

WOMEN MLAS

An alphabetical list of women who have served as Members of the Legislature in New Brunswick. Each entry includes biographical information on each Member including Education, Private and Political Careers, and involvement with Committees while serving as an MLA.

Barry, Pamela Jane
Blais, Marie-Claude
Blaney, Margaret-Ann
Breault, Gertrude Ann
Brine, Beverly Mae
Coulombe, Martine
Crossman, Patricia (Pat)
Day, Georgie Margaret
de Ste.Croix, Marie Carolle Lise
DeWare, Mabel Margaret
Dubé, Madeleine (Mado)
Dysart, Shirley Theresa
Fowlie, Brenda
Jardine, Kim
Jarrett, Ella Laureen
Keddy, Carole Juanita
Kingston, Joan Margaret
Landry, Marie-Marthe Aldéa
Lavoie, Cheryl
Lynch, Pam
MacAlpine-Stiles, L. Joan
Mersereau, Marcelle
Poirier, Rose-May
Ringuette, Pierrette
Robertson, Brenda May
Robichaud, Carmel
Schryer, Mary Louise
Shephard, Dorothy
Stultz, Susan (Sue)
Teed, Nancy Elizabeth Clark
Trenholme Counsell, Dr. Marilyn
Weir, Elizabeth Jane
Wilson, Sherry

Barry, Pamela Jane

Born: 1944 in Halifax, NS

Party: Liberal

First Elected

GE 13 October 1987, Riding of Saint John-West

Education

Mount St. Vincent University

Saint Francis Xavier University- BSc (cum laude)

Private Career

Laboratory Assistant: Halifax Infirmary, 1963

Chemist: Lantic Sugar, 1965-1966

Research Assistant: University of Alberta Faculty of Pharmacy, 1966-1967

Proprietor: Carleton Collector Antique Business, Saint John, 1983-1987

Research Assistant: National Research Council of Canada, Halifax, 1994

Executive Director: Greater Saint John Community Foundation, 1999- Present

Political Career

1984-1987: Director: Saint John West Liberal Association

1984-1985: Co-Chair: Liberal Party Task Force on Parents and Early Childhood Education

1987: Elected MLA for Saint John-West, GE 13 October

1989-1991: Minister of State for Childhood Services

1991: Re-elected MLA for Saint John-West, GE 23 September

1991-1994: Minister of the Environment (first woman to hold this post)

1994-1998 : Solicitor General (first woman to hold this post)

1995: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Saint John-Lancaster, GE 11 September

1999: Defeated, GE 7 June

Committees

Co-Chair: Select Committee on the 1987 Constitutional Accord

Vice Chair: Select Committee on Energy
Member: Cabinet Priorities and Planning Committee
Member: Special Committee on Social Policy Development
Member: Standing Committee on Law Amendments
Chair: Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment
Chair: Atlantic Environment Ministers Committee
Chair: Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment
Member: Premier's Round Table on the Environment
Co-Chair: Task Force on Parents and Early Childhood Education

Awards

2004: New Brunswick Day Community Leadership Award
2005: YM-YWCA Red Triangle Award
Canada 125 Medal

Blais, Marie-Claude

Party: Progressive Conservative

First Elected

GE 27 September 2010, Riding of Moncton North

Education

Université de Moncton- Law Degree
Université de Sherbrooke- Law Degree

Private Career

Lawyer

Political Career

Has been involved with the Progressive Conservative party since 1997, most recently serving as the provincial executive director and legal counsel

2010: Elected MLA for Moncton North, GE 27 September

2010- : Attorney General (first woman to hold this post); Minister of Justice and Consumer Affairs (first woman to hold this post)

Committees

Chair: Standing Committee on Law Amendments

Blaney, Margaret-Ann

Born: 1961 in Corner Brook, NL

Party: Progressive Conservative

First Elected

GE 7 June 1999, Riding of Saint John-Kings

Education

Memorial University- BA (cum laude); post-graduate work in Social Work and Psychology

Private Career

Political Reporter, Panelist: CBC

Political Journalist: CTV (Newfoundland Division)

Host: *Newfoundland Today*

Political Journalist: CTV

Co-owner and General Manager: Atlantic Veterinary Hospital, Rothesay

Political Career

1993: Defeated, federal GE 25 October, in the riding of Humber-St. Barbe-Baie Verte (NL)

