on issues

affecting small town Ontario and farmers. Later in my career I was privileged to represent Lanark County as part of my riding of Lanark-Carleton and heard many complimentary stories of how Doug had helped his constituents. Doug served with me in the Bill Davis Cabinet and I always enjoyed sharing time with him at joint political functions at home. Doug served our Province and Rural Eastern Ontario with hard work and distinction.” - Norm Sterling

“The best word to describe my former Lanark County colleague and friend Doug Wiseman is ‘gentleman’ - a real and true gentleman in every sense of that word. A child of the Great Depression, Doug was a self-made man who achieved very considerable success in his life. Doug and his wife Bunny were quite a team and I was always impressed by how well they worked together whether in business or in their public life. Though soft-spoken and broad-minded in his approach to politics, Doug really understood people, their hopes and their worries. He was especially attuned to the people of rural Ontario. Doug was someone who worked hard to achieve his successes in life. I can remember times during budget debates at Queen’s Park when he would remind me that we had to create wealth before we start re-distributing it. Doug Wiseman, one of the really good guys I met during my time in politics.” - Sean Conway

“In Ontario, Doug Wiseman came from almost as far east as you can. My constituency was closer to Manitoba’s capital than Ontario’s. But I didn’t need to talk to Doug Wiseman for more than a few minutes before I realized I was dealing with someone who had decency, sincerity, and integrity. We may have come from vastly different parts of the province, from different political parties, and had different political philosophies, but I like to think we had some of the same values. Doug always put the interests of his constituents and the interests of the people of the province ahead of his own. That’s why he was elected six times by his constituents. Sometimes nice, honest politicians finish first. He richly deserved to be in Cabinet because he also brought to politics toughness and honesty. There’s a phrase Hansard uses when the person recording the proceedings can’t identify a speaker, “An Honourable Member.” That’s what Doug will always remain in my memory. An honourable political opponent, an honourable member of the legislature, and an honourable man.” - Jim Foulds

*In Loving Memory of  
James Allan (Jim) Taylor*  
(May 2, 1928 – September 1, 2020)

Progressive Conservative Member of Provincial Parliament  
for Prince Edward-Lennox in the 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, and 33rd Parliaments  
(October 21, 1971 – September 9, 1987)

Jim Taylor was Minister of Energy, Minister of Community Services and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology. He served on 7 Select Committees; Economic Affairs, Energy, Pensions, Ombudsman, Constitutional Reform, Motorized Snow Vehicles and All-terrain vehicles, Company Law. Jim also served on 8 Standing Committees; Finance and Economic Affairs, Resources Development, Procedural Affairs, General Government, Public Accounts, Administration of Justice, Statutory Instruments, Private Bills.



*James Taylor*

#### Academic Background

- 1949 Bachelor of Arts, University of Toronto
- 1953 LLB, Osgoode Hall Law School
- 1963 named a Queen's Counsel

#### Athletic Endeavours

- U. of T. boxing and wrestling teams
- Intercollegiate wrestling champion
- Life member of the Scarborough Underwater Club

#### Scarborough Connection

- 1951 – 1957 articling law student, legal advisor, solicitor for the Borough of Scarborough
- 1955 set up Scarborough's Legal Department
- 1956 – 1957 one of a four-man committee enacting the council's decisions into practice  
Legal Council at Queen's Park
- 1965 - 1967 legal council to the Ontario Select Committee on Conservation Authorities in Ontario. It was this committee that brought him to Prince Edward County, and shortly thereafter, he bought property at South Bay.

#### Cattle Rancher

- 1971 Jim started a cattle operation in South Marysburgh Township, Prince Edward County.

## Political Life After Queen's Park

- 1998 – 2003 Mayor of Prince Edward (first Mayor when amalgamation took place)

“I well remember the first time I met Jim Taylor. He was this impeccably dressed gentleman who stood out in the crowd. Truth be told, he looked like a movie star and when he introduced himself to me as the MPP for Prince Edward- Lennox, I thought to myself - ‘ now here’s a fellow who will certainly add a real dash of style to any rural caucus ‘! After I got to know Jim, I came to appreciate what a well-read and well-travelled person he was. He knew a great deal about municipal law and especially about how Scarborough had grown in the post-World War II period. For many of us who served with Jim during his time at Queen’s Park, we remember his trying time as Ontario’s Minister of Energy in the late 1970s. And how in his own words, he “was mugged in the corridors of power “ by those who were determined to resist proper accountability for that giant crown corporation known as Ontario Hydro. Jim had a strong independent streak about him and he was determined to do his duty as he saw it. As a review of his obituary makes plain, he lived a long and full life with public service representing a large part of that life. Always charming, sometimes eclectic, never boring, Jim Taylor was great company and someone I recall with a seemingly endless fund of great stories.” - Sean Conway

“Jim Taylor was elected to the Legislature in 1971 after working in Municipal Law at the then City of Scarborough. He had appeared on many occasions before the Ontario Municipal Board on complicated and important matters. He used this background to give his riding of Prince Edward-Lennox and the two Cabinet posts of Community and Social Services and Energy with knowledgeable and skillful service. Jim assisted several Trade Ministers in leading trade missions to promote Ontario’s interests. Jim served us well and we thank his wife Mary and his family for their sacrifice in sharing so much of his time making Ontario a better place to live.” - Norm Sterling

### *In Loving Memory of David James Ramsay*

(April 23, 1948 – July 29, 2020)

Member of Provincial Parliament for Timiskaming 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th Parliaments  
for Timiskaming-Cochrane 37th, 38th, 39th Parliaments  
New Democrat, May 2, 1985 – October 6, 1986  
Liberal, October 6, 1986 – September 7, 2011

David Ramsay held four Cabinet posts; Correctional Services, Agriculture and Food, Natural Resources, Aboriginal Affairs. Twice he was a Parliamentary Assistant; to the Premier, to the Minister of Northern Development and Mines. In addition to serving as Caucus Chair and Vice-Chair, Standing Committee on Resources Development, David was on six other Standing Committee; Public Accounts, Government Agencies, Administration of Justice, Estimates, Ombudsman, Finance and Economic Affairs.

## Biographical Snapshot

- Born in Australia, adopted by Canadian parents and at age one moved to Oakville, ON.
- Family later moved to the Temiskaming district
- Attended Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec.
- After graduation worked as a farmer in New Liskeard and a clerk-treasurer in Casey Township
- President of the Timiskaming Federation of Agriculture in 1984-85
- Founding member of the Timiskaming Grain Growers Board
- Served as Chair of the Timiskaming Hospital Board for a while.



*David Ramsay*

Tributes by Former Members

“Very sorry to hear the sad news that my long-time colleague David Ramsay has died. David and I served together for nearly 20 years and we had some very good and interesting times together, both in government and on the opposition benches. When I think of David Ramsay, I think of someone with a hearty laugh, a good sense of humour and as someone whose ‘sunny personality ‘ made him a natural for public life. David was also someone who genuinely cared about the environment and he fought many of those battles in his time as an elected official. Away from the world of politics, he was the most committed sailor I every knew! How he loved to get away and sail the open waters of Ontario. I often felt that sailing gave him both the refuge and the perspective that made a good politician. At 72, he has left us too soon.” - Sean Conway

“David’s approach to politics set him apart from so many of those with whom he served. He never surrendered to the grip of narrow partisanship. Rather, his ambition was rooted in what he could do to improve the lot of his constituents in Ontario’s north. That David served as our caucus chair is a testament to the high regard in which he was held by his colleagues. I enjoyed the honour of having David serve in my cabinet and as my parliamentary assistant where he gave freely of his good counsel and warm friendship. Throughout his years at Queen’s Park, David’s personal profile reflected a quiet modesty.

No surprise then that he got such joy from sailing the waters of North America in warm companionship with Cathy, his soul mate, first mate and safe harbour.

