



Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FPT) Ministers of Infrastructure Meeting

BIOGRAPHIES OF FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL-TERRITORIAL (FPT) MINISTERS*

**for participating Ministers*

Government of Canada

Housing and Infrastructure (Chair)



Honourable Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and Minister Responsible for Pacific Economic Development Canada

Minister Robertson was appointed the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and Minister responsible for Pacific Economic Development Canada in May 2025.

Minister Robertson previously served as the 39th Mayor of Vancouver from December 2008 to November 2018, the longest consecutive term in Vancouver’s history. As mayor he championed sustainability and urban innovation, his administration launched the city’s “Greenest City” agenda promoting public transit, housing initiatives, and economic development, focusing on clean technology and sustainable growth.

Robertson served as the Special Envoy in the Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships (CHAMP) from April 2024 to May 2025 and was the Global Ambassador of Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, the largest city alliance for climate leadership from April 2019 to May 2025.

Prior to his career in politics, Robertson ran an organic farm. His entrepreneurial and environmentalist passion led Robertson to co-found Happy Planet Foods in 1994. He also worked as the Director of Tides Canada, a national environmental charity that works to solve major social and environmental issues between 2002 and 2004.

He has a Bachelor of Arts in English and Biology from the University of British Columbia.

Minister Robertson is married to Eileen Park and has four children. His interests include cycling and playing the tuba, which he performed on Slim Milkie’s 2010 country punk album, *Silverado*.



Provincial and Territorial Participants

Ontario (Co-Chair)



Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and (Acting) Minister of Infrastructure

Minister McCarthy was sworn in as Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks in March 2025. In October 2025, he was appointed Acting Minister of Infrastructure in addition to his Environmental portfolio.

Previously he served as Minister of Public and Business service Delivery and Procurement (2024-2025), Associate Minister of Transportation (2023). He has also served as Deputy Government Whip and Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board.

Prior to entering politics, Minister McCarthy was a senior partner at Flaherty McCarthy LLP, served part-time as a Deputy Judge presiding over Small Claims Court cases at the Durham Region Courthouse and was President of the Durham Region Law Association. He also served as a Trustee and Vice Chair of the Durham Catholic District School Board. In recognition of his achievements, he was presented the Ontario Bar Association Insurance Law Award in 2021 and was the defence counsel Honouree of the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association annual celebration of the Personal Injury Bar in 2019.

In his spare time, Todd coached and sponsored minor hockey teams and taught as an Adjunct Professor at both Queen's University Faculty of Law and the Durham College Faculty of Justice and Emergency Services. He is also a founding donor and supporter of the Durham Abilities Centre.

He has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Law from Osgood Hall Law School, York University.

Todd and his wife Kathy have three children and continue to live in Durham region.



British Columbia



Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure

Minister Ma was appointed Minister of Infrastructure in November 2024.

Previously she served as Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, as Minister of State for Infrastructure under the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, and as Parliamentary Secretary for TransLink.

Prior to being elected to the Legislature in 2017, Minister Ma managed terminal expansion and redevelopment projects at the Vancouver International Airport as a Project Engineer.

Minister Ma is a licensed professional engineer with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Management degree both from the University of British Columbia. She is also a certified Project Management professional.

Minister Ma lives in North Vancouver with her spouse, daughter, and two cats.

British Columbia



Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

Minister Christine Boyle was appointed Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs in July 2025.

She previously served as Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

Minister Boyle was a Vancouver City Councillor from 2018 to 2024, and was known for her leadership on affordable housing, climate action, and Indigenous reconciliation. She co-chaired the city's UNDRIP Task Force and served on several Indigenous relations committees.

Christine's early career included front-line social services and multi-faith climate advocacy. She holds a degree in Urban Agriculture and



	<p>First Nations Studies from UBC and contributed to Amnesty International’s Stolen Sisters report.</p> <p>Christine grew up on the territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and səliłwətał (Tseil-Waututh) people, and loves cooking and spending time outdoors.</p> <p>She lives in Vancouver with her husband and two children.</p>
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Saskatchewan

