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Political Parties Represented in the Legislative Assembly

Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick

Liberal Party of New Brunswick

New Democratic Party of New Brunswick
Preface

On May 10, 2003, a proclamation dissolved the Fifty-fourth Legislative Assembly and ordered the issue of writs of election for June 9. At dissolution, the standings in the House were: Progressive Conservatives, 46; Liberals, 7; New Democrats, 1; vacancy, 1.

For the first time, election result coverage was broadcast live by the CBC from the rotunda of the Legislative Assembly Building.

The election significantly altered the standings in the House. Premier Bernard Lord’s Progressive Conservative government was returned to power by a majority of 1 with the election of 28 Members. The Liberals, led by Shawn Graham, increased their representation in the House from 7 to 26 Members. The Leader of the New Democrats, Elizabeth Weir, was re-elected, bringing the number of opposition Members to 27. In the final analysis, 20 new Members were elected; of the 20, three had served in the Legislature previously.


I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Members of the Legislative Assembly and the staff of the various offices within the Legislative Assembly, for their support in the publication of this edition of Biographies of Members 55th Legislature. In particular, appreciation is once again expressed to Legislative Researcher Diane Taylor Myles for her continued commitment to this project, and to Chief Translator Aurella Losier-Vienneau and the staff of Debates Translation.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

August 2004
Hon. Wayne Steeves

O. Wayne Steeves was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the general election held June 7, 1999. He served on the Legislature’s Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Select Committee to Review Appointments by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

He was born December 12, 1944, in Lower Coverdale, N.B., the son of Noel and Vera Downing Steeves. He was educated in local schools in the Moncton area.

Mr. Steeves has worked for the government and for the Progressive Conservative Party for more than 30 years. He is a former special assistant to the Member of Parliament for the riding of Fundy-Royal (1978-1981), and a former executive assistant to the Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources in New Brunswick (1981-1987). He organized campaigns for several provincial PC Party leadership candidates. He is also the past president of the Albert PC Association.

A businessman, Mr. Steeves has owned and operated Way-Mac Ventures Ltd., a promotional product sales company, since 1982.

He is also active in his community on a volunteer basis. He is a member of the Lower Coverdale Community Cemetery Committee, former director and vice-president of Steeves Family Incorporated, former trustee of the Lower Coverdale Baptist Church, and past president of the Moncton Industrial Fast Ball League.

He was re-elected as member for Albert on June 9, 2003, and was sworn in as Minister of Public Safety on June 27, 2003.

Mr. Steeves and his wife Tanya reside in Lower Coverdale, N.B. They have two daughters, Krista and Melissa.
Brian Kenny was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 9, 2003. A Liberal MLA, he represents the constituency of Bathurst. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Ombudsman and the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations. As a member of the official opposition, he is the critic for interests relating to the Regional Development Corporation.

He was born in Bathurst and he is the son of David and Helen Kenny. A graduate of Bathurst High School, he is the past president of both the New Brunswick and Greater Bathurst Chambers of Commerce. He has also served as a co-chair of the Restigouche-Chaleur Economic Task Force.

He has been a licensed real estate broker since 1995. He served as secretary, treasurer, and director, of the Northern New Brunswick Real Estate Board. He has been active in the home construction business for many years and he is a member of the Manufactured Housing Association of Atlantic Canada Inc. and the Atlantic New Home Warranty Corporation.

A community minded individual, Mr. Kenny was a director at large with the Chaleur Regional Development Commission and he is an active member of Rotary International. He is associated with the New Brunswick Golf Association and the Squire Green Golf Club in Bathurst. He has been a volunteer with the Canada Games, Meals on Wheels, and several Bathurst festivals.

Brian and his wife, Wendy McParland of Big River, have two daughters, Bryanna and Madison.
Roy Boudreau was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 9, 2003. A Liberal MLA, he represents the constituency of Campbellton. As a member for the official opposition, he is the critic for interests relating to education (Anglophone sector), as well as culture and sport. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

He was born in Campbellton on October 24, 1946. A graduate of the Assumption Academy, Campbellton, he pursued his studies at the New Brunswick Teachers College and then went on to the University of Moncton where he received his BEE, BED, and PAC degrees.

Mr. Boudreau is retired from the provincial education system, where he spent 33 years as a teacher, principal, and vice principal. Until recently he was a municipal councillor of the city of Campbellton where his major work involved community services, recreation, and parks.

He is actively involved in a number of organizations in the community. He is a member of the CNIB, Notre-Dame-des-Neiges Parish Council, the Board of Directors of Canada Winter Games 2003, the Campbellton Youth Centre, and the Board of Directors of the Campbellton Civic Centre. He was Commanding Officer of the C Company of the Campbellton Army Reserves, President of the Labatt Tigers Hockey Club, and President of the Finance Committee of the Campbellton Civic Centre.

He is married to Paulette Lurette and they have one daughter, Marie-Josée.
Hédard Albert was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 9, 2003. A Liberal MLA, he represents the constituency of Caraquet. He is a member of the Select Committee on Health Care. As a member of the official opposition, he is the critic for interests relating to fisheries and aquaculture.

He was born in Saint-Simon in the Acadian Peninsula. He received a Bachelor of Arts with a major in biology and a Bachelor of Education from the Université de Moncton.

Mr. Albert’s career spanned 34 years at the New Brunswick School of Fisheries in Caraquet, where he held various positions, including director. His long association with the fisheries and aquaculture sector played a role in building a major economic industry in the Acadian Peninsula and New Brunswick. Over the years, in addition to being responsible for training fishermen, plant workers, and aquaculturists, he was regional administrator at the Fisheries and Aquaculture office in Caraquet. Mr. Albert was also responsible for aquaculture research at the Shippagan Aquarium and Marine Centre as well as for the quality assurance, research in fishing techniques and methods, and selective fishing gear programs.

He was involved in various international development projects under CIDA and other organizations and institutions. He implemented partnerships with France, Mauritania, Senegal, Tunisia, Benin, Togo, Morocco, and Haiti. He was eastern representative on a committee of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges which assessed international project proposals.

Mr. Albert is married to Ginette Blanchard, and they have a daughter, Stéphanie.
Dale Allison Graham was elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick as the Progressive Conservative Party member for Carleton North in a by-election held June 28, 1993. After redistribution, he was re-elected in the general elections held September 11, 1995, and June 7, 1999, representing the riding of Carleton. On June 21, 1999, he was sworn in as Minister of Supply and Services and Deputy Premier. He was re-elected as member for Carleton on June 9, 2003, and was sworn in as Minister of Supply and Services and Deputy Premier on Friday, June 27.

Born in Woodstock, N.B., Mr. Graham attended local schools in Centreville.

A restaurant and bake shop owner since 1981, he was vice-president of the Carleton North Progressive Conservative Association and offered as the Progressive Conservative candidate in the 1991 provincial general election.

Mr. Graham has a long history of contribution to his community. He served for several years as a school trustee in Districts 30 and 13; as a member of the steering committee Centreville “Project Splash”; as director of Carleton-York Community Futures; and as vice-president of the Centreville Chamber of Commerce.

He is a member and former deacon of the Centreville United Baptist Church.

As a member of the Opposition, Mr. Graham served on the Legislature’s Select Committee on Land Use and the Rural Environment. He was a member of the Legislature’s Standing Committees on Privileges, and Law Amendments, and the Select Committee on Gasoline Pricing. He chaired the Standing Committee on Public Accounts. He served as the PC whip and the critic for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, and Supply and Services.

He is a member of the Board of Management, the Policy and Priorities Committee, and the Select Committee on Education.

Mr. Graham and his wife, the former Shelley McDougall, are the parents of four children.
Denis Landry was born on November 13, 1957, in Val-Doucet, N.B., the eldest of 11 children. He graduated from Polyvalente Louis-Mailloux in Caraquet in 1975.

Following high school, he worked as a logger for 17 years. He served as secretary-treasurer and then president of the local chapter of the Canadian Paperworkers Union (CPU).

He completed various training courses: forestry instructor (Memramcook Institute), leadership (St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N.S.), literacy instructor (Fredericton), and establishing small and medium-sized businesses (Université de Moncton in Shippagan).

He has served as President of the Acadian Peninsula Labour Council and president of the coalition against changes in unemployment insurance, a coalition composed of 15 different organizations. Mr. Landry was the New Brunswick coordinator for the World Summit for Social Development. His consulting work enabled him to be selected to go to Copenhagen, Denmark, in March 1995. He was the only New Brunswick representative among the 15 participants chosen from across Canada by a nongovernmental organization (NGO) to attend this world summit.

Mr. Landry was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick on September 11, 1995, as the first Member for the constituency of Centre-Péninsule. He has sat on the Committee on Law Amendments, the Committee on Public Accounts, and the Committee on Social Policy Renewal, is a member of the Action Nord group, and was the only Member to sit on the ministerial committee for the economic development of the Acadian Peninsula.

Mr. Landry was re-elected to the 55th Legislature on June 9, 2003. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and the Select Committee on Wood Supply. As a member of the official opposition, he is the critic for areas of interest related to tourism.

He and his wife Johanne have 3 children: Sébastien, Natacha, and Cédric. More recently, Mr. Landry has been employed as a sales representative for a Bathurst area automobile dealership.
Charlotte

A Liberal Member, **Rick Doucet** was first elected to the Legislature in the provincial election June 9th, 2003. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Privileges, the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, and the Select Committee on Public Automobile Insurance. As a member of the official opposition he is the critic for interests relating to energy.

He was born in Sussex N.B. He is a graduate of Rothesay Collegiate School and the Holland College business program. He worked with a major Canadian airline in sales and marketing before moving back “home” where he worked in the family retail business until 1989.

He is presently involved in diverse businesses, including the food service of four restaurants, photography, and photographic retailing to an advertising agency in Charlotte County that assists companies in marketing products, both on the local and international levels. He has an avid interest in the operations involving salmon products, tourism, whale watching, restaurants, photography, ferry scheduling, market planning, and hotel chains. He is a major player in the production of all Charlotte County town and village brochures along with towns in Maine.