David sailed the turbulent waters of elected politics for 26 uninterrupted years never losing the warmth and charm that was his signature. I will miss him.” - Hon. Dalton McGuinty

“David Ramsay was different than many of the MPPs I knew over my 34 years in the Legislature. As a former farmer and Municipal Clerk he was down to earth and sought to solve problems in a practical and reasonable way. He didn’t have a political ideology so he was easy and enjoyable to debate with over issues. He took issues seriously but had a great sense of humour. When he was Minister of Agriculture in the Liberal Government we worked together to improve Legislation dealing with the Ontario Food Terminal. Although he switched parties early in his career, his constituents continued to reward him at the polls in six subsequent elections. His service was unselfish and he will be remembered for his hard work both at the Legislature and in his riding.” - Norm Sterling

**In Loving Memory of  
Marietta L. D. Roberts**

(January 9, 1943 – October 4, 2020)  
Liberal Member of Provincial Parliament  
For Elgin in the 34th Parliament  
(November 3, 1987 – July 30, 1990)

Marietta Roberts was Deputy Government Whip, Commissioner, Board of Internal Economy, and Second Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole House. She served on two Select Committees; Constitutional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Vice-Chair, Constitutional Reform. As well Marietta Roberts served on two Standing Committees; Estimates, Government Agencies.



*Marietta Roberts*

From the farm to the Bench

Marietta Roberts was raised on and helped with the Roberts farm. The academic path which she followed

was first to teaching, then to law.

- Bachelor of Arts, University of Western Ontario
- Teaching Certificate, Ontario College of Education
- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Dalhousie University

Marietta taught at Alma College, a girls private school in St. Thomas, Ontario, for three years and then practised law in the Elgin County area from 1971 to 1987. She also chaired the Elgin County Board of Education.

#### Legal Career

- a founding member of the Ontario Child Representation Program
- acting crown attorney for Elgin
- 1991 - appointed as judge, Ontario Court of Justice
- 1995 to 2001 - Associate Chief Justice and Coordinator of Justices of the Peace

#### Life Beyond Politics

Marietta was a philanthropist and a great supporter of local museums. She was involved in the Sparta Historical Society, Aylmer Ladies Breakfast Club, Ducks Unlimited and one of the founding members of the FOSLs.

#### Former Colleagues Pay Tribute

“I remember Marietta as a very conscientious MPP with a warm sense of humour. Her style was collaborative and I think at times she found some of the partisanship at QP frustrating. She was very involved in the work of the Select Committee on Constitutional Reform and I know she enjoyed the other Committee work she was involved in. She liked to try to find solutions to problems and in Committee sometimes you could do that. She had a quiet but strong sense of social justice that covered a range of issues. She could also be very practical in understanding that you couldn't always resolve in one fell swoop all the wrongs in society but it was important to continue to move forward even if incrementally.” - Charles Beer

“Marietta Roberts was one of my favourite colleagues at Queen's Park. She was always wonderful company in part because she had such an interesting and varied career - or should I say careers, for she was a teacher, school trustee, a lawyer/crown attorney, a member of the legislature and after her political career concluded, a judge of the Ontario Court of Justice. Her mind was sharp and her tongue could be similarly acute in parliamentary debate when she was fighting to advance her case. Regarding her willingness 'to fight for her causes', one should not have been surprised for her Elgin County address was a place called 'Sparta'! She cared deeply for the disadvantaged in our society and was always anxious to find ways and means to help them. I also well remember Marietta's impatience with the time it took to get things done at the provincial level of government. A product of rural Ontario, she didn't have a lot of patience for what she often felt was 'the tangled web' of provincial bureaucracy and how it often seemed to get in the way of getting things done. And Marietta wanted to get things done! And speaking of rural Ontario, Marietta was born in the same rural township, Yarmouth, Elgin County, that also gave the legislature and Ontario its most colourful and flamboyant premier, Mitchell Frederick Hepburn. Marietta, the avid local historian, certainly added much to my understanding of 'the Hepburn lore' that so transfixed Ontario during the Great Depression. She was a very accomplished citizen and will be remem-

bered by her many friends, former colleagues and by the folks down there on the main streets and back concessions of old Elgin County” - Sean Conway

“On election night in 1987 I was surprised to learn that long-time MPP Ron McNeil from Elgin County had been defeated. Ron was known for being one of the most outstanding constituency MPP’s in the Legislature. After I got to know Marietta Roberts, her community involvement, her energy, her intelligence and devotion to public service I understood her victory. In another time there is no doubt in mind that she would have risen to the top of a Cabinet due to her skills and abilities. I enjoyed working with her in the Legislature as I knew that her goal was always to make things better and she was always easy and enjoyable to converse with. Marietta Roberts had a life long record of outstanding service to her Province. I remember her as a true friend and extend my sympathies to her many friends and to her family.” - Norm Sterling

**A Silent Path To Political Success**  
**The story of Ontario’s first Deaf Member**

By Gary Malkowski, M.A., L.H.D.  
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*“Mr. Malkowski continues to work tirelessly for the educational and vocational rights of people who are deaf or hard of hearing. He has undertaken countless initiatives to improve the lives of deaf Canadians through his involvement with numerous organizations. Gallaudet University is proud to honour an alumnus whose ground-breaking and far-reaching work has done so much to benefit the deaf and hard of hearing communities by award the degree Doctor of Human Letters, Honoris Causa, to Mr. Gary Malkowski.”*  
- Dr. Alan Hurwitz, President of Gallaudet University (Commencement speech, May 2011)

In 1958, Canada’s longest bridge, Burlington Bay Skyway, the largest bridge constructed by the Ontario Department of Highways up to that time, was officially opened by the Premier of Ontario, Leslie Frost. At St. Joseph Hospital in Hamilton, Ontario, I was born, the fourth of six children, three months premature with the Rh factor which caused my deafness.

I was jaundiced because my liver was not able to clear all the destroyed red blood cells. Bile over-flowed, causing my skin and eyes to yellow. A blood transfusion was essential, otherwise either I might die or suffer permanent injury to certain parts of the brain. I suffered with severe respiratory ailments and lengthy stays in hospital during the first decade of my life. I grew up in Hamilton, profoundly deaf and fighting for my life.

My parents, learning to speak English as a second language, were advised by medical professionals to teach and train me to learn, listen and speak. While I was trained to listen, lipread and talk, I was discouraged to use gestures and signs at home and school, and my family did not learn to sign. As a result, I experienced communication difficulties and plenty of frustration. That changed when I was enrolled in the new Ontario School for the Deaf, officially opened in 1963 by the Hon. Bill Davis, Minister of Education. The new school was named Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf, in honour of Ontario’s eighth Premier, Hon. Ernest C. Drury. Although it was, at that time, an oral school, signing was allowed outside

of the classes, during recess, after school, on the playgrounds, and in the dorms where most of my education took place, outside the classroom.



*Gary, on the far left standing up, takes a picture with his classmates at Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf.*

Across Ontario, Deaf children sat in classrooms day after day, in a fog of confusion and frustration, understanding little, learning even less. A teacher signing to a student was a firing offense. My “angel” teacher was Ms. Lamont, a child of Deaf parents, whose compassion and respect for the language of the Deaf unlocked the brain of a wayward kid.

Ms. Lamont was a principal at the E. C. Drury School for the Deaf. For much of her career she secretly, then openly, bucked the system that discouraged or forbid the use of sign language. When she closed her office door, faced this skinny, unmanageable kid from Hamilton and signed “okay, let us talk.,” it was the most natural thing in the world to her.

At age 17, I enrolled at Gallaudet University, World’s only bilingual and bi-cultural (American Sign Language and English) university for the Deaf in Washington, D.C., a surprise for my teachers, school administrators at E. C. Drury High School and my family. I graduated from Gallaudet with Bachelor’s degrees in Psychology and Social Work and a Master’s degree in Rehabilitation Counselling. Later, I worked for the Canadian Hearing Society, which serves the entire deaf and hard of hearing population. I taught at George Brown College and got involved in grassroots advocacy and helped organize protests against government inaction.

I became a social activist/Deaf activist. With the guidance of Richard Johnston, MPP Scarborough West, NDP Education Critic, I fought to win provincial government recognition of ASL as a language of instruction. Taking my cue from Gallaudet’s 1988 “Deaf President Now” movement, I organized rallies to bring the issue to the attention of the Ontario government. Richard Johnston, MPP introduced his private member’s bill to have Ontario Ministry of Education to conduct a province-wide review of deaf education and calling for the recognition of ASL. That bill was the focal point for a coalition which brought together disparate factions of the Deaf and hard of hearing communities in the “Deaf Ontario Now” movement, launching deaf education activism in the province.

