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Earl Dreesen, M.P.

Peter Fonseca, M.P.

Randy Hoback, M.P.,

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Hon. Mark Eyking, P.C., M.P. (Liberal Party)
Chair, Standing Committee on International Trade
Biography



In November of 2000, Mark Eyking, a resident of Millville, N.S., was first elected Member of Parliament for the Federal Riding of Sydney-Victoria.

Prior to entering politics, Mark, along with his wife Pam, operated a successful vegetable farm for several years. They were recipients of the Cape Breton Business Excellence Award and Outstanding Young Farmers of Nova Scotia Award. Mark also worked on international agricultural projects, implementing sustainable farming practices in Central America.

Mr. Eyking served on various committees including, International Trade, Foreign Affairs, and Agriculture & Agri-food.

He was sworn into the Privy Council in 2003 and was given the responsibility of Agriculture and Agri Food. In 2004, Mr. Eyking was asked by Prime Minister Paul Martin to be responsible for the emerging economies such as China, India, Brazil and Eastern European Countries.

One of Mr. Eyking's most important accomplishments was securing half a billion dollars to clean up the Cape Breton coal mines and the former coke oven sites. Mr. Eyking has also successfully lobbied the federal government to help fund the dredging of Sydney Harbour, which has since been completed.

In 2013, Eyking was appointed Agriculture Critic by Justin Trudeau.

In October of 2015, Mr. Eyking won his sixth consecutive election as Member of Parliament for Sydney-Victoria.

He is now the Chair of the Standing Committee on International Trade; Canada being a trading nation does over \$700 billion worth of trade around the world per year.

Born in 1960, Mark is the fifth of ten children in the family of Dutch Immigrants John and Jean Eyking of Millville.

He is a graduate of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro. Mark and his wife Pam have four children and three grandchildren.

Sukh Dhaliwal, M.P. (Liberal Party) Biography



A professional Engineer, British Columbia Land Surveyor and former Liberal Member of Parliament for Newton-North Delta from 2006 to 2011, Sukh Dhaliwal is pleased to once again serve as a strong voice for the constituents of Surrey-Newton.

After earning his Bachelor of Science (Surveying Engineering) from the University of Calgary, Sukh started his own business Dhaliwal & Associates Land Surveying Inc. As a former member of the Surrey Board of Trade, he was an active spokesman for small businesses.

Through his dedication to community service, Sukh has played a vital role in transforming Surrey into the one of the most dynamic and rapidly developing communities in Canada. He participated on the Board of Directors for SEEDS (Self Employment and Entrepreneur Development Society), was a member of the City of Surrey Parks and Community Services committee, and volunteered with Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation's Emergency Centre Campaign – a fundraising effort to assist in the construction of the hospital's expanded emergency ward.

Sukh has lived in Surrey-Newton for the past 25 years, where he continues to raise his son Arjan with his wife Roni. Sukh's two daughters, Keerat and Joat, are both completing the medical residencies on their path to becoming doctors.

Earl Dreeshen, M.P. (Conservative Party)

Biography



Earl was born in Red Deer, Alberta and is well respected in business circles in the city and in area towns and villages. Earl and his wife Judy are fourth generation farmers who own and operate a family farm near Pine Lake, Alberta. They have two grown children Megan and Devin.

Earl holds a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Alberta and taught Mathematics at the Innisfail High School for 34 years and retired 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.

Earl is a strong Central Alberta community leader and volunteer.

He was elected to the Elnora Hospital Board, serving for many years as chair. He also served as chair of the Eltrohills Health Advisory Committee, working toward improved health care standards in the Three Hills, Trochu, and Elnora communities.

Earl was elected Member of Parliament for the Red Deer Constituency in 2008, 2011 and re-elected in October 2015 (Red Deer-Mountain View). He has served as a Member of the Standing Committees on Agriculture, Health, Public Accounts, Ethics, Aboriginal Affairs, Industry and currently sits on the International Trade Committee. He has also served as a Canadian delegate for the ParlAmericas.

Peter Fonseca, M.P. (Liberal Party)

Biography



Peter Fonseca, an Olympian who proudly represented Canada as a top Marathon runner, is the Member of Parliament for Mississauga East-Cooksville.