Mr. Doucet was a member of the St. George Town Council, president of the St. George Rotary Club, and a member of the RCS Netherwood board of directors. He presently sits on the town of St. George Planning and Advisory Commission. He is on the board of the Canadian Kodak Image Check program, and has been President of the Maritime Kodak Dealers Association for the past 10 years. His first book of photographs, “Herring Weirs: The Only Sustainable Fishery,” by St. Andrews native Richard Wilbur, was published in 2000, and he plans to publish another book on the aquaculture industry soon.

His hobbies and interests include cycling, skiing, scuba diving, aviation, all-terrain vehicles, photography, and spending time with his family and pets.

Rick and his wife, Debbie, currently reside in St. George, N.B., and they have two children, Nicole and Jonathan.
Donald Arseneault was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 9, 2003. As a member of the official opposition, he is the critic for interests relating to human resources. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations. He is a Liberal MLA and he represents the constituency of Dalhousie-Restigouche East.

He was born in Dalhousie, N.B., and is the son of Jacques Arseneault of Balmoral, and Ghislaine Godin of Maisonnette. A graduate of Polyvalente Aux quatre vents, he studied business administration for two years at the Université de Moncton before moving on to the Dieppe Community College where he completed the three-year co-op marketing program.

He returned home to serve as an economic development officer with the Department of Economic Development, Tourism, and Culture, in Dalhousie.

He became the first person in New Brunswick to earn the certification of Business Retention and Expansion Master Consultant through Business Retention & Expansion International (BREI), a nonprofit professional association of economic development professionals working for the advancement of business retention and expansion as an economic development strategy for communities. He coordinated efforts to put in place the BR&E program in six pilot communities in New Brunswick, including one in Dalhousie.

He transferred to the Department of Training and Employment Development as the marketing director with the NBCC-Dieppe, and later returned to northern New Brunswick as a marketing and communications advisor with the Mouvement des caisses populaires acadiennes.

He has been active in his community where he has coached little league baseball and softball at both Dalhousie high schools. He was a member of the Dalhousie Business Improvement Area Corporation, Business Retention & Expansion International, and the Dalhousie Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Arseneault and his wife, Misty McAlister, of Nash Creek, have two young sons, Matthew and Madison.
Cy (Richard) LeBlanc was born March 18, 1955, in Dieppe, N.B. He graduated from the Université de Moncton with a Bachelor’s degree in Leisure Studies, and has taken other courses and seminars in the areas of professional sales, negotiations, time management, customer service and personnel management.

He has a strong background in sales management. He has worked in the areas of sales and promotions for Moosehead Breweries Limited covering the province of New Brunswick, the Maritime provinces, the Moncton area, and in the Acadian Peninsula. He is a past recreational director for the Village of Paquetville. His strong leadership and communication skills helped him to successfully promote several high profile special events, such as the World Acadian Congress in 1994.

He participates in many community activities. He was a member of the Moncton Alpines (Québec Major Hockey League) administration advisory board, the director of administration for the Dieppe Boys and Girls Club, the director of administration for the Tourism Industry Association of New Brunswick, a member of the Acadian Games organizing committee for both Dieppe and the Université de Moncton, and a member and the director of administration for Club Richelieu, in Tracadie and in Paquetville, to name a few.

A member of the Progressive Conservative Party, Mr. LeBlanc was first elected to the Legislature in the provincial election held on June 7, 1999, to represent the constituency of Dieppe-Memramcook. During the Fifty-Fourth Legislature, he was a member of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, the Standing Committee on the Ombudsman, and the Select Committee on Education.

He was re-elected June 9, 2003, to serve in the Fifty-Fifth Legislature. He is a member of the following Standing Committees: Public Accounts, Procedure, Legislative Administration and Law Amendments. He serves on the Select Committees on Education, Health Care, Wood Supply and Public Automobile Insurance. He is Deputy Speaker.

Mr. LeBlanc with his wife Jocelyne Arseneau, a former resident of Inkerman, N.B., currently reside in Dieppe.
Madeleine (Mado) Dubé was born September 26, 1961, in Edmundston, N.B., the daughter of Adrien and Huguette Dubé. She attended the Université de Moncton, where she received a Bachelor of Social Work, and has completed coursework toward a Masters of Social Work with a specialization in group intervention at Université Laval.

A social worker, she has worked for the Department of Health and Community Services (Edmundston and Grand Falls) and the Region 4 Hospital Corporation Drug Addiction Service and was co-owner and president of a human development agency named Priorité Santé Inc. She also taught courses leading to a certificate in drug addiction studies at the Université de Moncton, Edmundston campus, and has completed several courses in the fields of family mediation, grievance mediation, defusing/debriefing, suicide prevention, and toxicology.

Ms. Dubé is an active member of her community. She is the cofounder and treasurer of the Association des programmes d’aide aux employés du Nouveau-Brunswick, a member of the Edmundston Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Conseil de développement économique du Nouveau-Brunswick, a director of the Association des Foyers de Groupe du Madawaska, a referral agent for the school district and Region 4 Hospital Corporation EFAPs.

Ms. Dubé was elected to the Legislature in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999. She was a member of the Legislature’s Standing Committees on Public Accounts and Private Bills and the Select Committee to Review Appointments by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. She chaired the Select Committee on Health Care. She is past president of the Edmundston Progressive Conservative Association and is involved in policy development for the New Brunswick Progressive Conservative Party.

She was re-elected on June 9, 2003, and sworn in as Minister of Education on June 27, 2003.

Ms. Dubé currently lives in Edmundston with her husband Mike and her two children, Shawn and Paryse.
Kelly Lamrock was first elected to the Legislature in the provincial election held June 9, 2003. He was appointed Opposition House Leader in November 2003. He is a member of the Select Committees on Health, Education and Public Automobile Insurance, and the Standing Committee on Procedure.

Following graduation from Fredericton High School, he completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at St. Thomas University in 1995, and a law degree from the University of New Brunswick in 1997.

Kelly Lamrock was the first student to be elected president of the student union at both U.N.B. and St. Thomas, and in 1991, he became the youngest student ever to be elected National Chair of the Canadian Federation of Students. He was a founding president of the New Brunswick Student Alliance and he appeared before more than 20 parliamentary and legislative committees to discuss improving the education system. He published two papers on education reform, *Open Doors, Open Minds* and *No More Smoke and Mirrors*.

After graduation, Kelly built a law practice focused on information technology law. He also served as a public policy consultant to a number of educational groups.

In 1998, he became the director of policy and communications for the New Brunswick Healthcare Association, a group representing New Brunswick’s hospital corporations. In that role, he authored reports recommending new approaches to physician recruitment and the creation of community health clinics. In 2000, he completed an executive certificate course in health policy offered by the University of Toronto and Harvard University.

In 2001 he became Director of Student Affairs at St. Thomas University where he is responsible for overseeing student services on campus. He also teaches political science and human rights courses at St. Thomas.

His work as a political commentator for CBC won him the Radio and TV News Directors Association award for best Canadian television news commentary in 1996.

Mr. Lamrock lives in Fredericton with his wife Karen, who is also a lawyer. They have two children, Kennedy and Kayleigh.
Fredericton North

Thomas J. Burke (known by friends as T.J.) was born in Los Angeles, California, in 1972. In 1978, his family relocated in Fredericton, New Brunswick, where T. J. spent his childhood on Fredericton’s north side. He graduated from Fredericton High School in 1990.

After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Military and served as a paratrooper and forward observer for an infantry company with the 82nd Airborne Division based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was honourably discharged in 1995. Upon his return to Fredericton, he successfully completed the Bachelor of Arts degree program at the University of New Brunswick. He continued his studies and received a Bachelor of Laws Degree from Dalhousie University.

He was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 9, 2003. A Liberal MLA, he represents the constituency of Fredericton North. As a member of the official opposition, he is the critic for interests relating to Aboriginal affairs and justice.

He is a member of the Legislature’s Standing Committees on Private Bills and Law Amendments. He serves on the Select Committee on Public Automobile Insurance.

Mr. Burke lives in Fredericton North where he practices law. He is a part-time instructor at St. Thomas University. He is married to Tanya (nee Atkinson) of the Miramichi, and they have three daughters: Ashley, Molly and Cindy.
Brad Green was born in Fredericton on January 29, 1965. A graduate of Fredericton High School, Mr. Green earned an honours degree in political science from the University of New Brunswick in 1987. He went on to study law at UNB, graduated in 1990, and was admitted to the practice of law in New Brunswick the following year.

Mr. Green occupied several senior positions with both the Office of the Opposition and the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick between 1989 and 1998. He worked as executive assistant to former party leaders Barbara Baird and Dennis Cochrane, Chief of Staff to the Leader of the Opposition, and as his party’s provincial Executive Director. An active party volunteer, he has served on the provincial and national executives of the PC Party, and two terms as president of the party’s youth wing in New Brunswick.

Brad Green’s community involvement has taken a variety of forms. He is an active member and former president of the Epsilon Y’s Men’s Club, served on the Board of Directors of the Fredericton YMCA, and spent more than ten years in various leadership roles with Scouts Canada. Mr. Green has been extensively involved with his church, Saint Paul’s United, including terms as an elder and Sunday school superintendent. He served three terms as chair of the U.N.B. Foundation for Students, is a volunteer with the Fredericton Community Kitchen, and is a member of the Fredericton SPCA.

Mr. Green was elected to the Legislative Assembly as the Member for Fredericton South in a by-election held on October 19, 1998. He was re-elected in the general elections of 1999 and 2003. On June 21, 1999, he was sworn in as Attorney General, Minister of Justice, and Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs.

Mr. Green serves as Government House Leader, chair of the Standing Committee on Procedures, chair of the Standing Committee on Privileges, and as a member of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments and the Legislative Administration Committee. He was named Queen’s Counsel in 1999.

Brad Green married Jennifer Sutherland in August of 2004.

Hon. Brad Green, Q.C.
Fundy Isles

Born August 7, 1943, on Grand Manan Island, Eric Allaby graduated from Grand Manan High School and Acadia University (B.Sc., 1964). He became a teacher and worked as a diver.

A Ford Foundation fellowship enabled him to research maritime history in North America and England. He was an underwater archaeologist with the National Museums of Canada (1973-1976) and a founding member of the North American Society for Oceanic History. He has written several books and articles on marine history, including Shipbuilding in the Maritime Provinces, The August Gale, and Grand Manan. He is a marine artist and has exhibited his work around the province.