At one of the meetings, I brought a Toronto Star newspaper to show Richard Johnston that I was embarrassed that my local MPP, Christine Hart (Liberal, York East), was resigning as Minister over a minor scandal. Richard's response was "Hey, you should not be embarrassed. Why not run against Christine Hart?" Richard was teasing, but I took it seriously, pleasantly surprising him. The Leader of the N. D. P., Bob Rae, visited me at the Canadian Hearing Society, said that Christine Hart was in a vulnerable position and this was a good time to run for a provincial seat in next Ontario election.

One August night in 1990 I was nominated as the N.D.P. candidate for York East. The members of the riding executive wished me well, then told me they were all going on holiday. I was left with no campaign manager, and no idea what to do. The professional sign language interpreters were at a convention in Western Canada. A few days later, undeterred, I was on the street and wearing an election sandwich board.

Even before being elected, I made a difference for future candidates with disabilities. The Ontario Commission on Election Finances ruled that extraordinary expenses in Ontario Commission on Election Finances ruled that extraordinary expenses incurred as the result of a disability, in this case my interpreters, would not fall under a candidate's expense ceiling. For first time in my life, I was able to vote for myself. My election victory was a shock and part of a larger shock of an N. D. P. majority government result.



*Gary Malkowski stands in front of his constituency office following his win.*

I became the first Deaf person using sign language to be elected to a senior level of government anywhere in the world. It was also my first job ever in the hearing world.

My election also resulted in an accommodation which made the Ontario legislature one of the most accessible in the world. The full proceedings of the House were captioned, lights which flash when the legislature/s bells ring were installed in the halls and washrooms, and sign language interpreters present on the floor of the legislature as well as in committee meetings to translate debates. Extensive renovations made it easier for people in wheelchairs to gain access to the building and to the legislature chamber.

As Canada's first Deaf MPP, I seized the opportunity to introduce bills granting official recognition to

ASL and LSQ as languages of instructions under the Ontario Education Act and other measures enhancing the lives of Ontarians with disabilities, including Deaf Ontarians. I served a five-year term as MPP for York East. (1990-1995)

That 1990 election was a catalyst for Deaf people to enter the political arena and strive for institutional positions. More than 20 Deaf politicians have been elected globally. More Deaf people are occupying political representation and institutional positions. The infographic, to be found at [unusualverse.com/2019/05/infographicis-sign-language-politics.html] reflects a global result which is due in large measure to one election in Ontario.

The Toronto Star (March 24, 1994) also recognized my tireless work with the Brickworks project, positing that “Brickworks hailed by MPP York East Gary Malkowski as a job maker, joined Premier Bob Rae and Hon. Howard Hampton, Minister Natural Resources in the announcement at the old Don Valley Brickworks, world-renowned archaeological site for a new urban park, a four-year project costing \$5 million. Natural Resources Minister Howard Hampton singled out local MPP Gary Malkowski (NDP-York East) as the force within Queen’s Park in pressing the government for funding approval. The cen



*Gary Malkowski is seated with colleague to his right and to his left, his sign language interpreter.*

ture-old brickworks have contributed to historic landmarks throughout Toronto, including Casa Loma, Massey Hall, old city hall, parts of the University of Toronto and most of Exhibition Place.”

I am proud of a legacy of work which includes being recognized as the “father of AODA”. In 1994, I introduced a Private Member’s Bill, “The Ontarians with Disabilities Act”. This subsequently led to the introduction and implementation of the “Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act” in 2005.

I am currently writing a memoir; a book about my contributions provincially, nationally, globally, including significant Deaf events, and a monologue for theatre. My wife’s name is Karen Walker; our six children are Carlee, Sara, Marissa, Christopher, Lukas, Jesse and our grandson is Felix.

## **The Amethyst Room**

Of all the committee rooms, only one has a proper name. How did that happen? Who can claim fame to naming room 151, the Amethyst Room?

The following is from the Globe and Mail, June 9, 1979.

The amethyst, once thought capable of warding off drunkenness, tempests, locusts and evil spirits, now stands on guard against such horrors at the door to a legislative committee room.

From the drab and uninviting old committee rooms at the west end of the Parliament building, one can now stroll down the corridor to the newly redecorated Amethyst Room, which is something like moving from a barracks to a first-class hotel. It's a showcase, a place where we could even hold a first ministers' conference, Speaker Jack Stokes, who has led a drive in the House for more recognition of the amethyst, said in an interview. Ontario also plans to send a large chunk of amethyst to the Isle of Man for the millennium of the world's oldest parliament. The sparkling, purplish gem, mined from the granite north of Lake Superior in Mr. Stokes's Lake Nipigon riding, became the province's official gem two years ago.

**Kitchener and Waterloo**  
"A wonderful place to call home"  
By Elizabeth Witmer

Kitchener Waterloo and the surrounding areas of the Region of Waterloo are wonderful places to call home. My husband and I have done so since 1972 upon our graduation from the University of Western Ontario. The area has a proud and rich history.

I would like to begin by acknowledging that the land of Waterloo Region is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe and Neutral people.

The first European settlers arrived in this area around 1800. By 1825 there were approximately 1,640 settlers, of which 1,000 were Pennsylvania Mennonites.

Conestoga wagons brought these Mennonite pioneers and their possessions over a 600 km trek from Pennsylvania to Waterloo. Today that history is reflected in the name of Conestoga College and the Conestoga Parkway.

By 1835 the population had tripled, swelled by settlers arriving from England, Ireland, Scotland and the German states. Villages to serve the needs of the settlers sprang up in many areas, including Preston, Galt, Waterloo, and Berlin (renamed Kitchener in 1916).

Immigration continues to this day as our community warmly welcomes immigrants and refugees from every corner of the world and provides them with the supports and services to start a new life in Canada. We are one of the most culturally diverse communities in Canada.

People are attracted to our community for many reasons. In part because we are a mid-sized com-

munity in the heart of southwestern Ontario's greenbelt with the magnificent Grand River flowing through it. As well, it has all the amenities of a large urban centre while still maintaining the charm and character of a small rural community.

Waterloo Region benefits from having two of the highest-ranked universities in the country, Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo, which attract the best and brightest talent from around the world.

It is also home to think tanks like the Perimeter Institute of Theoretical Physics, the Centre for International Governance Innovation and the Mike and Ophelia Lazaridis Quantum Nano Centre which are helping to translate great ideas into some of the most successful and innovative businesses in Canada.

Waterloo Region is also home to Communitech founded in 1997 to help build successful tech companies. What began with companies like Blackberry and Open Text has developed into one of the most successful tech ecosystems on the planet. By 2017, the startup density in Waterloo Region was second only to California's Silicon Valley and helps drive our culture of innovation.

In addition to offering careers in the education and technology sectors, people are also attracted to employment opportunities in our financial sector with companies such as Manulife Financial and Sunlife Financial, employing thousands of people.

#### Waterloo Region is unique

- Visitors from all over North America are attracted to the St. Jacobs Farmers Market.
- William Lyon McKenzie King who spent 21 years as Canadian Prime Minister was born in Kitchener, in 1874.
- Oktoberfest is celebrated each October. It is the largest Oktoberfest festival outside of Munich, Germany.
- Kitchener was the first city to launch the "blue box" recycling program in 1981.

I am honoured to have represented this community for 22 years until 2012 and to have been the first female ever elected as an MPP in 1990 in the Region of Waterloo. It remains a wonderful place to call home.

#### **Interview with His Worship, Patrick Brown, Mayor of Brampton (2018- )**

Barrie City Councillor (2000-2006)

M. P. Barrie, Progressive Conservative (2006-2015)

M. P. P. Simcoe North, Progressive Conservative (2015-2018)

Leader of Official Opposition 2015-2018

By David Warner

In the span of twenty years Patrick Brown has achieved status as a City Councillor, Member of Parliament, Leader of Ontario's Official Opposition and Mayor of a large city. No small feat! Where did the motivation come from? He had the temerity at the tender age of 22 to seek elected office. "I owe my start to Jean Charest and his family. It was his sister who lived near us and took me to my first political convention. When I met Jean Charest I was deeply impressed by his passion for Canada. I was quite young at the time,

so his comment, “age should not be a barrier to being elected”, was encouraging.” There was also some early influence as Patrick Brown’s father was a (unsuccessful) New Democrat federal candidate in two elections in west end Toronto.