	<p>Honourable David Marit, Minister of SaskBuilds and Procurement, Minister of Highways</p> <p>Minister Marit was appointed Minister of Highways, Minister of SaskBuilds and Procurement, and Minister responsible for the Global Transportation Hub Authority in November 2024.</p> <p>Minister Marit previously served as Minister of Highways and Infrastructure in 2016 and was later given the added responsibility of serving as Minister responsible for SaskBuilds and Priority Saskatchewan. In 2018, he served as Minister of Agriculture, Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation, and Minister responsible for the Water Security Agency.</p> <p>Minister Marit was an active producer all his life until 2019 and is still a current landowner.</p> <p>He and his wife Lois have a son, and their late daughter blessed the family with two granddaughters and one grandson.</p>
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	<p>Honourable Eric Schmalz, Minister of Government Relations</p> <p>Minister Schmalz was appointed Minister of Government Relations, Minister responsible for First Nations, Métis and Northern Affairs, and Minister responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission in November 2024.</p> <p>Before entering politics, Minister Schmalz served 14 years as a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In 2017, he joined his family’s business and obtained training as an auctioneer.</p> <p>In 2019, Minister Schmalz was elected Reeve for the RM of Prince Albert in a by-election and subsequently re-elected in the fall of 2020.</p> <p>Minister Schmalz resides on a farm near Prince Albert with his wife and their two children.</p>
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Manitoba



Honourable Mintu Sandhu, Minister of Public Service Delivery

Minister Mintu Sandhu was appointed Minister of Public Service Delivery in November 2024.

Mintu Sandhu was elected as the MLA for The Maples in 2019. Before he was elected to the Manitoba Legislature, Sandhu worked his way up to a leadership position in one of Winnipeg's largest taxicab companies. As an MLA, Sandhu has advocated for improvements to Manitoba's Provincial Nominee Program, promoting family reunification.

He has been a staunch advocate for workers and new Canadians, ensuring wage protection for taxi drivers during the pandemic and supporting families who lost loved ones during COVID-19.

Sandhu grew up in Punjab, India and came to Canada as a teenager. Sandhu, his wife and his three children live in The Maples, where they have lived for 34 years.



Honourable Glen Simard, Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations

Minister Simard has served as the Minister of Municipal and Northern Affairs since November 2024.

Previously he served as Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism from October 2018 to November 2024.

Minister Simard has served in several volunteer roles in the community including with the Brandon Teachers' Association, Brandon Minor Baseball and Millenium Park.

Minister Simard attended the Brandon University where he obtained a Bachelor's degree in Education and English.

He lives in Brandon with his wife, Lori, and their two sons.



Québec



Benoit Charette, Minister Responsible for Infrastructure

Minister Charette was appointed Minister responsible for Infrastructure in September 2025 as a member of the provincial legislature of Quebec for the riding of Deux-Montagnes.

Previously he served as the Director of the Whip's and Leader's Offices of the second Opposition Group for the National Assembly of Quebec from 2012 to 2014.

Before entering politics, Minister Charette was a Manager of Local Programs for the Jules and Paul-Émile Léger Foundation in Montreal from 2005 to 2008, Executive Director for Forum jeunesse des Laurentides in Saint-Jérôme from 2003 to 2005, and a Program Manager for Agence intergouvernementale de la Francophonie in Moncton, New Brunswick from 2001 to 2003.

He has served on various boards of Directors for community organizations over the years including in Réseau Internet francophone Vieillir en liberté, TRACE (street work), Carrefour Jeunesse-Emploi de Deux-Montagnes and SOS Jeunesse. He has also been the Honorary President of the Regroupement TANDEM and the Mois de la Jonquille fundraising campaigns of the MRC de Deux-Montagnes

Minister Charette has a Bachelor's degree in History with a concentration in Political Science from the Université du Québec, and Specialized Graduate Diploma in Public Administration from École nationale d'administration publique.



New Brunswick



Honourable Chuck Chiasson, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Minister Chiasson was appointed Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure in November 2024. He was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in 2014.

Prior to his career in politics, Minister Chiasson worked in sales and customer service, initially with Pepsi-Cola Canada and later with Kraft Canada Inc, where he dedicated 24 years of his professional life.

Mr. Chiasson's has a passion for youth and community service, leading him to coach minor soccer from 1998 to 2004 and provide martial arts instruction from 2007 to 2014. He has also been a champion of various local fundraisers, raising funds for causes such as the Canadian Cancer Society, the local women's shelter and the SPCA.

Minister Chiasson studied marketing management at Husson College, in Maine.