He worked as a diver, weir fisherman, and fish processor, and he was Grand Manan’s harbour manager (1983-1986). As a consultant on fishery issues, he designed fisheries and fish processing equipment.

He was secretary to the local board of trade, served on the school board, and was president of the education coalition. He was on the executive of the Fundy Weir Fishermen’s Association. He was founding chair of the Grand Manan Transportation Commission, member of the Airport Commission, and President of Grand Manan’s 1984 Bicentennial Committee and the chamber of commerce (1984-1987). He was founding director of the Grand Manan Boys’ and Girls’ Club and he is active in the Grand Harbour Baptist Church.

First elected October 13, 1987, as the Liberal MLA for Charlotte-Fundy, he was on numerous committees including the Select Committee on the 1987 Constitutional Accord. Re-elected September 23, 1991, he served on the Select Committee on Demographics, among others. He was Legislative Assistant to the Department of Municipalities, Culture and Housing. Re-elected September 11, 1995, for the new riding of Fundy Isles, he served on the Standing Committee on Law Amendments and the Select Committee on Demographics. He chaired the government caucus (1997-1999). He was re-elected June 7, 1999, and served on several committees, and as Opposition House Leader. He was re-elected for a fifth term June 9, 2003. He is critic for interests relating to transportation and a member of the Standing Committees on Procedure and Crown Corporations.

Eric Allaby and his wife Berneta reside in Grand Manan, N.B. They have a son and a daughter.
Milton A. Sherwood was born January 28, 1939, in Upham, N.B. Educated in Saint John, he received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton in 1963.

Mr. Sherwood enjoyed a long career in the printing business. He has resided in Westfield, now Grand Bay-Westfield, for the past 39 years. He served as deputy mayor for nine years, and sat on the Planning Advisory Committee, the Volunteer Firefighters Association, and the Westfield and District Recreation Commission. He is a former member of the Board of Stewards for Westfield United Church, the Lancaster Lions Club, and a charter member of the Saint John Crime Stoppers Board, and he continues to be involved with the Neighbourhood Theatre Company. He has coached teams in the Lancaster Minor Hockey Association and in Little League Ball in Westfield; he played Old Timers softball for the Westfield Kings for 22 years.

First elected on September 11, 1995, for Grand Bay-Westfield, he was named Deputy Opposition House Leader and served as the Opposition critic for topics related to the environment, solicitor general, family, and status of women. He was a member of the Standing Committees on Private Bills, Crown Corporations, Public Accounts, and the Ombudsman, and the Select Committees on Demographics, Electoral Reform, and Energy.

Mr. Sherwood was re-elected on June 7, 1999, and on June 21, 1999, he was sworn in as Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development. From March 23, 2000, until October 10, 2001, he served as Minister of Public Safety. He was a member of the Standing Committees on Procedure and Crown Corporations and the Select Committee on Health Care, and he was vice-chair of the Select Committee on Local Governance and Regional Collaboration.

He was re-elected on June 9, 2003. He chairs the Standing Committee on Private Bills and vice-chairs the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Select Committee on Health Care. He is a member of the Standing Committees on Crown Corporations and Law Amendments, and he is a member of the Select Committees on Education, Wood Supply and Public Automobile Insurance.

He and his wife Lois (Lingley) have three children: Reid, Ross, and Leanne.
Grand Falls Region

Ronald Ouellette, the Liberal Member for Grand Falls Region, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 9, 2003. As a member of the Official Opposition, he is the critic for interests relating to local government. He is a member of the Select Committee on Education.

After receiving his Bachelor of Education from the Université de Moncton, he began his teaching career. For many years, he taught special needs children. He held various positions during his 31 years as an educator, including vice-principal at John Caldwell School, and department head at the Polyvalente Thomas-Albert.

His interest in politics began as a teen when he sat on the student council of Collège Saint-Louis/Maïllet. He was selected as the New Brunswick representative at the Convention Internationale de la Francophonie in Africa in 1968.

From 1984 to 1987 he served as a councillor, before becoming the mayor of Grand Falls (1987 to 1992). He sat on the industrial commission for 11 years, including two years as president. He became president of the urban planning commission in 1999.

He sits on the executive of the Saint John River Mariners. He has been involved with the scouting movement and with the minor hockey association. He held the rank of Grand Knight with the Knights of Columbus in Grand Falls. He has been active in his church where, for many years, he was co-ordinator of the marriage preparation team. He was a director of the Grand Falls library committee, and a board member of the Grand Falls Manor.

Ron Ouellette is married to Doreen Cyr and they are the parents of three children: Tina (1970, deceased 1999) (Marcel); Marco (1972) (Carole); and Luc (1974); and the grandparents of four granddaughters: Rébecca, Danie, and Gabrielle (deceased 1999) and Carina. In 1993, they became guardians for Rina (who has down’s syndrome), who became part of the family.
Eugene McGinley, Q.C.

Eugene McGinley was re-elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 9, 2003. In the Fifty-Fifth Legislature, he represents the constituency of Grand Lake. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and the Standing Committee on Law Amendments. As a member of the official opposition, he is the critic for interests relating to the Department of Training and Employment Development.

He was born in Chipman and graduated from high school there in 1953. In 1957, he graduated from U.N.B. with his B.A. (Honours in Economics) and, in 1958, he obtained a Master of Arts Degree (Economics). He was a Sir James Dunn Scholar. He earned his Bachelor of Civil Law Degree from U.N.B. in 1962 and he studied international and civil law in Texas. From 1963 to 1991 he practised law in Bathurst, N.B., and he was honoured with the designation of Queen’s Counsel in 1985.

He was twice elected (by-election December 1, 1972; general election November 18, 1974) to the provincial Legislature to represent the city of Bathurst where he and his late wife, Alberta, raised their family of five children. He has been active in Liberal politics since he was 17 years old.

He was president of the Lions Club, New Brunswick Lung Association, Victorian Order of Nurses, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. He chaired the Bathurst Planning Appeal Board and was research economist with the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council.

He recently completed five years as Chairperson of the New Brunswick Labour and Employment Board.

Eugene McGinley is the proud father of 3 sons, 2 daughters, 2 step-daughters and 9 grandchildren. He resides in Chipman, New Brunswick, with his wife, Anne Marie.
Hampton-Belleisle

Elected to the Legislature as PC MLA for Saint John-Fundy in 1978 and 1982, Bev Harrison was re-elected as MLA for Hampton-Belleisle June 7, 1999, and June 9, 2003.


Elected Speaker of the 54th and 55th Legislatures, he chairs the Legislative Administration and is a member of the Procedure Committee.

He was born in Saint John, N.B., May 10, 1942, the son of William and Jean Harrison. He obtained a B.A. and a B.Ed. from UNB. He retired from teaching in 1997, as principal of Saint John High School.

He was chair of District 6, and vice-chair of District 19, school boards. He served in the RCAF reserve. As Commanding Officer of a local air cadet squadron, he organized the first Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme in Canada and started the first cadet training for girls. He was awarded the Canadian Decoration (1976), Canadian Silver Jubilee Medal (1977), and Golden Jubilee Medal (2002).

He has been active in a variety of associations: national vice-president, Royal Commonwealth Society; president, St. George’s Society; NB Association of Student Activity Advisors; warden, Trinity Anglican Church; chairman, NB Annual Youth Leadership Conference; Camp Medley board of directors. He is a member: Monarchist League of Canada; board of directors NB Youth Orchestra; Diocesan Council, Anglican Diocese of Fredericton; Royal United Services Institute of NB; Royal Canadian Air Force Association; St. George’s Society; St. Andrew’s Society; Eclectic Reading Club (1870); King’s County Historical Society. United Kingdom: Society of the Friends of St. George’s Chapel, Windsor; Royal Air Force Club, London; Constitutional Monarchy Association; Welsh Corgi League.

Mr. Harrison and his wife, the former Marje Nunn, have one son, Nigel, and they live in Hampton, N.B.
Kennebecasis

Brenda Fowlie was first elected to the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly on June 7, 1999, as the Progressive Conservative Member for the riding of Kennebecasis. She was re-elected on June 9, 2003.

During the 54th Legislature, she was a member of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, the Standing Committee on Law Amendments, the Standing Committee on the Ombudsman, and the Select Committee on Education.

She was appointed to Cabinet to serve as Minister of the Environment and Local Government on June 27, 2003.

Mrs. Fowlie’s work experience indicates a strong connection to her community. She was a councillor in the Town of Quispamsis from 1995 to 1999 and worked for many years as a school board trustee. She has worked as a newspaper columnist and hosted two talk shows on local community cable television, “Hot Topic” and “This Week.”

She has been active in the community, volunteering with various organizations to foster social, economic and cultural growth in her area.

She lives in Quispamsis with her husband Ron. They have two children, Colin and Megan Fowlie.
Kent

Born in the community of Rexton, N.B., Shawn Graham is the son of Alan and Connie Graham and the late Sharon Crothers.

Mr. Graham holds bachelors degrees from St. Thomas University and the University of New Brunswick. He also attended the Université Canadienne en France for a year of immersion studies.

Following university, Shawn Graham worked extensively in the New Brunswick public service. He spent five years as the Executive Assistant to the Natural Resources and Energy Minister. As the Manager of Industrial Development, he identified opportunities for the development of value-added forest product manufacturing.

Mr. Graham sought and won the riding of Kent in a by-election in October 1998. He was re-elected in the general elections of June 7, 1999, and June 9, 2003.

As an Opposition MLA, he has served as critic for numerous portfolios including health, education, family and community services, and agriculture. He also served on a number of legislative committees.


On June 9, 2003, Mr. Graham led the Liberal Party to victory in 26 of the province’s 55 constituencies.

Outside of his political duties, Mr. Graham is actively involved in a number of community organizations including Ducks Unlimited, Fredericton Atlantic Salmon Federation and the Rexton Credit Union.

Mr. Graham and his wife, Roxanne Reeves, live in Mundleville, N.B.
Kent South

Claude Williams was born on November 25, 1955, in Saint-Antoine, Kent County, New Brunswick. He is the son of Rita and Irené Williams.