Jean Charest is one of three of Patrick Brown’s mentors. Another one is the former M.P.P. Toni Skarica, who Brown credits for having the courage of his convictions when he resigned his seat as a matter of principle over the amalgamation of Ancaster, Dundas and Flamborough into the City of Hamilton. Brown had been a part-time staffer in Scarcia’s Queen’s Park office while attending the University of Toronto. Witnessing this principled stand first hand provided a meaningful message of political courage. A Brampton neighbour, the Hon. Bill Davis, is the third mentor. The famous, inveterate supporter of Brampton, places a weekly phone call to Mayor Brown, a conversation which is appreciated by this first term Mayor.



*Patrick Brown*

House of Commons

couple of major memories for Brown are diverse in nature, one directly affecting his Riding, the other half a world away. “During my time in the (Prime Minister) Harper government we launched an ambitious, aggressive program to reduce the phosphorus levels in Lake Simcoe, something which affects the watershed of the entire region. I was a member of the House of Commons Canada India Parliamentary Association. I fell in love with India and quickly came to realize that Canada has a lot in common with India. I helped develop closer ties and open more trade offices.”

Queen’s Park

“As Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party I steered our Party to adopt a ‘Bill Davis type platform’. The environment and mental health issues were important. We were successful in reversing the cuts to autism funding. During that time there was a Liberal motion in Ottawa directed against ‘Islamaphobia’. The federal Conservatives were against the motion. I supported that motion. There is no room for hate in our country. Electorally, during my time as Leader we won all 5 by-elections.”

## Brampton

Brampton is a city of approximately 700,000 people, one of the fastest growing cities in Canada and one of the most diverse with 73% of the population being visible minorities. Brampton faces many of the same challenges as other large cities, but there are also some unique challenges.

“When I took over as Mayor the City Council was bitterly divided. They had a history of not asking for their fair share of money from Ottawa and Toronto. They were relying on annual property tax increases. One of the first things I did was to put a freeze on those taxes. We need to be tax competitive. We also need an efficient, effective public transit system. The previous council had rejected an LRT (light rail transit) proposal. In addressing the issues of public safety, housing and employment we need to take a hard look at the root causes of poverty and try to find solutions. What is also clear is that in finding answers to our challenges we need a three way cooperative effort between our city, the province and the federal government.”

### **Remarkable Women Parliamentarians**

#### **Interview with Dr. Helena Jaczek**

MP for Markham—Stouffville (2019 - )

M. P. P. Oak Ridges – Markham (2007 - 2018)

By David Warner

Over the years a few doctors have been elected to Queen’s Park and all three major political Parties have benefited. Those medical doctors sacrifice income and accolades change to criticism. So, a natural question arises,

Why seek public office?” When I posed that question to Dr. Helena Jaczek, the reply was quick and suc-



*Dr. Helena Jaczek*

cinct. “Walkerton. Premier Harris had established a “Red Tape” committee whose task it was to streamline the regulatory process. At the time reports on water samples, for example, would go to a long list of people. As Medical Officer of Health for York Region I would routinely see those reports. That ended. We all know the tragedy which followed where so many became sick and some even died. It is important to ask about the underlying reason for a regulation before removing it.”

Dr. Jaczek confided that she had always been a Liberal, but hadn’t been directly involved politically. She ended up meeting with Dalton McGuinty and asking him what she could do to assist the Liberal Party. “Why not be a candidate?” was the Premier’s reply. So, in 2007 Dr. Helena Jaczek sought, fought and won the provincial riding of Oak Ridges – Markham.

### Memorable Moment

When I asked Helena Jaczek about memorable experiences from her days at Queen’s Park, her immediate response was a Select Committee of which she was a member.

#### “Navigating the Journey to Wellness” - Report of the Select Committee on Mental Health and Addictions, 2010

“It was an amazing 18 months on this Select Committee, travelling the province, visiting mental health and addiction facilities, as well as several First Nations communities. It was a great learning experience and we produced an excellent non-partisan report. Not much flowed immediately from the work of the committee and its report. However, in 2018 when I was Minister of Health and Long Term Care, our government committed to investing \$2.1 billion in mental health and addiction services. This was the largest provincial investment in mental health and addictions in Canadian history. The purpose of the funding was to improve the quality of and access to community-based services, including the creation of 15 additional youth wellness hubs and more supportive housing.”

### The Closing of Sheltered Workshops

“As Minister of Community and Social Services I closed the sheltered workshops; the people being directed into other employment or community programs. And, we put more money into those programs. Being in charge of reforms so that welfare recipients could keep more of the money they earned was also gratifying.”

#### “Finding A Better Way”

Based on a discussion paper, “Finding a Better Way”, written by Hugh Segal (former Senator, Principal Massey College), the Ontario government launched a pilot project. The Minister in charge was Helena Jaczek.

“Having the opportunity to direct the Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Project was memorable. It was an opportunity to understand the costs of poverty on our welfare system and our health system. Related is one of lessons learned during Covid-19; that is the issue of growing income disparity and how many “essential workers”, like PSWs and grocery cashiers, earn minimum wage.”

## COVID-19 and the Elderly in Long Term Care Facilities

Helena Jaczek is in a unique position, being a physician and a Member of Parliament. During this pandemic the hardest hit segment of our population has been the elderly in nursing homes. I asked Jaczek how governments across Canada should address this issue.

“I was asked to sit on the All Party House of Commons Standing Committee on Health at the end of March, because of Covid-19 and my background in Public Health. We discussed the need for National Standards for Long Term Care and a general consensus was reached. Although Health is a Provincial jurisdiction of responsibility, some witnesses at the Committee suggested that if those Standards were enshrined in the Canada Health Act, they would be guaranteed and enforceable.”

### A Sense of Duty

At the conclusion of our interview I asked Dr. Jaczek what motivates her. “A sense of duty.” was the reply.

An example of that sense of duty is how she is using her medical background as well as her political experience to assist a vulnerable segment of our society, the elderly in institutional care. The Yee Hong Centre is a non-profit senior care organization in Scarborough, delivering high-quality, culturally appropriate services to Chinese and other ethnic seniors. Dr. Jaczek was on the Board of Directors and Chair of the Quality Committee. Her election last fall meant having to resign from the Board.

### Academic Background and Professional Career

- M. D. and Masters of Health Science from the University of Toronto
  - Masters of Business Administration from York University
- many years in general practice on staff at Women’s College Hospital in Toronto  
chief medical officer of health in York Region for 18 years.

### Awards and honours

- 1996 Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.
- 1997 Outstanding Alumni Mentor Award from the University of Toronto’s Public Health Sciences Alumni Association
- 2000 “In Celebration of Women” for medical leadership in York Region
- 2005 Award for Environmental Planning from the Canadian Institute of Planners
- 2016 Ontario Psychological Association Public Service Award
- 2016 Ontario Medical Association, Life Membership Award
- 2017 Helen Keller Award by the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons and the Canadian Helen Keller Centre for the contributions she has made to hearing and visually impaired Ontarians

**Interview with Irene Mathysen**  
M.P.P. 1990-1995, New Democrat, Middlesex  
M.P. 2006-2019, New Democrat, London-Fanshawe  
By David Warner

A Canadian first as mother passes political torch to daughter.

“I’d like to continue your important work.” With these words Lindsay Mathysen entered the 2019 federal election determined to follow her mother as the Member of Parliament for London-Fanshawe. Her election win that year meant, among other things that this was the first time in Canada that a mother and her daughter were M.P.s.

Political life can be hard on a family. Nearly 20 years of the constant travel, endless meetings, constituent challenges, political issues small and large seems to all have been handled in stride. What was the secret of success for the Mathysen household? “My husband Keith was always strongly supportive. While I was



*Irene Mathysen*

at Queen’s Park and Ottawa Keith was both a mom and a dad. The two of us vowed to never allow anything to supersede family obligations.”