1997: Lost race for leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick

1999: Elected MLA for Saint John-Kings, GE 7 June

1999-2001: Minister of Transportation

1999-2006: Minister Responsible for the Status of Women

2001-2003: Minister of Public Safety

2003: Re-elected MLA for Saint John-Kings, GE 9 June

2003-2006: Minister of Training and Employment Development

2006: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Rothesay, GE 18 September

2006-2010: Opposition Critic: Status of Women

2006-2008: Opposition Critic: Post-Secondary Education, Training & Labour

2008-2010 : Opposition Critic: Health

2010: Re-elected MLA for Rothesay, GE 27 September

2010- : Minister of Environment; Minister Responsible for the Status of Women; Minister Responsible for Communications New Brunswick

Committees

Member: Select Committee on Life Long Learning

Awards

2005: Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation Award for work on Action Plan on Violence Against Women

Breault, Gertrude Ann

Born: 1938 in Moncton, NB

Party: Liberal

First Elected

GE 13 October 1987, Riding of St. Stephen-Milltown

Education

New Brunswick Teachers' College

Saint John School of Nursing

University of New Brunswick- course work

Private Career

Teacher

Registered Nurse

Journalist

Political Career

1987: Elected MLA for St. Stephen-Milltown, GE 13 October

1991: Re-elected MLA for St. Stephen-Milltown, GE 23 September

1991-1995: Minister of Income Assistance (became Human Resources in 1993); Minister of State for Literacy

1995: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Western Charlotte, GE 11 September

1995-1998: Minister of Municipalities, Culture and Housing

1998-1999: Minister of Health and Community Services

1999: Did not stand for re-election, GE 7 June

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Estimates and Private Bills

Member: Legislative Administration Committee

Member: Special Committee on Social Policy Development

Member: Cabinet Priorities and Planning Committee

Brine, Beverly Mae

Born: 1961 in Moncton, NB

Parties: Confederation of Regions (CoR), Independent

First Elected

GE 23 September 1991, Riding of Albert

Education

Menihek Integrated High School (Labrador City, NL)- Diploma in Secretarial Arts, 1980
Industry-related courses

Private Career

Pensions and Investment Counsellor

Political Career

1990: President, Riverview CoR Association

1990-1991: Member, Provincial Board of Directors and Policy and Platform Committee - CoR
New Brunswick; Secretary, Albert County CoR Association

1991: Elected MLA for Albert, GE 23 September

1995: Did not stand for re-election, GE 11 September

Committees

Member: Standing Committee on Privileges

Member: Select Committees on Land Use and the Rural Environment, Representation and
Electoral Boundaries, and the Constitution

Coulombe, Martine

Party: Progressive Conservative

First Elected

GE 27 September 2010, Riding of Restigouche-la-Vallée

Private Career

Small Business Owner

Member: Board of Directors, Caisse Populaire de Saint-Quentin

Director: Vieille Tapisserie theatre troupe, Saint-Quentin

Political Career

1995: Official Agent of the Progressive Conservative Candidate for Restigouche West

2010: Elected MLA for Restigouche-la-Vallée, GE 27 September

2010- : Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour

Crossman, Patricia

Born: 1940 in Moncton, NB

Died: 30 December 2002

Party: Progressive Conservative

First Elected

GE 7 June 1999, Riding of Riverview

Education

Moncton High School

Acadia University

Private Career

Volunteer

Political Career

1999: Elected MLA for Riverview in GE 7 June

Committees

Chair: Select Committee on Education

Member: Legislative Administration Committee

Day, Georgie Margaret

Born: 1947 in Saint Stephen, NB

Party: Liberal

First Elected

GE 23 September 1991, Riding of Kings Centre

Education

Saint John General Hospital- Three year nursing program

Dalhousie University- Diploma in Public Health Nursing , 1971

University of Toronto- Nurse Practitioner program, 1975

Private Career

Occupational Health Nurse: Bell Canada, Toronto

Outpost Nurse: Northwest Territories

Health Counsellor: Health and Welfare, Saint John

Nursing Advisor: Veterans Services, Saint John

Executive Assistant: Minister of Income Assistance, 1987-1991

Political Career

1991: Director: Fundy-Royal and Kings-West Liberal Association

1991: Elected MLA for Kings Centre, GE 23 September

1994-1995: Legislative Assistant to the Minister of Health and Community Services

1995: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Hampton-Belleisle, GE 11 September

1995-1998: Minister of State for Literacy and Adult Education; Minister of State for Youth

1998: Minister of Human Resources Development

1999: Defeated, GE 7 June

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on the Ombudsman and Crown Corporations