In his first venture into provincial politics, Claude Williams won the April 23, 2001, by-election in the constituency of Kent South. A member of the Progressive Conservative Party, he joined the 46-member Caucus of Premier Bernard Lord. He was a member of the 54th Legislature’s Standing Committee on Private Bills. He chaired the Select Committee on Local Governance and Regional Collaboration.

He was re-elected as a member of the Fifty-Fifth Legislature in the provincial general election held June 9, 2003. He is currently a member of the following standing committees: Privileges, Public Accounts, Private Bills, Legislative Administration and Ombudsman. He chairs the Select Committee on Health Care, and he is a member of the Select Committee on Wood Supply, and the Select Committee on Public Automobile Insurance.

Mr. Williams completed his elementary school studies locally and graduated from high school in Bouctouche. He holds a bachelor of business administration from the Université de Moncton. He was executive assistant to Hon. Omer Léger, MLA for Kent South (1977-1978, 1982-1984), a minister in former Premier Richard Hatfield’s Cabinet, before becoming regional manager for the New Brunswick Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture.

He is well-known in his community where he was chairman and a member of District 12 school board from 1981 to 1989 and chairman of the Kent South chapter of the Canadian disabled association. He was a member of the board of directors of the Caisse populaire de Saint-Antoine and vice-president of the Grand Saint-Antoine local service district. He has also been a member of parents’ committees at Camille-Vautour School in Saint-Antoine and Clément-Cormier High School in Bouctouche. He was elected as a municipal councillor in Saint-Antoine in the 1980s.

Mr. Williams and his wife, Bernice LeBlanc, have two daughters, Vicky and Monica.
LeRoy Armstrong was born in 1936 at Searsville, N.B., and he is the eldest son of Harry and Lena Stackhouse Armstrong.

After attending local schools and Belleisle Regional High School, he worked with his father in the forestry business for a period before moving to Toronto where he worked for CP Rail. He returned to New Brunswick in 1955 and worked for a major grocery chain for nine years. In 1965, he moved to Apohaqui, N.B., and started his own trucking business, Thomas L. Armstrong & Sons Ltd. He was one of the founding members of Kingsco Transport Ltd., a trucking company in Sussex, which is made up of numerous shareholders. Since Kingsco was founded in 1985, he has served three terms as president. He is also a shareholder and director of Quartzitec Tile Inc.

LeRoy Armstrong is a Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly for the constituency of Kings East. He was first elected in the general election held September 11, 1995. During that Legislature, he was a member of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations.

He was re-elected to the Legislative Assembly June 9, 2003, as the member for Kings East. As a member of the official opposition, he is the critic for areas of interest relating to agriculture. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

LeRoy Armstrong and his wife, Anna, reside in Apohaqui, New Brunswick. They are the parents of one daughter and six sons.
Paul Robichaud is a native of Shippagan, New Brunswick. Born on May 6, 1964, he received his education locally, attending Shippagan elementary and high schools and the Shippagan campus of the Université de Moncton.

Involved in provincial and federal politics since 1985, he was elected as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for the riding of Lamèque-Shippagan-Miscou on June 7, 1999.

Mr. Robichaud is familiar with the needs of New Brunswickers, having served as special assistant to a former provincial Minister of Fisheries and as executive assistant to a former Minister of Housing from 1985 to 1987. He is no stranger to the federal scene either having been an executive assistant to a former Minister of Employment and Immigration from 1991 to 1993 in Ottawa, where he was responsible for New Brunswick matters.

From 1993 until the general election of June 7, 1999, Mr. Robichaud was organizing director of the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick. He was named Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture on June 21, 1999. He became Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture on March 23, 2000. He was appointed Minister of Tourism and Parks, and Minister responsible for La Francophonie and president of the Conseil des pêches de la Péninsule acadienne on October 10, 2001. He also acts as Deputy House Leader for the government in the Legislative Assembly.

He was re-elected as member for Lamèque-Shippagan-Miscou on June 9, 2003, and was sworn in as Minister of Transportation on June 27, 2003.

He is married to Nathalie Robichaud.
Mactaquac

Kirk D. MacDonald is the Member of the Legislature for the constituency of Mactaquac. A member of the Progressive Conservative Party, he was elected to the 54th Legislature in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999. During the 54th Legislature, he was a member of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Standing Committee on Law Amendments, and Legislative Administration Committee.

He was re-elected in the provincial general election held June 9, 2003. He chairs the Select Committee on Wood Supply and serves on the Select Committee on Public Automobile Insurance. He is a member of the following standing committees: Public Accounts, Private Bills, Crown Corporations, Procedure, Law Amendments, and the Ombudsman.

He was born in Stanley, New Brunswick, the son of Barbara and Doug MacDonald. He graduated from Stanley High School and continued his education at the University of New Brunswick, receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1997. Active in politics since high school, having served on the Stanley High School Student Council, he is currently a Director of the Tobique-Mactaquac Progressive Conservative Association.

An entrepreneur and businessman with strong interests in agriculture and forestry, Mr. MacDonald has been involved with a variety of business ventures, and currently owns MacDonald Shingleworks and a senior’s apartment complex.

Mr. MacDonald has also contributed widely to his community as a volunteer. He is a judge at local 4-H public speaking competitions. He is a member of the board of directors for St. Thomas Anglican Church and for the Stanley Fair Planning Committee. He chairs the agriculture exhibits committee at the Stanley Fair and is a member of the Stanley Agricultural Society #35. He is also a member of the UNB Business Society and Nashwaak Bicentennial Association.

Mr. MacDonald currently resides in Stanley, N.B.
Percy Paul Mockler was born in St. Leonard, N.B., April 14, 1949. He attended local schools and obtained bachelor of arts in political science and sociology, and master of business administration degrees from the Université de Moncton.

He was first elected to the Legislature October 12, 1982. During the 50th Legislature, he was a member of the Select Committee on Mining and Renewable Resources, and the Standing Committees on Energy, and Public Accounts. He was a member of the Madawaska South Progressive Conservative Association and, from 1987 to 1990, he was provincial organizer of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada.

He was re-elected as MLA for Madawaska South in a by-election November 29, 1993. Following redistribution, he was re-elected to represent the new constituency of Madawaska-la-Vallée in the September 11, 1995, provincial election. He served on the Standing Committees on Private Bills, Public Accounts, Legislative Administration, and the Select Committee on Electoral Reform. He was re-elected June 7, 1999, and sworn in as Solicitor General and Minister of Human Resources Development and Housing on June 21, 1999. He was named Minister of Family and Community Services March 23, 2000. He was appointed Minister of Transportation October 11, 2001.

He was re-elected on June 9, 2003. He was sworn in as Minister of Intergovernmental and International Relations, Minister responsible for the Francophonie, 2004 Celebrations, Service New Brunswick, and Culture and Sport, on June 27, 2003.

A member of the Northwest Focus Group, U de M, International Marketing Centre, U de M and UNB, he is also an advisory member for trade opportunities strategy with the federal Department of External Affairs. He has been active in community affairs as treasurer of a local fish and wildlife association, director of the caisse populaire, and as a member and chair of the former District 32 School Board.

Mr. Mockler and his wife, the former Suzanne Soucy, have four children and they reside in St. Leonard.
Madawaska-les-Lacs

Jeannot Volpé was born in Saint-Jacques in northwestern New Brunswick, where he still lives. He earned a bachelor’s degree in physical education at the Université de Moncton.

Mr. Volpé taught physical education in the Edmundston area in the early 1980s. During those years, he was also a coach in gymnastics, wrestling, and track and field. He has always enjoyed sports, especially hunting and fishing.

His return to the family farm in the early 1980s gave him the opportunity to become involved in various farming organizations, which he headed for a number of years. He was also the founding president of the Fédération des agriculteurs francophones du nord-ouest du Nouveau-Brunswick and a director of several national farm organizations.

He was first elected to the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly as a Progressive-Conservative member on September 11, 1995, in the riding of Madawaska-les-Lacs, and has served on several government standing committees.

He was caucus president for four years and was Opposition critic for several departments and a member of the Select Committee on the Environment and the Select Committee on Energy.

He was re-elected in June 1999, and was sworn in as the new Minister of Natural Resources and Minister responsible for the Energy Secretariat on June 21, 1999, and was co-chair of the Board of Management. He was re-elected as member for Madawaska-les-Lacs on June 9, 2003, and was sworn in as Minister of Finance on June 27, 2003.

Mr. Volpé is the proud father of four children: Dino, Gino, Bruno, and Marco.
Carmel Robichaud is the daughter of the late Dorine and Côme Robichaud of Neguac where she was raised in a large family.

She was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick on June 9, 2003, as the Liberal MLA for the constituency of Miramichi Bay. She is the official opposition critic for areas of interest relating to education and the status of women, and she is a member of the Select Committee on Education.

She attended primary and secondary schools in Neguac. In 1959 she received her Teacher’s License from the New Brunswick Teachers’ College in Fredericton. She holds a teacher’s diploma from the Université de Montreal (1989), a Bachelor of Teaching from St. Thomas’ University; and a Bachelor of Arts from the Université de Moncton. In 1990, she completed the Principal’s In-Service Program in Fredericton and, in 1995, the leadership program at Le Centre de Leadership en Education at the Université d’Ottawa. In 1997 she received her Master of Education in School Administration from the Université de Moncton.

During her 35-year teaching career, she taught students from kindergarten to high school level in both official languages. She was a classroom teacher, a coordinator of the French Second Language and Immersion Program, a department head, and a vice-principal. She also taught at the university level in Newfoundland and for U.N.B. She has worked in the school systems in the provinces of New Brunswick, Ontario and Quebec.

As a member of a consortium on the Acadian Peninsula, she organized the Family’s Festival and she was a board member of the Centre Beausoleil for adults with special needs. She was the founding administration officer of the air cadet squadron in Neguac and she is a member of the Royal Canadian Legion.

She has long been active in the Liberal Association where she was president of the Miramichi Bay Women’s Liberal Association, and secretary for the Miramichi Bay Association.

Carmel Robichaud has two children and four grandchildren.
Michael (Tanker) Malley was born on July 8, 1962, in Chatham, N.B. He attended James M. Hill High School and graduated in 1980, without ever having missed a day of school. He studied carpentry at New Brunswick Community College during 1980 and 1981.