The journey from dinner table chatter to the Pink Palace

“I grew up in a family where political discussion was standard fare at the dinner table. I remember being the only kid in our grade six class who would raise political issues. Our family was poor and seriously under housed. I remember the shame of living in an impoverished household. It was also the days before universal health care; medical costs were a serious issue for our family. These experiences helped shape

my interest in social justice issues. Later, as a high school English teacher I could use literature to highlight those issues and others.”

Mathysen joined a local N.D.P. Riding Association and after a while was encouraged to be an election candidate. “My first reaction when asked to run, was what I am afraid was a typical female reaction at that time and even now, ‘Why me? It should be someone else.’ However, I soon realized that it was either put up or shut up.”

### Memories of Queen’s Park

“The Speaker led trip to Cuba was an eye-opener. We had a chance to talk with ordinary people, those who had walked the walk. A most memorable occasion was visiting a banana plantation. We had become very aware of the hardships created by the American embargo on people in relation to consumer goods, medical supplies and food. Although the people were poor, they shared their food with us. In addition to the agricultural tour, was a medical tour. I hadn’t realized how much scientific work was being done in Cuba. We visited a lab where they had discovered a vaccine for Hepatitis B. Despite their hardships and limited resources, the Cuban people and researchers shared their work and discovery with the world. There is much we could learn from Cuba about infectious disease and prevention.”

Like most former Members, what Mathysen remembers fondly are the people with whom she worked. “I learned so much. There were some unique moments too. Bob Mackenzie, Minister of Labour, brought in ‘anti-scab’ legislation. It was a contentious Bill. Bob was in the House for the entire debate. At the end of one day’s proceedings, Bob had to be taken to the hospital with a cardiac concern. The next day he was back in the House listening to the final debate and to see the Bill passed into law.

Marion Boyd, first woman and non-lawyer to be Attorney General, advanced the rights of the LGBTQ community and worked fiercely to end violence against women. I was also impressed by how hard Evelyn Gigantes worked to help create more affordable housing. She was fearless in the face of opposition in the House to protecting tenants and helping those in desperate need of decent affordable housing. I learned a great deal about courage, persistence and empathy from my colleagues”.

### The Senate as a barrier

“The most frustrating part of being an M.P. was to have Bills which were passed by the House defeated by the Senate. There was a climate change bill first introduced by Jack Layton, The Climate Change Accountability Act which passed twice in the House of Commons only to be defeated by the unelected

Senate in November of 2010. The Bill required the Canadian federal government to set regulations under the U.N Framework on Climate Change and was the first in the world to propose concrete emission reductions for the post Kyoto Protocol. There was also a Bill from Paul Dewar aimed at stopping the mining of conflict minerals and the sale of ‘blood diamonds’ found in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Canadian mining companies were involved and they pushed back against the Bill. The result was that the Senate again defeated a Bill which had twice passed in the House of Commons. If we are going to keep the Senate then at least reforms are needed so that Bills passed by the House can’t be defeated by the Senate.”

## Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls

Irene Mathysen was Chair of the Status of Women committee in the fall of 2011. “Our committee tackled many issues, including the long standing quest for pay equity, a pursuit which started more than years ago. The most prominent social justice issue however was the violence against Indigenous women and girls. Before the election of 2011, the committee completed an interim report in March 2011, entitled “ Call into the Night; An Overview of the Violence Against Aboriginal Women”. It’s available on line and its mandate was to gain an understanding of the extent and nature of the violence, examine the root causes and recommend solutions in consultation with the full cooperation of aboriginal women. The final report could not be completed before the election call of 2011. The post election Conservative majority eviscerated the document and sent a gutless travesty of a document to parliament. The Native Women’s Association of Canada (NWAC) wanted an Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. That request was strongly resisted by the government and NWAC feared that the government would defund their Association. There are many courageous Indigenous leaders who continue to fight for justice for First nations peoples. Cindy Blackstock is among them and continues the heroic fight in the courts for the rights of Indigenous children.”

## Royal Canadian Air Force Association – Wing 427

After the provincial election of 1990, I became a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. I renewed that membership after my federal win in 2006, and also joined the Royal Canadian Air Force Association as a member of The 427 Wing in London. I had three uncles who served in the Canadian Forces in WWII and my mom was an avid supporter of veterans. She taught me about the importance of caring for veterans. The 427 Wing, built in 1939 as an Airman’s Canteen is located on the grounds of the London International Airport. It remained in use during the Korean War and NATO era until it was purchased by 427 Wing so veterans and their families could continue to enjoy camaraderie and their shared experiences of military life. Each year, The Wing sponsors many events, including commemorative dinners to mark The battle of Britain and The Battle of the Atlantic.

During World War II the building was part of an Elementary Flying Training School and Air Observer School of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Today the 1940’s vintage Airmen’s Canteen, houses The Secrets of Radar Museum, the Spirit of Flight Museum, an Amateur Radio Club and provides a place for Air Cadets to complete flight training. The Spooner Memorial Gardens and a Living Guard of Honour, (a stately maple and oak grove, planted in remembrance of veterans), both sponsored by the members of 427 Wing are located adjacent to the building.

Because 427 Wing has fallen on hard times due to Covid -19, Irene Mathysen with the support of MP Lindsay Mathysen and Lindsay’s staff is trying to assist the Board and members of the Wing in a fundraising project to save the Wing. “It is important to remember the courageous Canadians who fought in World War II. This volunteer, non-profit organization continues to honour and remember the service of veterans. Its work must continue. I am privileged to be a member of The Wing and know these veterans and their families. They have remarkable stories to tell and deserve a place where they can socialize and share what

is a profound human experience.”

### **A Reluctant Farewell**

During the past two years our publications, both quarterly and two Special Editions; “Leadership – Walter Pitman” and “We Will Meet Again” were not only informative but artistically pleasing because of the talented and dedicated work of Victoria Esterhammer and Victoria Shariati. These two, now graduates of Ryerson Journalism, applied their skills with infectious enthusiasm to being accurate in their research and writing, at the same time being creative with the layouts.

It was truly a joy to work with the two Victorias. I wish them all the success in the world, one applying to law school, the other seeking a career in journalism.



*Victoria Shariati (left) and Victoria Esterhammer (right).*

### **A Warm Welcome**

I extend a warm welcome to Cassandra Earle, a 3rd year Ryerson Journalism student. Cassandra hails from Surrey, British Columbia. The reputation of Ryerson Journalism was the magnet to entice Cassandra to leave the beautiful west coast and come east to Toronto. She already has an impressive list of journalistic achievements as well as community involvement. Combining her major in journalism with her minor in political science will no doubt provide some interesting stories for The InFormer.

I am also welcoming David Cassels, another 3rd year Ryerson Journalism student, with minors in politics and philosophy. David's childhood was in east Africa. At age 17 David worked at the United Nations Offices in Nairobi, Kenya along with other students in trying to better the lives of young people in Kenya. David's impressive photography portfolio covers a number of countries. His excellent experience with video interviewing will be most helpful – once the current virus is history!

## **Cassandra Earle**

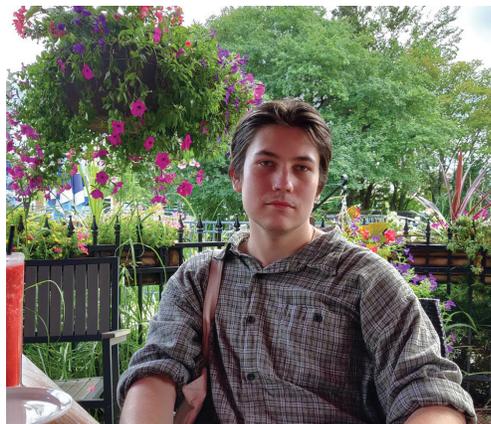
My name is Cassandra Earle and I'm in my third-year of the journalism program at Ryerson University, as well as finishing up my minor in politics this semester. I grew up on the West coast in Vancouver with the mountains and trees, but traded all of that for big city lights and concrete buildings in Toronto when I was eighteen in order to pursue my dreams. I've always wanted to be a journalist and Ryerson has been everything I could've hoped for. This internship seemed like the perfect fit for me because it was a mixture of two of my greatest passions- writing and politics. After graduation I hope to become a political journalist, working hopefully in broadcast somewhere. I'm looking forward to this upcoming year and learning everything I can from OAFP!