Vice Chair: Select Committee on the Constitution

Member: Select Committee on Demographics

de Ste. Croix, Marie Carolle Lise

Born: 1968 in Dalhousie, NB

Party: Liberal

First Elected

GE 11 September 1995, Riding of Dalhousie-Restigouche East

Education

Mount Allison University - BA (Canadian Studies), 1990

University of Guelph - MSc

Private Career

Teacher and French Instructor: Baffin Divisional Board of Education, Iqaluit, Northwest Territories

Rural Planner: Restigouche Planning Committee

Summer Assistant: Finance Minister Allan Maher

Summer Researcher: Dalhousie Business Improvement Area Corporation

Summer Researcher: Rural and Small Town Research and Studies Program, Sackville, NB

Political Career

1995: Elected MLA for the new riding of Dalhousie-Restigouche East, GE 11 September

1999: Defeated, GE 7 June

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Law Amendments and the Ombudsman

Member: Select Committee on Demographics

DeWare, Mabel Margaret

Born: 1926 in Moncton, NB

Party: Progressive Conservative

First Elected

GE 23 October 1978, Riding of Moncton West

Education

Moncton school system

Private Career

Dental Assistant

Manager: Keeware Management Ltd.

Political Career

1978: Elected MLA for Moncton West, GE 23 October

1978-1982: Minister of Labour and Manpower

1982: Re-elected MLA for Moncton West, GE 12 October

1982-1983: Minister of Continuing Education

1983-1985: Minister of Community Colleges

1985-1987: Minister of Advanced Education and Training

1987: Defeated, GE 13 October

1990-2001: Appointed to the Senate in 1990 by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney; reached the mandatory retirement age of 75 in 2001

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Municipalities and Corporations, Law Amendments, Social Development, Private Bills and Estimates

Awards

1963: Canadian Women's Curling Champion

Dubé, Madeleine (Mado)

Born: 1961 in Edmundston, NB

Party: Progressive Conservative

First Elected

GE 7 June 1999, Riding of Edmundston

Education

Université de Moncton - BSW; Certificate in Drug Addiction Studies

Université Laval - course work towards a MSW, specializing in group intervention

Certified in the fields of Family Mediation, Grievance Mediation, Defusing/Debriefing, Suicide Prevention, and Toxicology

Private Career

Social Worker: Department of Health and Community Services, Edmundston and Grand Falls

Social Worker: Region 4 Hospital Corporation Drug Addiction Service

Co-owner and president: Priorité Santé Inc.

Professor: Edmundston campus, Université de Moncton

Political Career

Past president of the Edmundston Progressive Conservative Association; involved in policy development for the party

1999: Elected MLA for Edmundston, GE 7 June

2003: Re-elected MLA for Edmundston, GE 9 June

2003-2006: Minister of Education

2006: Minister of Family and Community Services; Minister Responsible for Seniors in New Brunswick

2006: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Edmundston-Saint-Basile, GE 18 September

2006-2008: Opposition Critic: Education

2007: Elected chair of the Progressive-Conservative Caucus

2008-2009: Opposition Critic: Business New Brunswick and the Population Growth Secretariat

2008-2010: Opposition Critic: Regional Development Corporation

2009-2010: Opposition Critic: Social Development and Senior Issues

2010: Re-elected MLA for Edmundston-Saint-Basile, GE 27 September

2010- : Minister of Health

Vice-president of the New Brunswick Branch of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (APF)

Committees

Chair: Select Committee on Health Care

Member: Standing Committees on Public Accounts, Private Bills, and Crown Corporations

Member: Legislative Administration Committee

Member: Select Committees to Review Appointments by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council, on Local Governance and Regional Collaboration, and on Life Long Learning

Dysart, Shirley Theresa

Born: in Boston, MA

Party: Liberal

First Elected

GE 18 November 1974, Riding of Saint John North

Education

New Brunswick Teachers' College

Saint Vincent University

University of New Brunswick- BA

University of London (Beaverbrook Overseas Scholarship), 1956-57

University of New Brunswick, Saint John campus - Honorary Doctor of Laws, 1996

Private Career

Teacher

Political Career

1974: Elected MLA for Saint John North, GE 18 November (first female Liberal elected in the province)

1978: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Saint John-Park, GE 23 October

1982: Re-elected MLA for Saint John-Park, GE 12 October

1974-1987: Opposition Critic: Education, Advanced Education and Training, Health, and Justice