His active role in the community has been as a volunteer fire fighter at the Chatham Fire Department and, for 14 years, as an ambulance driver/attendant. He was an altar boy at St. Michael’s Basilica for ten years, and served on St. Michael’s Parish Council for two terms.

For 12 years, he was a school bus driver with School District 16, and in 1990 he won the award for “Outstanding School Bus Driver of the Year” for the province of New Brunswick. He also worked for the Department of Tourism from 1979 to 1986.

His concern for his community and its people led him to become a Chatham Town Councillor. He held this position from May 1992 until December 1994. With the formation of Miramichi City in 1995, he then became a Miramichi City Councillor, a position he held from February 1995 until his election to the Legislative Assembly in June 1999. He was elected Deputy Mayor of Miramichi City in May 1998. While on the Chatham Town Council and the Miramichi City Council, he was a member of several committees, including those for transportation, police, fire, finance and recreation.

A member of the Progressive Conservative Party, Mr. Malley was first elected to the Legislature in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, to represent the constituency of Miramichi-Bay du Vin. He served on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Select Committee on Education.

He was re-elected in the provincial general election held June 9, 2003. He is currently a member of the Standing Committees on Public Accounts, Private Bills, and Crown Corporations and he chairs the Standing Committee on Ombudsman. He serves on the Select Committees on Education, Health Care, Wood Supply and Public Automobile Insurance. He is also the Government Whip.

He presently resides in Miramichi East with his wife Darlene M. (Connell) Malley and their two children, Mark and Stephanie.
Miramichi Centre

**John Winston Foran** is the son of Winnifred (Wood) Foran and the late Winston Foran, He was born March 13, 1952, in Newcastle, N.B. He is a graduate of Miramichi Valley High School and the Atlantic Police Academy. He retired in January 2004 at the rank of Superintendent from the Miramichi Police Force.

He was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick on June 9, 2003, and he is the Liberal MLA representing the constituency of Miramichi Centre. He is a member of the Select Committee on Wood Supply. As a member of the Official Opposition, he is the critic for areas of interest relating to public safety. He was also appointed by the Leader to chair the Opposition “Youth at Risk” sub-committee.

His long association with the Liberal Party includes serving as president of both the federal and provincial Miramichi riding associations.

He has been involved in local and municipal politics. He served on the School District #16 School Board as a trustee, and he served four consecutive terms on the Newcastle Town Council where he held the positions of Councillor, Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor.

He is a committed community activist. For decades, he has volunteered for several area non-profit organizations, such as: the Arthritis Society of NB, the Kidney Foundation of Canada, and Miramichi Big Brothers/Big Sisters, to name a few.

He is a sports enthusiast and has enjoyed both coaching and managing minor baseball and minor hockey teams in the Miramichi area.

He and his wife, the former Patricia Ullock, are lifelong residents of the Miramichi area, and they have three children and one grandchild.
John Betts was born in Moncton N.B. on February 17, 1949. He was a member of the New Brunswick Youth Orchestra and Dr. Burbank’s Sr. Band while attending Moncton High School. He was a student council member and won the Birk’s Medal for leadership at the N.B. Teachers’ College (UNB), graduating in 1969. He was given a hockey scholarship and graduated from Gordon College in Boston with a Bachelor of Science in 1972.

Mr. Betts was a teacher and music co-ordinator for School District 2 for 28 years and he was the music director for several bands and churches. He has written and published several songs and recordings and he wrote several programs as a member of the Provincial Curriculum Committee.

He received his Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees in Education from the University of Moncton. In 1980, he received the Rotary International Award for study in England and Wales. In 1990 and 1992, he was the Team Leader for the Africa 2000 project in Lesotho, Africa, for CIDA and the FCM to develop local governments.

In 1986, he was elected to Moncton City Council and served for five straight terms. In 1990, he won the Moncton 100 and Maritime Windsurf Championships and placed 7th in the Nationals.

He was elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick on June 7, 1999, as the Progressive Conservative MLA for Moncton Crescent. He served as the chair of the provincial caucus.

He was re-elected on June 9, 2003. He chairs the Select Committee on Education and sits on the Select Committee on Public Automobile Insurance. He is a member of the Standing Committees on Privileges, Public Accounts, and Crown Corporations. He is vice-chair of the Standing Committees on Private Bills and Law Amendments. He chairs the South Eastern New Brunswick Progressive Conservative Caucus.

Mr. Betts is active in hockey, boating, fishing, tae kwon do, skiing and music. His wife Rolene is completing her Ph.D. in Education at UNB. They have three children: Jason, Jessica (Cook), and Jared.
As New Brunswick’s 30th premier, **Bernard Lord** has a vision of a prosperous province that offers New Brunswickers greater opportunities. It is a vision that aims to reach New Brunswick’s full potential by achieving economic success and social progress.

Born on September 27, 1965, Bernard Lord grew up in a bilingual home in the Greater Moncton area.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in social science with a major in economics, as well as a bachelor’s degree in common law from the Université de Moncton.

On October 18, 1997, he was elected leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick at the largest political convention in the province’s history.

A year later, in October 1998, he was elected member for the riding of Moncton East, thereby becoming the Leader of the Official Opposition in the Legislature.

On June 7, 1999, Bernard Lord led his party to the greatest Progressive Conservative victory in New Brunswick history, becoming, at the age of 33, the province’s youngest elected premier.

Four years later, in June 2003, he was elected with another majority government.

Bernard Lord has been recognized by many as a person of vision and leadership and was chosen as one of Time magazine’s top 25 members of the New Generation of Leaders in Canada.

He also holds the honour of Alumnus of the Year from the Université de Moncton and was awarded the title of Grand Officier de l’Ordre de la Pléiade from the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie.

In addition, Bernard Lord holds an honorary doctorate of laws from the University of New Brunswick, and an honorary degree in political science from the Université de Moncton.

He and his wife, Diane (Haché), of Shippagan, have been married since 1990, and they have two children, Sébastien and Jasmine.
Michael (Mike) Murphy was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 9, 2003, to represent the constituency of Moncton North. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments. As a member of the official opposition, he is the critic for interests relating to family and community services and seniors. From 1988 to 1993, he served as president of the New Brunswick Liberal Association.

He was born January 25, 1958. He attended French and English Elementary Schools in Moncton and graduated Moncton High School in 1976. In 1980, he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from U.N.B. In 1983, he earned a Bachelor of Law from the same institution. In June 2002, he graduated with a Masters of Law from Osgoode Law School of York University in Toronto.

He has practiced law for 20 years in both official languages throughout New Brunswick. He has been lead counsel on many precedent-setting cases at the Trial Division and the Court of Appeal. He has been guest speaker at the New Brunswick Bar “Continuing Legal Education” seminars, Canadian Bar mid-winter meetings, and with the Plaintiff Counsel Association of New Brunswick. He is also a member of the Nova Scotia Bar.

Mike Murphy is married to the former Moira Kelly, also a barrister, and they have five children, Timothy 15, Tara 13, Keegan 11, Molly 10 and Aodhán 6. Aside from being a committed father, Mike has also been involved in community events and organizations including Moncton Hospital (Director), Moncton East End Boys’ Club (Director), St. Patrick’s Family Centre (Director), and many other community organizations. He is a former professional driver of harness horses and horse owner.
L. Joan MacAlpine was born in Rexton, N.B. She was educated in Moncton schools, and attended Atlantic Baptist University in Moncton.

Ms. MacAlpine has a long history of community involvement. She is a former president, Uplands/Rockaway Home and School Association, and a former vice-president, Bessborough Home and School Association. She has served as member of the Moncton Hospital Board, as president of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and as fund-raising coordinator for the Canadian Cancer Society and the Red Cross. She has raised funds for the Alzheimer Society and is a former advocacy board member of Support for Single Parents and a former member of the Moncton Police Force Pipe and Drum board.

Ms. MacAlpine also sat on the Greater Moncton International Women’s Day Committee, the December 6th Committee, the Moncton Community Policing Board, the museum board and the Heritage Preservation Review Board. She served as council representative of the Midtown Residents Association. She sat on the Moncton Lion Senior Citizens Board, the City of Moncton Pension Board, and is a member of the Legal and Administrative Committee, City of Moncton. She has taught Sunday School for 18 years at St. John’s United Church, Moncton. Currently, she sits on the Greater Moncton Santa Claus Parade Committee.

Ms. MacAlpine entered politics in 1992, when she was elected to Moncton city council, and was re-elected in 1995 and 1998. She was appointed Moncton’s first female deputy mayor in 1997, and was re-elected deputy mayor in 1998. She was elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick as MLA for Moncton South on June 7, 1999, and was sworn in as Minister of Municipalities on June 21, 1999. She became Minister of Business New Brunswick on March 23, 2000, and then went on to become Minister of Family and Community Services.

She was re-elected as member for Moncton South on June 9, 2003, and sworn in as Minister of Tourism and Parks on June 27, 2003.

Ms. MacAlpine has three daughters: Megan, Julie and Haley.
Frank Richard Branch was born May 7, 1944, in Bathurst, New Brunswick, the son of Richard E. and Lauretta (Whelton) Branch. He was educated in the Bathurst public school system, and graduated from the former LeBlanc High School. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Thomas University in Fredericton, and a Bachelor of Education from the Université de Moncton.

A former teacher at the Collège de Bathurst and the New Brunswick Community College, Mr. Branch was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick on October 26, 1970. He was one of five representatives from the constituency of Gloucester County, and the first elected representative for the new single-member riding of Nepisiguit-Chaleur on November 18, 1974. He was re-elected in 1978, 1982, and October 13, 1987.

While in Opposition, Mr. Branch served on the Select Committees on Mining and Non-renewable Resources; Mining and Renewable Resources; Fisheries; and Science, Technology and the Future. He was a member of the Standing Committees on Agriculture, Corporations, Economic Development, Law Amendments, Library, Municipalities and Corporations, Natural Resources, Natural Resources and Fisheries, Procedure, Public Accounts, Social Development, and Veterans’ Affairs. He was also House Leader.