*Image of Cassandra Earle*

## **David Cassels**

My name is David Cassels. I am a third year journalism student at Ryerson University and I am working towards a double minor in politics and philosophy. When I was seven-years-old my family uprooted our life in Southern Ontario and moved across the ocean to Northwest Uganda. I lived in sub Saharan from then until I returned to Canada to start university in 2018. I was very privileged as a child to meet so many fascinating people and I became obsessed with their lives and stories. I chose to study journalism because it was an avenue to tell such stories. This internship at OAFP fulfills that goal. I cannot wait to start interviewing former parliamentarians, listening to your stories, and being a vessel to share your stories with other readers.



*Image of David Cassels*

## **Richard Patten's International Story**

By Cassandra Earle

“You carry your life's experience with you into what you do.”

- Richard Patten

Richard Patten picks up the phone on a Wednesday afternoon, cradling the phone next to his ear as he details the course of his career from his kitchen.



*Image of Richard Patten*

“I wanted to help others, to help train, and to support leadership” says Patten when asked about his international work. He said he's been to 97 countries during the course of his work with the YMCA and his political roles.

Some of the most memorable parts of his career include traveling to places such as Guyana, the Caribbean, parts of Bangladesh, Asia and Malaysia. Here he spent time teaching and training people, and he ended up in the political sector because he noticed that few people had ever worked in the voluntary sector like he had.

“Somebody suggested I consider the province of Ontario, and David Peterson was there, and they noticed that we were considering the same issues. I looked at how my background might help being a politician, but then coming from being a voter as well,” says Patten.

He believes he had the most impact on leadership in a majority of the countries he visited, in particular Bangladesh, Malaysia and the Gaza strip as a whole. At times he worked with other YMCA's or other

government organizations, but sometimes he worked with local churches and youth organizations, depending on what was needed.

One story in particular stuck with Patten throughout his life and political career. He said that when he was nineteen he was working in the Gaza strip and a variety of refugees came from all over, including from Jordan and Syria. He says when they learned he was with the YMCA and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, they were extremely happy. He made sure to help form the area into a developed leadership that would be self-sufficient. “My job was to take myself out of a job,” says Patten. And he brought them t-shirts, which they obviously loved.

Patten is retired now but is still involved in volunteer work as he sits on the board of a local hospital and is on a board of a group that works to develop opportunities for young people, which he says is a result of his life experiences of traveling and being a politician.

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Richard Patten was the Liberal Member of Provincial Parliament for Ottawa Centre from 1987 to 1990, then again from 1995 to 2007

### **“Family Political DNA” 1862 - 2020**

What entices various family members to enter the political arena? Is there actually a “political gene”? What is the magnetic pull to have two brothers elected to Queen’s Park at the same time, or similarly, a husband and wife team. Is there a family DNA propelling a father and son to be electorally victorious at the same time, in the same riding, or the election torch being passed along for 3 generations? There is also a daughter succeeding her mother in the same riding.

A wide variety of family connections, all connected to seeking political office, is evident over the 158 years chronicled here. There may well be more examples going back further in time. And, there may be some I have missed. A grateful “thank you” goes out to the Assembly’s unofficial historian, Sean Conway, for providing names and some fascinating political stories. Sean is part of this political DNA story. His grandfather, Thomas Patrick Murray, was the Liberal M.P.P. for Renfrew South from 1929 to 1945, Sean Conway served as the Liberal MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke from 1975 to 2003.

### **Lieutenant Governors of Ontario**

The Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald was the first premier of Ontario (1867-1871), Reform Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada for Glengarry. He was Joint Premier of the Province of Canada 1862-1864.

[Joint Premiers of the Province of Canada were the heads of government of the Province of Canada from the 1841 until Confederation in 1867. Each administration was led by two men,

one from Canada West (Ontario) and one from Canada East (Quebec). Officially, one of them at any given time had the title of Premier, while the other had the title of Deputy.]

His Highland Scottish brother, Hon. Donald Alexander Macdonald, M.P. Reform Liberal, Glengarry 1867-1875, served as Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor from 1875 to 1880. He also served as Postmaster General in Canada's first federal Liberal cabinet headed up by Prime Minister Alexander Mackenzie, 1874-1878.

William Earl Rowe, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative Simcoe South 1923-1925, M.P. Progressive Conservative, Dufferin-Simcoe, Ontario 1925-1963, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario 1963-1968. His grandson, Earl W. Rowe, M.P.P. Progressive Conservative, Simcoe-Centre 1986-1987

Henry Newton Rowell ' Hal ' Jackman was Lieutenant-Governor from 1991 to 1997. His maternal grandfather was Newton Wesley Rowell, Leader of the Ontario Liberals, M.P.P. Durham 1911-1917, M.P. Durham 1917-1920. In 1917 he joined the wartime coalition cabinet headed by the Conservative Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden. Rowell was the most senior Ontario Liberal to serve in that wartime coalition government. In 1936, Prime Minister Mackenzie King appointed Rowell Chief Justice of Ontario.

Hal Jackman's father, Henry Rutherford "Harry" Jackman was the M.P. National Government Progressive Conservative, for Rosedale 1940-1949.

### **Premiers of Ontario**

Hon. Ernest Charles Drury served as Ontario's ' Farmer Premier ' ; M.P.P. United Farmers of Ontario, Hal



*An image of Hon. Ernest Charles Drury*

ton 1919-1923. He was the son of Charles Drury, M.P.P., Liberal, East Simcoe 1882-1890. Charles Drury, a farmer from Crown Hill near Barrie served as Ontario's first minister of Agriculture in the late 1880s during the administration of Ontario Liberal Premier Oliver Mowat.

Hon. George Howard Ferguson, M.P.P., Conservative, Grenville 1905-1930. Premier 1923-1930. He became Premier of Ontario after he defeated E.C. Drury and the Farmer-Labour government in the 1923 Ontario election. Howard Ferguson was the son of Dr. Charles Ferguson, M.P., Liberal-Conservative, Leeds North and Grenville North 1874-1896.

Hon. Leslie Miscampbell Frost, M.P.P., Conservative, Victoria 1937-1963. Premier 1949-1961 Leslie Frost's wife's father, John Carew, was a Conservative M.P.P. for the riding of Victoria South, 1914-1919. Interestingly, Premier Frost's middle name, Miscampbell, comes from a friend and benefactor of his father when the Frost family was settling in Orillia in the latter part of the 19th century. That family friend in Orillia was Andrew Miscampbell, who became the Conservative M.P.P. for East Simcoe, 1890-1902. Miscampbell was first elected by defeating the incumbent, Charles Drury, the father of the later Ontario premier, E.C. Drury.

Hon. David Peterson, M.P.P. Liberal, London Centre 1975-1990. Premier 1985-1990  
His brother, Hon. James Peterson, M.P. Liberal, Willowdale, Ontario 1980-1984, 1988-2007  
His brother, Tim Peterson, M.P.P., Liberal, Mississauga South 2003-2007  
His sister-in-law, Deb Matthews, M.P.P., Liberal, London North Centre 2003-2018

## **Members of Provincial Parliament**

### **Mother and Son**

Elinor Caplan, M.P.P. Liberal, Oriole, 1985-1997, M.P. Liberal, Thornhill 1997-2004  
Her son, David Caplan, M.P.P. Don Valley East, 1997-2011.