1985: Interim Leader of the Opposition

1987: Re-elected MLA for Saint John-Park, GE 13 October

1987-1991: Minister of Education

1991: Re-elected MLA for Saint John-Park, GE 23 September

1991-1994: Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick (the first woman to hold this post)

1995: Did not stand for re-election, GE 11 September

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Contingencies and the Library, Economic Development, Estimates, Law Amendments, Municipalities and Corporations, Private Bills, Public Accounts and Social Development

Member: Select Committee on Constitutional Reform

Awards

2004: Order of Canada

Fowle, Brenda

Born: 1953

Party: Progressive Conservative

First Elected

GE 7 June 1999, Riding of Kennebecasis

Education

Chipman High School, 1971

Private Career

Columnist: *Saint John Times Globe*

Host: TVNB's *Hot Topic* and *This Week*

Political Career

1999: Elected MLA for Kennebecasis, GE 7 June

2003: Re-elected MLA for Kennebecasis, GE 9 June

2003-2005: Minister of Environment and Local Government

2006: Minister of Energy; Minister Responsible for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick

2006: Defeated, GE 18 September

Committees

Chair: Standing Committee on the Ombudsman

Vice Chair: Standing Committee on Crown Corporations

Member: Standing Committee on Law Amendments

Member: Select Committee on Education

Jardine, Kim

Born: 1966 in Saint John, NB

Party: Progressive Conservative

First Elected

GE 7 June 1999, Riding of Miramichi Centre

Education

Miramichi Valley High School

University of New Brunswick - BEd, 1988

Private Career

Owner: Custom-embroidery business, Miramichi

Supply Teacher: Miramichi region, 1988-1993

Administrative Assistant: electrical contracting firm

Human Resources Officer: NB Power

Political Career

1999: Elected MLA for Miramichi Centre, GE June 7

1999-2000: Minister of Environment

2000-2003: Minister of Environment and Local Government

2003: Defeated, GE June 9

Jarrett, Ella Laureen

Born: 1938 in Halifax, NS

Party: Liberal

First Elected

GE 13 October 1987, Riding of Kings West

Education

New Brunswick Teachers' College

University of New Brunswick, Saint John campus- BPE

Private Career

Teacher: Districts 19 and 20, New Brunswick

Teacher: Maine

Political Career

President: Kings West Liberal Association

Member: Liberal Task Force on Education

1987: Elected MLA for Kings West, GE 13 October

1987-1991: Minister of Income Assistance

1991: Re-elected MLA for Kings West, GE 23 September

1991-1994: Minister of Supply and Services

1994-1995: Minister of State for Mines and Energy

1995: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Saint John Kings, GE 11 September

1999: Did not stand for re-election, GE 7 June

Committees

Chair: Standing Committee on the Ombudsman

Member: Cabinet Committees on Budget, Official Languages and Human Resources

Member: Standing Committees on Estimates and on Crown Corporations

Member: Select Committee on Gasoline Pricing

Keddy, Carole Juanita

Born: 1937 in Saint John, NB

Party: Progressive Conservative

First Elected

GE 7 June 1999, Riding of Saint John Champlain

Education

Simonds Regional High School, 1955

New Brunswick Teachers' College, 1956

University of New Brunswick - BPE, BEd, 1975

University of Maryland - MBA studies

Private Career

Teacher, Vice Principal, and Principal: New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, the Yukon, and Germany

Professor: Simon Fraser University

Owner: manufacturing company, British Columbia

Worked for NATO, 1962-1966 (onetime NATO 'Professional of the Year')

Political Career

1999: Elected MLA for Saint John Champlain, GE 7 June

2003: Declined re-nomination, GE 9 June

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Privileges and the Ombudsman

Member: Select Committees on Health Care and Private Passenger Automobile Insurance

Kingston, Joan Margaret

Born: 1955 in Sussex, NB

Party: Liberal

First Elected

GE 11 September 1995, Riding of New Maryland

Education

Stanley Regional High School

University of New Brunswick - BN, 1978

Private Career

Manager: Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, DECH, Fredericton, NB

President: Nurses Association of NB

Chair: NB Advisory Committee on the Status of Women, 1994-1995

Instructor: University of New Brunswick

Recruitment Manager: River Valley Health Authority, 1999-2002

Political Career

1995: Elected MLA for the new riding of New Maryland, GE 11 September

1995-1996: Legislative Assistant to the Minister of Education

1997-1998: Minister of the Environment

1998-1999: Minister of Labour

1999: Defeated, GE 7 June

2002-2004: Chief of Staff for the Office of the Official Opposition

2004-2006: Senior Advisor of Policy Development for the Office of the Official Opposition