On October 27, 1987, Premier Frank McKenna designated Frank Branch as the Speaker of the House of Assembly to be elected at the First Session of the Fifty-First Legislature. Mr. Branch resigned from the Legislature in 1995, after 25 years of service.

Mr. Branch was re-elected to the Fifty-Fifth Legislature in the provincial general election held June 9, 2003. He chairs the Standing Committee on Public Accounts. As a member of the Official Opposition, he is the critic for areas of interest relating to mines.

He is married to the former Karen Ingrid Targett, and the couple have three children. They reside in Big River.
New Maryland

Keith Ashfield was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999, to represent the constituency of New Maryland.

During the Fifty-Fourth Legislature, he was a member of the Legislative Administration Committee, the Standing Committee on Law Amendments, and the Select Committee on Education. On July 6, 1999, he was appointed Deputy Speaker of the House, and he served as Chairman of the Committees of the Whole House.

He was re-elected to serve in the Fifty-Fifth Legislature in the provincial general election held June 9, 2003. He was sworn in as the Minister of Natural Resources on June 27, 2003. He is a member of the Board of Management.

Mr. Ashfield has given much time as a volunteer in his community. He has been an active participant in several school district associations. He was a trustee for School Districts 25 and 17, and he was president and vice-president of the New Brunswick School Trustees Association. He also served as director and as chair of the Finance Committee for the Canadian School Boards Association.

He was born March 28, 1952, in Fredericton, N.B. He is the son of Nora Locke and the late Jack Ashfield. He graduated from Oromocto High School in 1970, and attended the University of New Brunswick from 1970 to 1972, where he took courses in Business Administration.

For several years he owned and operated his own business.

Mr. Ashfield has been actively involved with the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick and, for several years, he served as the director of the Fredericton Progressive Conservative Party Association.

Keith Ashfield and his wife, Judy, live in Lincoln, N.B.
Roland Haché was born on June 14, 1947, in Nigadoo, New Brunswick. He holds a Bachelor of Arts with a specialization in administration from the Université de Moncton and a Bachelor of Education (Postsecondary Education) from the same university. In addition, he took several MBA courses.

His work experience is extensive. He has worked as a teacher for the Commission scolaire du Golfe in Sept-Îles, Quebec. He held the position of assistant manager at the National Bank in Petit Rocher. He also served the Conseil scolaire Jérôme-Boudreau in several capacities concurrently, including those of school dropout prevention worker and discipline development officer.

Mr. Haché also worked at Bathurst Community College where he taught courses in management, accounting, and human resources management. He concurrently held the posts of teacher and head of the entrepreneurship program.

He served as mayor of the village of Petit Rocher, president of the Administration portuaire du quai régionale de Petit-Rocher, towns and villages representative to the New Brunswick Employees Pension Plan, and adviser to the Chaleur Regional Development Commission.

He was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick as the Member for Nigadoo-Chaleur on June 7, 1999. He sat on the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, the Standing Committee on the Ombudsman, and the Standing Committee on Law Amendments. In addition, he was a member of the Select Committee on Health Care and the Select Committee on Local Governance and Regional Collaboration. He was the opposition critic for areas of interest relating to the Departments of Training and Employment Development, Tourism and Parks, and Natural Resources. He was the Liberal Caucus Whip.

He was re-elected on June 9, 2003. He is a member of the Standing Committees on Privileges and Public Accounts and the Select Committee on Public Automobile Insurance. As a member of the Official Opposition, he is the critic for areas of interest relating to Business New Brunswick.

Mr. Haché has one son, Chris, an officer in the Canadian Armed Forces. Chris and his wife Margaret have one daughter, Charlotte.
Jody Carr was born on July 3, 1975, in Saint John, N.B., the youngest son of the late Basil Carr and Debbie Johnston. He has a twin brother, Jack, and an older brother, Jeff. He attended Oromocto High School where he graduated in 1993 as class president. He went on to the university of New Brunswick where he graduated with a Degree in Business Administration in 1998, majoring in economics.

In 1995, at 20 years old, he was the youngest Progressive Conservative Party candidate in the history of New Brunswick when he was a candidate in the provincial general election in the riding of Oromocto-Gagetown. He was co-chair of the 1997 Progressive Conservative leadership convention and worked as a researcher in the Office of the Official Opposition.

He is from the community of Geary, N.B., and was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 7, 1999. During the Fifty-Fourth Legislature, he was a member of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, Select Committee on Education, and Select Committee on Local Governance and Regional Collaboration.

He was re-elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 9, 2003. He chairs the Standing Committee on Law Amendments and he is vice-chair of the Select Committee on Education. He serves on the Standing Committees on Privileges, Public Accounts, and Crown Corporations. In addition, he is a member of the Select Committees on Health Care and Wood Supply, chair of the Fredericton region government caucus, and chair of the provincial government caucus.

Jody Carr is married to Krista (Barker). They have one daughter, Taylor Lauren Rochelle, and they reside in Burton, N.B.
R. Wallis (Wally) Stiles was born October 18, 1950, in Sussex, N.B., and he is the son of Ralph and Elsbeth Stiles. He is a life-long resident of the riding. He graduated from Petitcodiac Regional High School with honours in 1968 and went on to receive a Bachelor of Business Administration from UNB in 1973.

He worked with Goodyear Canada, Modern Enterprises Ltd., and for 24 years, he was the controller for Cement Cartage Co. Ltd. in Havelock, N.B.

He has been active in numerous organizations such as Jaycees, Royal Canadian Legion, Petitcodiac and District Promotional Association (founding president), the local policing committee, director of the Petitcodiac / Salisbury ambulance service, and as a trustee for Saint James United Church. An officer with 639 Royal Canadian Air Cadets Squadron in Petitcodiac, he was adjutant, training officer and commanding officer. He was awarded the Canadian Decoration for service.

He is an avid outdoors man and actively involved in woodlot management. He has been a maple sugar producer for over 25 years, and enjoys golf, curling, ATVs and motorcycling.

In 1995 he was elected village councillor in charge of protective services. He was re-elected in 1998 and became deputy mayor in charge of finance. In 1994 he took on the responsibility of President of the Petitcodiac riding Progressive Conservative Association.

Mr. Stiles was first elected June 7, 1999, as MLA for Petitcodiac. During the 54th Legislature, he chaired the Select Committee on Private Passenger Automobile Insurance, and he is currently vice-chair of the Select Committee on Public Automobile Insurance.

He was re-elected June 9, 2003. He chairs the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations and is a member of the Standing Committees on Law Amendments, Private Bills and Legislative Administration. He is also a member of the Select Committee on Health Care, the Select Committee on Education, and he is vice-chairman of the Select Committee on Wood Supply.

Mr. Stiles has three children, Aaron, Adam and Shawna, and three grandchildren, Katelyn, Shyla, and Hannah.
Restigouche West

Burt Paulin was born on August 13, 1955, in Montreal. He has lived in Saint-Jean-Baptiste since he was four months old. He is married to Carolle Mallais of Saint-Jean-Baptiste and the couple have a son, Jean-François, a daughter, Nancy, and four grandchildren.

He attended Menneval and Saint-Jean-Baptiste schools, as well as the central Kedgwick school in New Brunswick, where he was class president. He later took courses in administration, leadership, sociology, and public relations.

In his first venture into the political arena in May of 1974, at the age of 18, he became the youngest school board member ever elected in Canada and vice-president for the district. From 1983 to 1986, he chaired the District 1 school board, and he chaired the District 5 (Restigouche) board from 1992 until it was abolished. He served as vice-president of the Young Liberals of New Brunswick.

He was first elected to the Legislature on June 9, 2003. He is the Liberal MLA for Restigouche West and, as a member of the official opposition, he is the critic for areas of interest related to parks. He is a member of the Select Committee on Wood Supply.

Mr. Paulin has given generously to his community of Saint-Jean-Baptiste as president of the pastoral council (1973-1988) and president of the Caisse populaire (1973-1997). He is a founding member of the Groupeement forestier de Restigouche, of corporations des loisirs, of the Knights of Columbus Council 7998, of the Association protectrice de l’environnement de Restigouche-Ouest (president), and of a literacy committee (president). He is a founding member of the Dr. Romaric Boulay Foundation for Hôtel-Dieu Saint-Joseph de Saint-Quentin. He was vice-president of the Restigouche Hospital Center and of the regional mental health commission for Region 5. He was a director of the northeastern volunteer firefighters association and a founding member of the Association des conseillers et conseillères scolaires francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick.

In his spare time, Mr. Paulin collects old photographs depicting the early colonial era of the Restigouche West region. He is the author of a book on the history of the Saint-Jean-Baptiste area entitled *Quelques notes historiques sur Olivier*. He founded the Oliver Historical Museum.
Riverview

**Bruce Fitch** is a graduate of Moncton High School and he furthered his studies at Mount Allison University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in biology.

After working as an insurance agent for several years, he joined the staff of Scotia Bank. He is a former investment executive and financial planner with ScotiaMcLeod. His political career began in 1989, when he was elected as a councillor for Ward 2 in Riverview. He served in this capacity until he was elected Mayor in 1998. He was re-elected as mayor in 2001.

During his tenure on Council, he focused on initiatives relating to increased building activity, employment, maintaining a high level of programs and services, promoting Riverview as a great place to live, and building positive working relationships with other municipalities.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church. His hobbies include sailboarding and golf. An ardent fan and supporter of minor sports, he is frequently seen on the sidelines of his children’s games. He has also coached minor soccer and football in the past.

He has been involved in the community for many years. He has been a member of many boards and committees, including Codiac Regional Police Board, Lakeview Manor Senior Citizens Home, and the Atlantic Baptist University.

The son of Dr. Ralph and Jessie Fitch, Bruce was born and raised in Moncton, N.B., and moved to Riverview in 1982. He and his wife, Nancy, have been married for almost 20 years and the couple have three children: Lauren, Lucas, and Jenna.

Mr. Fitch was first elected as the Progressive Conservative MLA for Riverview in the provincial general election held June 9, 2003. He was sworn in as Minister of Energy on June 27, 2003.

**Hon. Bruce Fitch**
A successful sales person and manager, **Rose-May Poirier** has worked for Assumption Life and as an Executive V.I.P. Manager for Tupperware Canada, where she earned a number of distinctions as a sales leader, manager and recruiter.