Margret Campbell M.P.P., Liberal, St. George, 1979-1981  
Her son, Sterling Campbell M.P.P., Liberal, Sudbury, 1987-1990

### **Mother and Daughter**

Irene Mathysson, M.P.P. New Democrat, Middlesex, 1990-1995, M.P. New Democrat, London-Fanshawe, 2006-2019. Her daughter, Lindsay Mathysson (M.P.) London-Fanshawe 2019-

### **Father and Son**

Robert Campbell, M.P., Liberal, Renfrew South 1882-1887 (died in office)  
His son, Robert Adam Campbell, was M.P.P., Liberal, Renfrew South 1894-1899, defeating the incumbent Liberal, Dr. John F. Dowling, M.P.P., Renfrew South 1883-1886, 1890-1894

The Feb. 1883 Dr. Dowling defeated Conservative candidate, Mr. Devine by 100 votes. Results contested, Dowling loses, a by-election called for Jan. 1884

- Jan. 1884 - Dr. Dowling wins again against Mr. Devine, this time by 335 votes
- Court of Appeal disqualifies Dr. Dowling
- Jan. 1885 - 3rd election held – Dr. Dowling wins again against someone called Mr. Harvey, no Party specified
- Dec. 1886 general election - Dr. Dowling is defeated by a second Liberal candidate, John A. McAndrew, by 9 votes.

- 1890 general election - there are 2 Liberal candidates Robert Adam Campbell and Dr. John F. Dowling. Dowling loses by 231 votes – no PC candidate – end of Dowling’s political career  
Footnote: Dr. John F. Dowling was one of 5 MPPs implicated in ‘The Great Bribery Scandal’ that caused a political sensation in 1884.

The Maloney family of Eganville Ontario has a long and ecumenical family involvement in Ontario and federal politics:

Dr. Martin J. Maloney of Eganville, M.P., Conservative Renfrew South 1925-1935

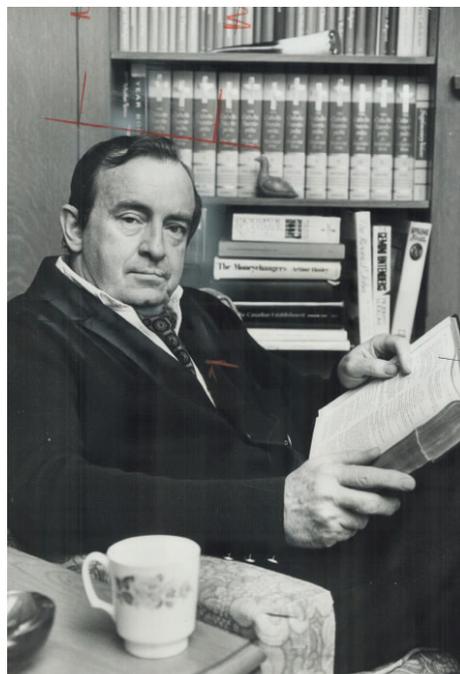
- His son, James A. Maloney was the M.P.P., Progressive Conservative for Renfrew South 1956-1961 (died in office)
- Another son, Arthur Maloney, was M.P. Progressive Conservative, Parkdale 1957-1962 In 1975, Arthur Maloney, one of Canada’s leading defence lawyers, became Ontario’s first Ombudsman
- Dr. M.J. Maloney’s father-in-law, James Bonfield, M.P.P., Liberal, Renfrew South 1875-1883. He was succeeded in 1883 by another of his medical sons-in-law, Dr. John F. Dowling, M.P.P., Liberal, Renfrew South 1883-1886, 1890-1894.

William Folger Nickle, M.P.P., Conservative, Kingston 1908-1911, 1922-1926, M.P. Conservative, Kingston 1911-1919 (re-elected in 1917 as a Unionist). Nickle resigned his seat in 1919 and was once again re-elected to the Ontario Legislature in a 1922 by-election in Kingston.

His son was William McAdam Nickle, a decorated WWI veteran, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Kingston, 1949-1963.

Goldwin Elgie, M.P.P., Conservative, Woodbine (Toronto), 1934-1943, M.P.P. Progressive Conservative, Woodbine (Toronto) 1945-1948.

His son, Dr. Robert Elgie was M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, York East 1977-1985



*Image of Arthur Maloney (Toronto Public Library)*

Dalton James McGuinty Sr., Liberal, Ottawa South, 1987-1990  
His son, Hon. Dalton McGuinty Jr., Liberal, Ottawa South, 1990-2013

David Lewis (MP), New Democrat, York South, 1962-1974  
His son, Stephen Lewis (MPP), New Democrat, Scarborough West, 1963-1978

Clifford Pilkey, M.P.P., New Democrat, Oshawa, 1967-1971  
His son, Allan Pilkey, M.P.P., New Democrat, Oshawa, 1990-1995, Alderman Oshawa City Council 1969-1980, Mayor of Oshawa 1980-1990

Fern Guindon, Glengarry, M.P.P. Progressive Conservative, Glengarry 1957-1967, Stormont 1967-1974  
His son Luc Guindon, M.P.P. Progressive Conservative, Cornwall, 1985-1987

John OToole M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Durham 1995-2014  
His son Erin OToole M.P., Progressive Conservative, Durham 2012- at the same time, and the same Riding.  
This was the first father son in the same riding at the same time.

Hon. Mike Harris, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Nipissing, 1981-2002  
His son Mike Harris Jr., M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Kitchener-Conestoga, 2018-

John Clement, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Niagara Falls, 1971-1975  
His stepson Tony Clement, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Brampton West-Mississauga, 1999-2003, M.P.  
Progressive Conservative, Parry Sound-Muskoka, 2006-2019

Doug Ford Sr., M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Etobicoke-Humber, 1995-1999  
His son, Hon. Doug Ford Jr., Progressive Conservative, Etobicoke North, 2018-

Hon. Frank Miller, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Muskoka, 1971-1987  
His son Norm Miller, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Parry Sound-Muskoka, 2001-

Paul Yakabuski, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Renfrew South, 1963-1987  
His son, John Yakabuski, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Renfrew-Nipising-Pembroke, 2007- [cousin-in-



*Image of John and Erin O'Toole (Durham Region News)*

law of Sean Conway]

Allan Grossman, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, St. Andrew-St. Patrick, 1955-1975

His son, Larry Grossman, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, St. Andrew- St. Patrick, 1977-1987

Norman Davison, M.P.P., Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, Hamilton East, 1959-1967; then  
New Democrat Hamilton Centre, 1967-1975

His son Michael Davison, M.P.P., New Democrat, Hamilton Centre, 1975-1981

Gord Gilchrist, M.P., Progressive Conservative, Scarborough East, 1979-1984

His son Steve Gilchrist, M.P.P. Progressive Conservative, Scarborough East, 1995-2003

### **Father and Daughter**

Elie Martel, M.P.P., New Democrat, Sudbury East, 1967-1987

His daughter, Shelley Martel, New Democrat, Sudbury East, 1987-2007

Dick Smith, M.P.P., Liberal, Nipissing, 1966-1977

His daughter, Monique Smith, Liberal, Nipissing, 2003-2011

Hon. Brian Mulroney, M.P. Progressive Conservative, Central Nova, Nova Scotia 1983-1984,  
Manicouagan, Quebec, 1984-1988, Charlevoix, Quebec 1988-1993. Prime Minister 1984-1993

His daughter, Caroline Mulroney, M.P.P. Progressive Conservative, York Simcoe 2018-

Garfield Dunlop, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Simcoe North, 1999-2015

His daughter Jill Dunlop, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Simcoe North, 2018-

Sheila Copps, M.P.P. Liberal, Hamilton Centre 1981-1984, M.P. Liberal Hamilton East 1984-2004

Her father, Victor Copps, was Mayor of Hamilton 1962-1976

### **Grandfather and Grandson**

Thomas Laird Kennedy, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Peel 1919-1959

His grandson, Ted Chudleigh, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Halton North 1995-1999, Halton  
1999-2014

Doug Kennedy, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Peel South 1967-1975, Mississauga South 1975-1985  
was the nephew of former Ontario Premier Thomas Laird Kennedy, and Ted Chudleigh's uncle.

Clayton Hodgson M.P., Progressive Conservative, Victoria, Ontario 1945-1963,

His grandson Chris Hodgson, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Haliburton-Victoria--Brock

1994-2003. The two brothers, Glen Hodgson, M.P.P. Progressive Conservative, Victoria 1963-1967,

Victoria-Haliburton 1967-1975 and Lou Hodgson. M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Scarborough East  
1963-1967, who served together for a term at Queen's Park are Chris Hodgson's uncles.