2006: Appointed Principal Secretary of Government Affairs for the Office of the Premier

Committees

Chair: Select Committee on Demographics

Co-Chair: Select Committee on National Unity
Co-Chair: Special Committee on Social Policy Development
Member: Standing Committee on Private Bills
Member: Select Committee on Electoral Reform
Member: Cabinet Priorities and Planning Committee

Landry, Marie Marthe Aldéa

Born: 1945 in Sainte-Cécile, NB

Party: Liberal

First Elected

GE 13 October 1987, Riding of Shippagan-les-Îles

Education

Couvent Jésus-Marie - BA

University of Ottawa, 1968

University of New Brunswick- LLB, 1971

Northeastern University and Radcliffe College - law and business administration

Private Career

Legal Counsel: Revised Statutes of New Brunswick Project, 1973

Director: Legal Translation and Computerization, Department of Justice, 1975-77

Lawyer: Tremblay, Landry and Landry

President: Landal Inc.

Board of Directors: Bank of Canada

Board of Directors: Shaw Group Ltd.

Atlantic Provinces Economic Council

Chair: Board of Directors, Vitalité Health Network

Political Career

Former President: NB Liberal Association

1987: Elected MLA for Shippagan-les-Îles, GE 13 October

1987-1991: President of the Executive Council (first Acadian woman named to New Brunswick Cabinet); Deputy Premier

1987-1988: Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Affairs

1988-1989: acting Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture

1991: acting Minister of Housing

1991: Defeated, GE 23 September

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Private Bills and Law Amendments

Member: Executive Committee of Cabinet

Awards

2009: one of the recipients of the Women's Executive Network's Canada's Most Powerful

Women: Top 100 Awards

Lavoie, Cheryl

Born: in Bathurst, NB

Party: Liberal

First Elected

GE 18 September 2006, Riding of Nepisiguit

Education

Bathurst High School

Political Career

1994-2006: President: Nepisiguit Liberal Association

2006: Elected MLA for Nepisiguit, GE 18 September

2007: Designated Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Group representative of the New Brunswick Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

2009-2010: Chair: Government Caucus

2010: Minister of State for Seniors; Minister Responsible for the Community Non-profit Organizations Secretariat

2010: Defeated, GE 27 September

Committees

Vice-Chair: Standing Committees on Legislative Officers, Private Bills and Crown Corporations

Vice-Chair: Select Committee on Wellness

Member: Standing Committees on Estimates, Law Amendments and Procedure

Member: Select Committee on Life Long Learning

Lynch, Pam

Born: in Kingsclear, NB

Party: Progressive Conservative

First Elected

GE 27 September 2010, Riding of Fredericton-Fort Nashwaak

Education

Fredericton High School

Private Career

Department of Transportation

Department of Justice, Provincial Court

Self-employed in a legal services business

Political Career

2010: Elected MLA for Fredericton-Fort Nashwaak, GE 27 September

2010: Named Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Environment, the Minister Responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women, and the Minister of Communications New Brunswick

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Crown Corporations and Law Amendments

MacAlpine-Stiles, L Joan

Born: in Rexton, NB

Parties: Progressive Conservative, Liberal

First Elected

GE 7 June 1999, Riding of Moncton South

Education

Atlantic Baptist University, Moncton

Political Career

1992-1998: Moncton city councillor

1997-1999: Deputy Mayor of Moncton (first woman to hold this post)

1999: Elected MLA for Moncton South, GE 7 June

1999-2000: Minister of Municipalities

2000-2001: Minister of Business New Brunswick

2001-2003: Minister of Family and Community Services

2003: Re-elected MLA for Moncton South, GE 9 June

2003: Minister of Tourism and Parks

2005-2006: Acting Minister of Family and Community Services; Minister Responsible for the Advisory Council on Seniors

2006: Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, Minister of Tourism and Parks

2006: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Moncton West, GE 18 September

2006-2007: Opposition Critic: Tourism and Parks

2007: Joined Liberal Caucus, 17 April

2010: Did not stand for re-election, GE 27 September

Committees

Chair: Select Committee on Life-Long Learning

Member: Standing Committees on Private Bills, Estimates, Law Amendments, and Public Accounts

Member: Select Committee on Wellness

Mersereau, Marcelle

Born: 1942 in Pointe-Verte, NB

Party: Liberal

First Elected

GE 23 September 1991, Riding of Bathurst

Education

New Brunswick Teachers' College

Université de Moncton - BSc (Home Economics), 1970; post graduate studies in community development and consumer education