Peter is no stranger to public service, sitting in Ontario Legislature as a Member of Provincial Parliament between 2003 and 2011. Peter served as Cabinet Minister, taking on the Labour and Tourism & Recreation portfolios. Peter has lived, worked and raised his family in the riding for more than 15 years with his wife, Ward 3 Councillor Chris Fonseca, and their two children.

Peter is fluent in English and Portuguese.

Randy Hoback, M.P. (Conservative Party)

Biography



Randy Hoback is the Member of Parliament for the federal riding of Prince Albert.

He is the Chair of the Saskatchewan Conservative Caucus, the Official Opposition Critic for Canada-U.S. Relations, and the Vice Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on International Trade.

Randy was born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, and grew up and attended school in Canwood, Saskatchewan. He holds a business administration certificate through the University of Saskatchewan and a Chartered Director's designation (C. Dir.), which he completed through McMaster University's Chartered Directors College.

As a Parliamentarian, Randy has served as the Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on International Trade. He has also served on the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance, the Standing Committee on Natural Resources, the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs and the Standing Committee on Agriculture & Agri-Food.

In March 2010, Randy was elected Chair of the Canadian Section of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the Americas (FIPA) – an organization committed to promoting parliamentary participation in the inter-American system, developing inter-parliamentary dialogue on issues of importance to the hemisphere and encouraging the sharing of experiences and best practices amongst its members. In February 2011, Hoback was also elected President of FIPA at the Association's 8th Annual FIPA-ParlAmericas in Asuncion, Paraguay. In September 2011, FIPA officially changed its name to ParlAmericas (www.parlAmericas.org). Hoback now serves the organization's Past-President.

Randy is married, and strongly supported by his wife, Jerri. They have together raised two children. He is a strong and experienced voice for the federal riding of Prince Albert.

Peter Julian, M.P. (New Democratic Party)

Biography



Peter Julian is the MP for New Westminster-Burnaby and NDP House Leader. First elected in 2004, Peter has been consistently one of the most active MPs in Parliament as well as in BC where he is "one of the region's hardest working politicians". Peter was opposition critic for several high profile portfolios, including Finance, Industry, International Trade, Natural Resources and Transportation. Also, in his role as Opposition House Leader, Peter was responsible for the NDP's legislative agenda in the House of Commons. He has also been elected as National Caucus Chair on 3 occasions.

Prior to his election to the House of Commons in 2004, Peter worked as a Financial Administrator, Executive Director of the Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WIDHH) and National Executive Director of the Council of Canadians. He began his career as a manual labourer, before continuing his education as an adult student and graduating with a degree in Political Science, with a specialization in International Relations, from UQAM. He is fluent in English and French and functional in American Sign Language. He is learning Mandarin.

Linda Lapointe, M.P. (Liberal Party)

Biography



Woman of heart and head, Linda Lapointe was able to reconcile her role as a business woman while being a mother of four. Passionate about food sector, Linda Lapointe held various executive positions within the Provigo grocery named Lapointe and daughter since 1980. In fact, she was director from 1988 to 1997 and then store owner from 1997 to 2006.

Alongside her management career, she was treasurer and member of the board of directors of the Retailers Association of Quebec food (ADAQ) from 2002 to 2006. Indeed, in 2013, Linda Lapointe has been named in the ADAQ Hall of fame. For 26 years, this woman of action does not hesitate to be actively involved in her community. Elected to the Quebec National Assembly in the riding of Groulx in 2007, she had the honor to serve Quebec as Vice-

President of the Committee of Quebec Public Finance from April 2007 to May 2008 and Deputy Whip to official Opposition from May 2008 to October of the same year.

She was also president of the Coalition of Boisbriand business people from 2009 to 2015 and also served as Director of Sales and Leasing at EMD building from 2013 to 2015. In October 2015, Linda Lapointe has been elected MP for Rivière-des-Mille-Iles. She is now the Vice-Chair of women's caucus of the Government and a member of various parliamentary associations, including Canada-Europe. Linda Lapointe is sitting on the Standing Committee on International Trade and is also the proud Quebec spokesperson of the standing committee of the Francophonie.