### **Brother and Sister**

John Nunziata, M.P. Liberal York-South Weston 1984-1996, Independent York-South Weston 1996-2000. He was Alderman, Borough of York 1978-1982

His sister, Frances Nunziata, Councillor, York City (Toronto) 1988-1994, Mayor of York 1994-1997, Councillor City of Toronto 2000-2018

### **Husband and Wife**

Jim Renwick, M.P.P., New Democrat, Riverdale 1964-1984

His wife, Margaret Renwick, M.P.P., New Democrat, Scarborough Centre, 1967-1971

Terence W. Grier, M.P., New Democrat, Etobicoke Lakeshore, 1972-1974

His wife, Ruth Grier, Councillor City of Etobicoke, 1969-1975, M.P.P., New Democrat, Lakeshore 1985-87, Etobicoke-Lakeshore 1987-1995

Brian Charlton, M.P.P. New Democrat, Hamilton Mountain, 1977-1995

His wife, Chris Charlton, M.P., Hamilton Mountain 2006-2015

Sandra Pupatello, M.P.P., Liberal, Windsor-Sandwich 1995-1999, Windsor West 1999-2011. Her husband, Jim Bennett, M.H.A. Liberal, Barbe (Newfoundland and Labrador) 2011-2015

Lily Oddie Monro, M.P.P., Liberal, Hamilton Centre 1985-1990

Her husband, John Monroe, M.P., Liberal, Hamilton East 1962-1964

### **Father and Daughter**

Elie Martel, M.P.P., New Democrat, Sudbury East, 1967-1987

His daughter, Shelley Martel, New Democrat, Sudbury East, 1987-2007

Dick Smith, M.P.P., Liberal, Nipissing, 1966-1977

His daughter, Monique Smith, Liberal, Nipissing, 2003-2011

Hon. Brian Mulroney, M.P. Progressive Conservative, Central Nova, Nova Scotia 1983-1984, Manicouagan, Quebec, 1984-1988, Charlevoix, Quebec 1988-1993. Prime Minister 1984-1993

His daughter, Caroline Mulroney, M.P.P. Progressive Conservative, York Simcoe 2018-

Garfield Dunlop, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Simcoe North, 1999-2015

His daughter Jill Dunlop, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Simcoe North, 2018-

Sheila Copps, M.P.P. Liberal, Hamilton Centre 1981-1984, M.P. Liberal Hamilton East 1984-2004

Her father, Victor Copps, was Mayor of Hamilton 1962-1976

### **Grandfather and Grandson**

Thomas Laird Kennedy, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Peel 1919-1959

His grandson, Ted Chudleigh, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Halton North 1995-1999, Halton 1999-2014

Doug Kennedy, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Peel South 1967-1975, Mississauga South 1975-1985 was the nephew of former Ontario Premier Thomas Laird Kennedy, and Ted Chudleigh's uncle.

Clayton Hodgson M.P., Progressive Conservative, Victoria, Ontario 1945-1963,

His grandson Chris Hodgson, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Haliburton-Victoria--Brock 1994-2003.

The two brothers, Glen Hodgson, M.P.P. Progressive Conservative, Victoria 1963-1967, Victoria-Haliburton 1967-1975 and Lou Hodgson. M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Scarborough East 1963-1967, who served together for a term at Queen's Park are Chris Hodgson's uncles.

### **Brothers**

Patrick Reid, M.P.P. Liberal-Labour, Rainy River, 1967-1984,

His brother John Reid M.P., Liberal-Labour, Kenora -Rainy River, 1965-1984

### **Brother and Sister**

John Nunziata, M.P. Liberal York-South Weston 1984-1996, Independent York-South Weston 1996-2000. He was Alderman, Borough of York 1978-1982

His sister, Frances Nunziata, Councillor, York City (Toronto) 1988-1994, Mayor of York 1994-1997, Councillor City of Toronto 2000-2018

### **Husband and Wife**

Jim Renwick, M.P.P., New Democrat, Riverdale 1964-1984

His wife, Margaret Renwick, M.P.P., New Democrat, Scarborough Centre, 1967-1971

Terence W. Grier, M.P., New Democrat, Etobicoke Lakeshore, 1972-1974

His wife, Ruth Grier, Councillor City of Etobicoke, 1969-1975, M.P.P., New Democrat, Lakeshore 1985-87, Etobicoke-Lakeshore 1987-1995

Brian Charlton, M.P.P. New Democrat, Hamilton Mountain, 1977-1995

His wife, Chris Charlton, M.P., Hamilton Mountain 2006-2015

Sandra Papatello, M.P.P., Liberal, Windsor-Sandwich 1995-1999, Windsor West 1999-2011 Her husband, Jim Bennett, M.H.A. Liberal, Barbe (Newfoundland and Labrador) 2011-2015

Lily Oddie Monroe, M.P.P., Liberal, Hamilton Centre 1985-1990

Her husband, John Monroe, M.P., Liberal, Hamilton East 1962-1964

### **Father, Son and Daughter**

Hon. Harry Nixon, M.P.P., United Farmers of Ontario, Brant North 1919-1926; Progressive Party, Brant County 1926-1934; Liberal-Progressive, Brant 1934-1937 then Liberal 1937-1961

His son, Robert Nixon, M.P.P., Liberal, Brant 1962-1975, Brant—Oxford—Norfolk 1975-1987, Brant—Haldimand 1987-1991. Harry Nixon's granddaughter, Jane Stewart, M.P. Liberal, Brant, Ontario 1993-2004

### **Grandfather, Son, and Grandson**

Arunah Dunlop, M.P.P. Progressive Conservative, Renfrew North 1890-1892 (died in office 1892)

His son, Edward Arunah Dunlop, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, Renfrew North 1903-1908, 1911-1919, 1929-1934

(died in office 1934)

His grandson, Edward Dunlop, M.P.P., Progressive Conservative, York-Forest Hill 1963-1971 (highly regarded and decorated WWII hero, became president of the Toronto Sun Publishing Company)

### **Familial Ties Across The Ocean**

John Gerretsen's grandfather was Jan Van Oostrom. He was an unsuccessful Roman Catholic State Party candidate in a 1930's Netherlands federal election.

John was elected as a Councillor in Kingston 1972-1980, Mayor 1980-1988 and M.P.P., Liberal, Kingston and the Islands 1995- 2014.

His son, Mark Gerretson was elected as a Councillor in Kingston 2006-2010, Mayor 2010-2014 and M.P., Liberal, Kingston and the Islands 2015 -

*“Is there an expectation within a family that if dad or mom is elected so too should be son or daughter?” If not, what was the motivation?*

“I am sure that political exposure has an impact on family members. Service in the community was my attraction. I always encouraged our children to be involved in the community you share with other families.” - John O’Toole

“I believe that (my daughter Lindsay) working in Ottawa for some incredible MPs and seeing the reality of politics in the House of Commons pushed her toward seeking elected office. She understood that it’s about serving and advocat-ing for the people in the community. Lindsay said very plainly that she wanted to continue my work because it made such a positive difference in the lives of so many people.” - Irene Mathysen

“While I was involved in my parents campaigns there was no expectation for me to be involved as a candidate. The DNA ran deep as my grandfather was mayor of Van Nuys California in the 30’s. When my mother was elected to city council I met other offspring of other councillors. Of the four or five I remained in contact with none ever followed into elected politics although I’m sure they voted. One of my childhood friends whose father was a senator was elected as an M.P.

While at university in California I became aware of the whole Viet Nam effect on U.S. Society and the Kent State shootings during my grad school time further strengthening my resolve to get involved. After returning from Univer-sity in the U.S. and while Mum was still an M.P.P., I was starting my career in Sudbury and became active in support-ing local candidates for office. I wasn’t ready to run myself even though many party members close to my mother were after me to run. When a friend who was an Alderman was retiring urged me to run and said he would support me I agreed and won by 50 votes. After 10 years in municipal politics I ran and won as an MPP. My son Tyler ran for the school board, just completed 10 years and retired for family and work reasons.” - Sterling Campbell

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