Private Career

Department of Agriculture

Regional Director: Department of Health and Community Services

Regional Director: Department of Income Assistance

Consultant: New Brunswick Housing Corporation

PR Home Economist: Eastern and Central Canada Lightning Fasteners

Political Career

1980-1991: Bathurst city councillor

1991: Elected MLA for Bathurst, GE 23 September

1991-1994: Minister of Municipalities, Culture and Housing

1994-1995: Minister of Environment, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, Deputy Premier

1995: Re-elected MLA for Bathurst, GE 11 September

1995-1998: Minister of Human Resources Development

1998-1999: Minister of Municipalities and Housing, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women

1999: Re-elected MLA for Bathurst, GE 7 June

1999-2003: Opposition Critic: Family and Community Services, Culture and Sport Secretariat, Office of Human Resources, Regional Development Corporation, Service New Brunswick, Mines, Status of Women, and Education

2003: Did not stand for re-election, GE 9 June

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Public Accounts, Private Bills and Law Amendments

Member: Select Committees on Education and on Local Governance and Regional Collaboration

Awards

2007: Officier, Ordre de la Pléiade

Poirier, Rose-May

Born: 1954 in Chatham, NB

Party: Progressive Conservative

First Elected

GE 7 June 1999, Riding of Rogersville-Kouchibouguac

Education

Richibucto school system

Courses in: life insurance, mutual funds, professional communications, and computer technology

Workshops on: leadership and motivation, sales techniques, time management, and personnel recruiting

Private Career

Insurance Representative: Assumption Life

Executive Manager: Tupperware Canada

Political Career

Town Councillor: Saint-Louis de Kent

President: Rogersville-Kouchibouguac Progressive Conservative Association

1999: Elected MLA for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, GE 7 June (first woman to hold this post)

1999-2001: Chair: Government Caucus

2003: Re-elected MLA for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, GE 9 June

2003-2006: Minister Responsible for the Office of Human Resources

2006: Minister of Local Government; Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs

2006: Re-elected MLA for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, GE 18 September

2006-2008: Opposition Critic: Aboriginal Affairs, Lotteries Commission and New Brunswick Investment Management Corporation

2006-2010: Opposition Critic: New Brunswick Liquor Corporation

2008-2010: Opposition Critic: Office of the Premier and Secretariat for Community Non-Profit Organizations

2009-2010: Opposition Critic: Service New Brunswick

2010: Appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Procedure, Crown Corporations and Legislative Officers

Member: Select Committees to Review Appointments by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, and on Local Governance and Regional Collaboration

Ringuette, Pierrette

Born: 1955 in Edmundston, NB

Party: Liberal

First Elected

GE 13 October 1987, Riding of Madawaska-South

Education

Edmundston school system

Université de Moncton, Edmundston campus - BA (Administration and Social Science)

Université Laval - MA (Industrial Relations)

University of Ottawa- MBA, 2000

Private Career

Assistant Lecturer: Université du Québec à Rimouski

Professor of Continuing Education: Université de Moncton- Edmundston campus

Manager: Edmundston Chamber of Commerce

President: La Foire Brayonne, Inc.

Director: Campagne des Jeunes Travailleurs du Nord-Ouest Inc.

Member: Disciplinary Committee of the NB Nurses Association

International Business Development Manager: Canada Post

Cercle de Presse International de la République

Family Enrichment

Political Career

1987: Elected MLA for Madawaska-South, GE 13 October

1988-1991: Deputy Speaker

1991: Re-elected MLA for Madwaska-South, GE 23 September

1993: Resigned as MLA for Madawaska-South

1993: Elected MP for Madwaska-Victoria, Federal GE 25 October

1997: Defeated, Federal GE 2 June, in the new riding of Tobique-Mactaquac

2002: Appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Crown Corporations and Privileges

Member: Special Committee on Economic Policy Development

Awards

2007: Officier, Ordre de la Pléiade

Robertson, Brenda May

Born: 1929 in Sussex, NB

Party: Progressive Conservative

First Elected

GE 23 October 1967, County of Albert

Education

Sussex High School

Mount Allison University - BSc (Home Economics), 1950

Mount Saint Vincent University - Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, 1973