Ms. Poirier was first elected on June 7, 1999, to represent Rogersville-Kouchibougouac and served as chair of government caucus. During the 54th Legislature, she was a member of the Standing Committees on Procedure and Crown Corporations. She served on the Select Committee on Local Governance, and the Select Committee to Review Appointments by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. She was re-elected on June 9, 2003.

She has been active in her community. She was president of the Rogersville-Kouchibougouac Progressive Conservative Association, and served for six years as town councillor for the village of Saint-Louis de Kent. She was involved with the Saint-Louis de Kent volunteer firefighters, the World Acadian Congress, the Acadian Games, and Promo-Kent, as well as other fund raising activities and various committees.

She was sworn in as Minister Responsible for the Office of Human Resources on June 27, 2003.

Ms. Poirier lives in Saint-Louis de Kent with her husband Donald and they have two daughters, Diane, and Lisa, and three grandchildren.
Saint John Champlain

**Roly MacIntyre** is a native of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. He joined the former Unemployment Insurance Commission in 1971. He was transferred to Saint John, New Brunswick, in 1976 as Regional Manager of the Unemployment Insurance Commission. In 1978, he was appointed District Manager of the newly created Department of Human Resource Development Canada. He spent 25 years as a senior public servant until his retirement in 1995.

He was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick September 11, 1995, as the member for Saint John Champlain. On September 21, 1995, he was appointed Minister of Advanced Education and Labour. On May 14, 1998, he was appointed Minister of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture.

He was re-elected to the Legislature on June 9, 2003. He is a member of the Select Committee on Health Care and the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations. As a member of the Official Opposition, he is the critic for areas of interest relating to health.

He is the recipient of several awards: Sportsperson for the Year in 1991 for the City of Saint John, Canada’s Literacy Volunteer Award, the Canada 125 Medal, and the Queen’s Jubilee Medal for Community Service.

He is very active in the volunteer community. He has held numerous executive positions with a diverse range of organizations and clubs. He is past chair of PRO Kids and was chair of the New Brunswick Senior Friendship Games 2003. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Greater Saint John, the Greater Saint John Economic Development Commission, the Saint John Airport Commission, Fernhill Cemetery, and the Saint John Exhibition Association.

He has been supportive of youth in sports and served as district administrator, president and member of the board of Little League Canada; president and member of the board of Simonds Minor Hockey Association; and vice-chairman and member of the board of the New Brunswick Amateur Hockey Association.

Roly MacIntyre and his wife, the former Phyllis Coady, have three children and they live in the riding of Saint John Champlain.
Stuart Jamieson was born October 22, 1951, in Saint John, N.B. After attending local schools in Saint John, he attended the Saint John Institute of Technology, now the Saint John Community College.

A self-employed carpenter, he was first elected to the Legislative Assembly October 13, 1987, as the Liberal Party representative for the constituency of Saint John-Fundy. He was re-elected in the September 23, 1991, and the September 11, 1995, general elections. He was appointed government whip in November, 1995. He was appointed Minister of State for Rural Development June 23, 1997, and Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development May 12, 1998.

He was re-elected to the Legislative Assembly June 9, 2003, and as a member of the Official Opposition, he is the critic for areas of interest related to the environment. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

During his earlier terms in the Legislature, he served on the Standing Committee on Estimates and the Special Committee on Social Policy Development. He was vice-chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

He was a member of the Rural Advisory Committee to the Minister of State for Rural Development Canada, currently a member of the St. Martins and District Lions Club, and the Seaview Community Centre. He helped initiate the Scenic Route Program for the province and he is actively involved in building and developing the Fundy Trail between St. Martins and Fundy National Park. He is a deacon in the Fairfield United Baptist Church.

Stuart Jamieson and his wife, Martha, reside in the community of Gardner Creek and are the proud parents of three children, Michelle, Holly and Simon.
Elizabeth Jane Weir is the first woman Leader of a political party in New Brunswick, the first elected woman Leader, and the first elected Leader of the provincial New Democratic Party. First elected on September 23, 1991, for Saint John South, she was re-elected on September 11, 1995, and on June 7, 1999, to represent Saint John Harbour.

Following re-election on June 9, 2003, Ms. Weir was the first opposition member chosen to head a select committee of the Legislature; she chaired the Select Committee on Public Automobile Insurance. She is a member of the following Standing Committees: Privileges, Public Accounts, Crown Corporations, Procedure, Law Amendments, and Legislative Administration. In addition, she is a member of the Select Committees on Education, Health Care and Wood Supply.

For her advocacy work on health care issues and her efforts to secure progressive legislative change, she is a three-time recipient of the New Brunswick Nurses’ Association Healthy Public Policy Award and an “honorary member” of Local 273 of the International Longshoremen.

Elizabeth Weir also has extensive experience in international democracy development. She has assisted in parliamentary training initiatives in Mozambique, Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Macedonia, Niger, Romania, Senegal and Morocco.

Ms. Weir received her honours degree in Sociology from the University of Waterloo and her law degree from the University of Western Ontario. In 1978, she was admitted to the law Society of Upper Canada.

A former Industrial Relations and Employment Law teacher at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, she was a member of the Canadian Association of University Teachers.

Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, on February 20, 1948, she is the daughter of Dorothy Wilkinson and the late George Weir. Ms. Weir is married to James Stanley. They have one daughter, Sarah.
Margaret-Ann Blaney was born in Corner Brook, Nfld. She is an honours graduate of Memorial University where she received her degree and did post-graduate work in social work and psychology.

Ms. Blaney has had a longstanding interest in politics. From 1982-1993 she worked as a political reporter for a number of private radio and television stations, including CTV and CBC.

In 1994, Ms. Blaney and her husband started their own small business, the Atlantic Veterinary Hospital in Rothesay, N.B. She was active in the business as co-owner / general manager until June 1999.

Ms. Blaney was elected to the Legislature as the Progressive Conservative MLA for Saint John-Kings on June 7, 1999. She was the Minister of Transportation from June 1999 until October 2001. She was appointed Minister responsible for the Status of Women on June 21, 1999, and Minister of Public Safety in October 2001.

As an active member of her community, Ms. Blaney chaired the 1998 Kidney Foundation Campaign, has served on the board of directors for the Aquatic Center, and has been an active member of the Saint John-Kings Rotary as well as being a long time volunteer with the Children's Miracle Network Telethon.

She was re-elected as the Member for Saint John-Kings on June 9, 2003, and sworn in as Minister of Training and Employment Development on June 27, 2003.

Ms. Blaney and her husband have a son and a daughter and reside in Rothesay, N.B.
Abel LeBlanc was elected to represent the constituency of Saint John Lancaster in the provincial general election held June 9, 2003. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Ombudsman. He is the Official Opposition Caucus Whip.

He is the son of Abel and Dominilde (Gallant) LeBlanc and was born and raised in West Saint John. After high school, he joined the Canadian army and served in the Third Field Squadron of the Royal Canadian Engineers in Chilliwack, B.C. He subsequently spent more than 40 years working at the Port of Saint John; 18 years as an executive officer, and 16 as president of Local 273. He was vice-president of the New Brunswick Federation of Labour where he represented Saint John, Kings and Charlotte Counties. He served on the board of directors of the Saint John Port Authority, the Workers Compensation, and on the appeals tribunal for the Workers Compensation.

He has been active in his community where he was on the board of the United Way, Saint John Heritage and Preservation Board, Saint John Labour Community Services, and Habitat for Humanity. He has been an advocate for injured workers, and he chaired a variety of fund-raising activities for local sports teams.

Abel LeBlanc is married to Elaine O’Leary LeBlanc and they are the parents of two boys, Michael and Andrew.
Saint John Portland

Trevor A. Holder was born in Saint John, N.B., on May 8, 1973, the son of William and Dorothy Holder. He and his wife Brenda live in Saint John.

He was first elected to the Legislature in the provincial election held June 7, 1999, as MLA for Saint John Portland. His political experience includes serving on the executive of the PC Party of New Brunswick as Saint John County vice-president and on the Saint John Portland PC Association as second vice-president.

During the Fifty-Fourth Legislature, he served on the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, the Select Committee to Review Appointments by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and the Select Committee on Private Passenger Automobile Insurance.

He was re-elected on June 9, 2003. He is vice-chair of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations and the Legislative Administration Committee. He serves on the Standing Committees on Private Bills, Procedure, and the Ombudsman. He is a member of the Select Committees on Education and Health Care. He is Deputy Speaker.

He attended Saint John High School, graduating in 1991. He continued his education at the University of New Brunswick in Saint John, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in political science and history in 1995. While at UNBSJ he was elected president of the Student’s Representative Council and elected to the UNBSJ Senate. He also served as vice-president of the Social Sciences Association of UNBSJ and as president of the UNBSJ PC Youth Association.

A financial planner, he has been employed with London Life Insurance Company in Saint John since 1996. He is also pursuing studies toward the Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation.

Active in the community, he is a member and past president of the United Empire Loyalist Association, a member of the Canadian Association of Financial and Insurance Advisors, the Carleton Union Lodge and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #64, a vestryman for St. Lukes Anglican Church Parish of Portland, a volunteer at the World Chess Festival, and the North End Food Bank, and a member of the Boy Scouts of Canada, where he received the Chief Scout Award in 1987.
Bernard Richard, a lawyer and a former social worker, was born April 11, 1951, in Toronto, Ontario. His family returned to Cap-Pelé and he attended local schools. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree (Psychology) from Université de Moncton and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of New Brunswick.

He is a member of the Canadian Bar Association and the Law Society of New Brunswick and, until September 1991, he was a board member and chair of the Legal Services Committee for the Association des juristes d’expression française du Nouveau-Brunswick. He has practiced law at Cap-Pelé since 1978.

In the 1974 provincial election he offered as a candidate for the Parti acadien in the new single-member riding of Shediac. He was later elected to the council of the Village of Cap-Pelé and he served as deputy mayor from 1977 to 1980.