Université de Moncton - Honorary Doctorate of Social Sciences, 1983

Private Career

Home Economist: Department of Agriculture's Women's Centre

Head of Fine Arts: Trent University

Home Economics Teacher: Saint John High School

Political Career

Member: Coverdale Women's Progressive Conservative Association

1967: Elected MLA for Albert County, GE 23 October (first woman elected in NB)

1968: President: NB Women's Progressive Conservative Association

1970: Re-elected MLA for Albert County, GE 26 October

1970-1971: Minister of Youth (first woman cabinet minister)

1971-1974: Minister of Youth and Social Services

1974: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Riverview, GE 18 November

1976-1982: Minister of Health

1978: Re-elected MLA for Riverview, GE 23 October

1982: Re-elected MLA for Riverview, GE 12 October

1982-1984: Minister Responsible for Social Program Reform

1984: Appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney

2004: Retired from the Senate

Committees

Member: House Committees on Public Accounts, Municipalities, Library, Law Amendments, Standing Rules, Agriculture, Corporations, and Social Development

Awards

2004: Order of New Brunswick

Robichaud, Carmel

Born: in Neguac, NB

Party: Liberal

First Elected

GE 9 June 2003, Riding of Miramichi Bay

Education

École régionale de Neguac

NB Teachers' College, 1959

Université de Montréal- Teacher's Diploma, 1989

Fredericton- completed principal's in-service program, 1990

University of Ottawa- completed leadership program at the Centre de leadership en éducation, 1995

Université de Moncton- BA; MEd (school administration), 1997

Saint Thomas University- BEd

Private Career

Teacher

Vice-Principal

Department Head

French Second Language and Immersion Program Coordinator
University Professor

Political Career

President: Lower Miramichi Bay Liberal Women's Association

Secretary: Miramichi Bay Liberal Association

2003: Elected MLA for Miramichi Bay, GE 9 June

2003: Opposition Critic: Education and Status of Women

2006: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Miramichi Bay-Neguac, GE 18 September

2006-2007: Minister of Family and Community Services; Minister Responsible for the Status of Women

2007-2008: Minister of Local Government; Minister Responsible for Community Non-profit Organizations

2008: Appointed Deputy Speaker

2010: Defeated, GE 27 September

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Crown Corporations and Procedure

Member: Legislative Administration Committee

Member: Select Committees on Education and Life Long Learning

Schryer, Mary Louise

Party: Liberal

First Elected

GE 18 September 2006, Riding of Quispamsis

Private Career

Sales Manager: Clarica/SunLife

Financial Advisor

Political Career

2006: Elected MLA for Quispamsis, GE 18 September

2006-2007: Minister of State for Seniors; Minister of State for Housing

2007-2010: Minister Responsible for the Status of Women

2007-2008: Minister of Family and Community Services

2008-2009: Minister of Social Development; Minister Responsible for Housing

2009-2010 : Minister of Health

2010: Defeated, GE 27 September

Shephard, Dorothy

Party: Progressive Conservative

First Elected

GE 27 September 2010, Riding of Saint John Lancaster

Private Career

Owner and Operator: Benjamin Moore Colour Centre

Political Career:

2010: Elected MLA for Saint John Lancaster, GE 27 September

2010: Named Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Local Government

Committees

Chair: Standing Committee on Estimates

Member: Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Member: Select Committee on Point Lepreau

Stultz, Susan (Sue)

Born: in Moncton, NB

Party: Progressive Conservative

First Elected

GE 27 September 2010, Riding of Moncton West

Education

Moncton school system

Private Career

Business Woman: Moncton

Political Career

2010: Elected MLA for Moncton West, GE 27 September

2010- : Minister of Social Development; Minister Responsible for Seniors, Housing and Community Non-Profit Organizations

Committees

Member: Policy and Priorities Committee

Awards

Muriel Fergusson Award for outstanding leadership abilities, presented every two years to a woman by the Moncton Chamber of Commerce

Caring Canadian Award, presented on behalf of Governor General Michaëlle Jean

Paul Harris Fellow International Award

International YMCA Peace Medal

Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal

Teed, Nancy Elizabeth Clark

Born: 26 February 1949 in Saint John, NB

Died: 29 January 1993

Party: Progressive Conservative

First Elected

GE 23 October 1978, Riding of Saint John South

Education

Saint John school system

Saint Mary's University

University of New Brunswick, Saint John campus

Private Career

Owner and Personnel Consultant: Nanci Personnel Services Limited

Political Career

1978: Elected MLA for Saint John South, GE 23 October

1982: Re-elected MLA for Saint John South, GE 12 October

1982-1985: Minister of Social Services

1985-1987: Minister of Health and Community Services
1987: Defeated, GE 13 October
1990: Appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney

Committees

Chair: Standing Committee on Supply

Member: House Committees on Law Amendments, Veterans Affairs, Municipalities and Corporations, Social Development, Energy, Public Accounts, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Fisheries, and Economic Development

Member: Standing Committees on Private Bills and the Ombudsman

Member: Executive Committee on Social Policy and Programs

Trenholme Counsell, Dr. Marilyn

Born: 1933 in Sackville, NB

Party: Liberal

First Elected

GE 13 October 1987, Riding of Tantramar

Education

Port Elgin Regional Memorial School

Mount Allison University - BSc (Home Economics - magna cum laude), 1954

University of Toronto - MA (Nutrition - cum laude), 1960; MD (cum laude), 1967

Courses from Cornell University, University of New Brunswick, and the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal

Mount Allison University - Honorary Doctor of Letters

Université de Moncton - Honorary Doctorate in Family Studies

University of New Brunswick - Honorary Doctor of Laws

Private Career

Family Physician: Toronto General Hospital, Sackville Memorial Hospital
Consultant: New Brunswick and Ontario Departments of Health
Freelance Journalist: Toronto

Political Career

President: Westmorland-Kent Liberal Association
Member: Policy Committee of the Liberal Party of Canada
1987: Elected MLA for Tantramar, GE 13 October
1991: Re-elected MLA for Tantramar, GE 23 September
1994: Minister of State for Family
1995: Re-elected MLA for Tantramar, GE 11 September
1995-1997: Minister of State for Family and Community Services
1997-2003: Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick
2003: Appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien
2003-2006: President: Beauséjour Federal Liberal Association
2008: Retired from the Senate

Committees

Member: Standing Committees on Privileges and the Ombudsman
Vice-Chair: Special Committee on Social Policy Development
Vice-Chair: Select Committee on Demographics
Chair: Select Committee on Social Policy studying integration in schools
Member: Select Committee on the Constitution

Awards

National Adult Literacy Database Award
Toastmasters International Award
Dr. William F. Roberts Political Action Award

Weir, Elizabeth Jane

Born: 1948 in Belfast, Northern Ireland

Party: New Democratic

First Elected

GE 23 September 1991, Riding of Saint John South

Education

University of Waterloo - BA (Sociology - cum laude)

University of Western Ontario - LLB

Private Career

Instructor: York University

Solicitor's Office, Ontario Labour Relations Board

Investigator: Ontario Ministry of Labour, Employment Standards Branch

Instructor: University of New Brunswick

President and CEO: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick

Political Career

1982: Defeated in GE 12 October, riding of York North

1988: Elected leader of the New Brunswick New Democratic Party

1991: Elected MLA for Saint John South, GE 23 September (first woman leader of a political party elected to the New Brunswick Legislature; first leader of the New Democratic Party elected to the New Brunswick Legislature)

1995: Re-elected MLA for the new riding of Saint John Harbour, GE 11 September

1999: Re-elected MLA for Saint John Harbour, GE 7 June

2003: Re-elected MLA for Saint John Harbour, GE 9 June

2005: Resigned as MLA for Saint John Harbour

Committees

Chair: Select Committee on Public Automobile Insurance

Member: Legislative Administration Committee

Member: Standing Committees on Law Amendments, Crown Corporations, Public Accounts, Privileges, and Procedure

Member: Select Committees on Education, Health Care, Wood Supply, Local Governance and Regional Collaboration, the Constitution, and Private Passenger Automobile Insurance

Awards

Three-time recipient of the New Brunswick Nurses' Association Healthy Public Policy Award

2008: Canadian Red Cross Humanitarian Award (New Brunswick)

Wilson, Sherry

Party: Progressive Conservative

First Elected

GE 27 September 2010, Riding of Petitcodiac

Education

Petitcodiac school system

Campbellton Community College- business and secretarial course

Private Career

Credit Manager's Assistant: Hub Meat Packers, Moncton

University Hospital Administration, Edmonton, AB

Business Owner: Riverview

Political Career

2004: Elected to Riverview Town Council

2005: Elected Deputy Mayor of Riverview

2008: Re-elected Deputy Mayor of Riverview

2010: Elected MLA for Petitcodiac, GE 27 September

2010: Named Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Health

Committees

Chair: Standing Committee on Procedure

Vice Chair: Standing Committee on Legislative Officers

Member: Standing Committee on Crown Corporations

June, 2011