Mr. Richard was first elected to the Legislature on September 23, 1991, as the Liberal MLA for Shediac. He was re-elected September 11, 1995, to represent the new riding of Shediac—Cap-Pelé, and was subsequently appointed Minister of State for Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs. He added the responsibilities of acting Minister of Justice and Attorney General on March 27, 1997. He was appointed Minister of Education July 21, 1997. He resigned as a member of the Executive Council February 6, 1998, to run for the leadership of the provincial Liberal Party. On May 14, 1998, he was sworn in as Minister of Education, and served in that capacity until June 21, 1999.

Mr. Richard was re-elected on June 7, 1999. He was opposition critic for areas of interest relating to Business New Brunswick, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, Justice and Finance.

On March 21, 2001, he was chosen as Leader of the official opposition and Interim Leader of the Liberal Party of New Brunswick. He held this post until May 11, 2002. On May 14, 2002, he assumed the role of Opposition House Leader. He was also chair of the official opposition caucus.

He was re-elected on June 9, 2003. He was opposition critic for interests relating to finance and international and intergovernmental relations. He continued as Official Opposition House Leader.

**Southwest Miramichi**

**Rick Brewer** was born in Stanley, N.B. The eldest and only son of seven children, he is the son of the late Richard C. Brewer and Emma Hanson of Zealand, N.B.

He has been involved in the grocery industry for the past 26 years, beginning with the wholesale business at Willett Foods and The Food Group Inc. He subsequently entered the retail market as the manager and supervisor of five convenience stores. Presently he owns and operates the Taxis River Convenience Store and Flip’s Subs and Sandwiches.

He has been actively involved in his community where he has organized a variety of functions for both youth and adults. He has been a counsellor, a volunteer cook at children and youth camps, and a Sunday school teacher. He has also served as assistant pastor at Life Tabernacle in Fredericton.

Mr. Brewer was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 9, 2003. He is the Liberal MLA for Southwest Miramichi. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Ombudsman and the Select Committee on Education. As a member of the official opposition, he is the critic for interests relating to the Department of Supply and Services.

He is married to the former Ruth Ferreyra of Iquitos, Peru. The couple have two children, Dwayne and Raquel, a daughter-in-law, Tammy, and one grandson, Connor Richard.
Peter Mesheau was sworn in as Minister of Business New Brunswick and Minister Responsible for eNB in June, 2003. He has also served as Minister of Finance, Minister of Investment and Exports, Minister Responsible for Service New Brunswick, and Minister of the former Economic Development, Tourism and Culture Department.

Mr. Mesheau was born in Sackville, N.B., home of Mount Allison University. Following high school, he worked in theatre and television before graduating from Fanshawe College in London, Ontario. He worked extensively in the communications, manufacturing, and marketing sectors. Over the years he has been an active volunteer with numerous community and business groups.

He was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in a by-election November 17, 1997, as a Progressive Conservative MLA and is proud to represent the constituency of Tantramar. He was re-elected in the provincial general elections of June, 1999, and 2003.

In April 2000, he was appointed co-chair of the National Committee on Internal Trade. During his tenure in the opposition, Mr. Mesheau served as health critic and on the Standing Committee on Private Bills, Public Accounts, and Law Amendments. He was also a member of the Select Committee on Energy.
Tracadie-Sheila

Elvy Robichaud was born April 3, 1951, in Tracadie-Sheila. A teacher, he received a Bachelor of Physical Education degree from the Université de Moncton in 1975, a Bachelor of Education from the Université de Moncton in 1981, and a Master of Education in 1983. He was principal of Le Tremplin school in Tracadie-Sheila and principal of La Rencontre school in Neguac.

An avid physical recreation enthusiast, Elvy Robichaud has been recreation director for the Town of Tracadie, president of New Brunswick Special Olympics, co-chair of the Department of Education Adapted Physical Recreation Program Committee, and treasurer of Leisure New Brunswick.

He has been the executive secretary to the Federation of Students at the Université de Moncton, a Tracadie town councillor (1983 to 1986), and board chair of the Hôtel-Dieu Saint-Joseph of Tracadie.

He served as the administrator for the Hôtel-Dieu Saint-Joseph of Tracadie, and in 1988 he received his Health Services Management Certificate from the Canadian Hospital Association in Ottawa.

He was first elected as the MLA for the constituency of Tracadie in a September 26, 1994, by-election, the first Progressive Conservative elected to represent Tracadie since 1912. He was re-elected September 11, 1995; June 7, 1999; and June 9, 2003, to represent the new electoral district of Tracadie-Sheila. He was sworn in June 21, 1999, as Minister of Education and served until October 2001, when he became Minister of Health and Wellness.

A former Opposition House Leader, he served on the Legislature’s Standing Committees on Procedure, Law Amendments, Public Accounts, and as a member of the Select Committee on Demographics.

Elvy Robichaud is married to the former Claudia Mazerolle. The Robichauds have three children.
Dr. Larry Ronald Kennedy was born November 8, 1949, at Perth-Andover, N.B. He is the son of Mary F. O’Hagan and Ronald M. Kennedy.

He attended local schools in Perth-Andover and graduated from the Southern Victoria High School. After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of New Brunswick, he graduated from Dalhousie University with an M.D. He is Certified with the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

A family practitioner, he was first elected to the Legislature October 13, 1987, as the Liberal MLA for Victoria-Tobique. He was re-elected in 1991. The results of the September 11, 1995, provincial general election were challenged, and were followed by a by-election win on July 23, 1997, and re-election in the 1999 and the 2003 provincial general elections.

Dr. Kennedy has served on the Standing Committees on Law Amendments and Private Bills, and was chair of the latter. He was a member of the Special Committees on Social Policy Development, Economic Policy Development and the Select Committee on Demographics and the Select Committee on Health Care. He served as opposition critic for areas of interest relating to the Departments of Intergovermental Affairs, Aboriginal Affairs, and Public Safety.

He is currently a member of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and the Select Committee on Health Care. He is the official opposition critic for areas related to Service New Brunswick.

He was a councillor in the Village of Perth-Andover; chief and president of the medical staff at Hôtel-Dieu Saint-Joseph, and a director of the New Brunswick Medical Society. He was chairman of District 31 School Board.

An active hunter, fisherman, snowmobiler, downhill and cross-country skier, he is a member of the Maple Syrup Producers and the Christmas Tree Producers Associations. He is a member of both the Rotary and Elks Clubs.

He and his wife, the former Brenda Ellen Naugler, have four children.
Antoon J. (Tony) Huntjens was first elected as the Progressive Conservative MLA to represent Western Charlotte on June 7, 1999, and he was re-elected on June 9, 2003. He was sworn in as Minister of Family and Community Services and Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on Seniors on June 27, 2003.

During the 54th Legislature, he was a member of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and the Select Committee on Health Care.

He earned a Bachelor of Teaching and Bachelor of Education degrees at the University of New Brunswick. During his long teaching career, he has helped adults and children alike to upgrade their education. He has been actively involved in the Business Education Council as well as in curriculum development committees. He was president of the Charlotte County Music Festival and spent years as a choir director and a choir member.

He is extensively involved with his church and he has volunteered for a variety of community organizations, including the Kidney Foundation of Canada and the CNIB.

Tony lives in St. Stephen near his two daughters, Jane Huntjens, and Tanya and Danny Langley. He has two grandchildren, Derica and Peter.
**Woodstock**

**David Nathan Alward** was elected to the Legislature in the provincial election held June 7, 1999, as the Progressive Conservative Member for Woodstock. He was the Chairman of the Legislature’s Standing Committee on Crown Corporations. In addition, he was a member of the Select Committee to Review Appointments by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council and the Select Committee on Private Passenger Automobile Insurance.

He was born December 2, 1959, in Beverly, Massachusetts, and is the son of the Reverend Ford and Mrs. Jean Alward. He graduated from Nackawic Senior High School and completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology at Bryan College, Dayton, Tennessee. He has also completed course work toward a Master of Arts degree in Counselling Psychology.

Mr. Alward was employed with the federal government from 1982 until 1996. From 1996 to 1999, he was self-employed as a human resource development and community development consultant. In addition to his consulting work, he and his family operate a small family farm in Riceville, N.B., where they raise purebred Hereford cattle and own and operate a small woodlot.

Active in his community, he volunteered as an emergency medical technician and lab instructor with the Saint John Ambulance and as a firefighter with the Meductic Fire Department. He served on the board of directors of the Carleton Regional Development Commission and the New Brunswick Hereford Association. He served on the Centennial Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee, the School District 12 Stay-in-School Committee, and the local agricultural employment board. He has also been a volunteer in local recreational activities and student tutoring.

He was re-elected as member for Woodstock on June 9, 2003, and sworn in as Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture on June 27, 2003.

He and his wife Rhonda have two sons, Jonathan and Benjamin.
Scott Targett was elected to the Fifty-Fifth Legislature of New Brunswick in the provincial general election held June 9, 2003. He represents the constituency of York and is a Liberal MLA. He is a member of the Select Committee on Wood Supply. As a member for the official opposition, he is the critic for interests relating to natural resources. He has been appointed Chair of the Liberal Caucus.

He was born and raised in rural New Brunswick where he learned early the value of honest, hard work. He worked his way through high school as a labourer and machinery operator in a manufacturing plant.

After graduating high school, he attended the University of New Brunswick and, in 1984, earned a Business Administration degree with a major in economics and accounting. He continued his education and, in 1987, he earned a Bachelor of Education degree (Certificate V).

Since 1988, he has established and successfully managed several businesses throughout New Brunswick. In 2001, Atlantic Progress magazine recognized his leadership and business successes when it listed Targett’s Window and Door Center as the 14th fastest growing company in Atlantic Canada and Scott Targett as the 7th fastest growing employer. Through his businesses he has created more than 100 jobs across the province.

He is committed to his community. He was elected chairman of the Yoho Lake and Area Safety Committee in 2000, and he was elected vice-president of the Yoho Lake Association in 2002. He also serves on the board of directors of the Fredericton Home Builders Association.

An avid outdoors person, he enjoys canoeing, fishing, hunting, four-wheeling, snowmobiling, horses, and travelling with his family. He is a member of the Thistle Fishing Club on the Miramichi and the Royal Fishing and Hunting Club on the Restigouche.

He is married to Rhonda MacDonald of McAdam and the couple have three children: Chad, Jacie and Curtis.

The Targett’s live in the Harvey area.
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