He and his wife Lynne live in Grand Falls, NB. They have two adult children, Tanya and Charles, and one grandson, Zachary.



Honourable Gilles LePage, Minister of Regional Development Corporation

Minister LePage has served as the Minister of Regional Development Corporation since November 2024.

Gilles LePage was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick as the member for the riding of Restigouche West in September 2014. He was then re-elected in September 2018, September 2020, and October 2024, elections.

Before his appointment as a Cabinet minister in 2017, Mr. LePage held several important positions, including Chair of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy and Vice-Chair of the Legislative Instruments and Regulations Board. In 2017, he was appointed Minister of Labour, Employment and Population Growth and later served as acting Minister of Tourism, Heritage and Culture in 2018. In 2024, Mr. LePage added Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Minister responsible for the Regional Development Corporation to his portfolio.

Mr. LePage has a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing from the University of Moncton. He also holds a certificate in municipal administration.

He is married and has two daughters. Today, he is the proud grandfather of a wonderful granddaughter.



Nova Scotia



Honourable Fred Tilley, Minister of Public Works

Minister Tilley was appointed Minister of Public Works in December 2024. He concurrently serves as Minister responsible for the Sydney Tar Ponds Agency, the Sydney Steel Corporation Act, and the Build Nova Scotia Act.

Minister Tilley was first elected to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly as Liberal MLA for Northside-Westmount in 2021. On October 22, 2024, he joined the Progressive Conservative Caucus and was re-elected in 2024. He sits on the province's Treasury and Policy Board.

Prior to a career in politics, Mr. Tilley was trained as a professional accountant and worked in the financial area for business in the retail, construction and fish-harvesting sectors. He also served as the Principal for Nova Scotia Community College's Marconi Campus from 2013 to 2021 and Academic Chair from 2001 to 2013.

Minister Tilley has a Master's of Arts in Education from Mount Saint Vincent University.



Honourable John A. MacDonald, Minister of Municipal Affairs

Minister John MacDonald was appointed Minister of Municipal Affairs in October 2025.

John A. MacDonald was first elected to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly as MLA for Hants East in 2021 and was re-elected in 2024.

In 1999 John opened a small business; his company supports Transportation companies in North America working with international companies automating the movement of freight.

John has served on various boards and is still an active volunteer in the community. He served as municipal councillor for 9 years in East Hants, chaired Planning Advisory Committee and was Deputy Warden twice.

John lives in Lantz with his wife Chantelle and his daughter Teresa.



Newfoundland and Labrador



Honourable Barry Petten, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Minister Petten was appointed Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Deputy Premier, and Minister of Public Procurement in October 2025.

Barry was a mental health counsellor for 20 years, served on various boards including the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Social Workers and the Municipal Appeals Board. He was also President and Chief Shop Steward of Local 6234. Barry was first elected in 2015.

Barry has a diploma in Business Management and Accounting from the College of the North Atlantic.

Barry resides in Conception Bay South with his wife and two daughters.

Prince Edward Island



Honourable Ernie Hudson, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Minister Hudson was appointed Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure in April 2023.

Previously Minister Hudson served as the Minister of Health and Wellness from February 2021 to April 2023 and Minister of Social Development and Housing from May 2019 to February 2021. He has previously worked as a constituency Manager for Egmont MP, Honourable Gail Shea, and as Chief of Staff in the Opposition Office.

Prior to entering politics, he was Chair of the West Prince Health Board, served as a Steward and Trustee for O'Leary United Church and was a Board Member of the Rev. WJ Philips Residence in Alberton. For 27 years he operated a family dairy farm in Cascumpec.

Minister Hudson is a graduate of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and the University of Guelph.

He and his wife Marilyn live in Fortune Cove, they have two daughters and are proud grandparents to four grandchildren.

Yukon



Honourable Cory Bellmore, Minister of Community Services

Minister Cory Bellmore was appointed Minister of Community Services on November 22, 2025.

Previously Minister Bellmore served in a variety of roles in her community including as the Director of Finance and Administration with Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation, a Village of Carmacks Councillor, Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Carmack and Dawson City, a former Director of the Carmacks Development Corporation, Chair of the Tantalus School Council and Treasurer for the Pelly-Carmacks Training Trust Fund.

In 2017, she was elected to the first Northern Board Representative of the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators. In 2022, she became the first Northern representative and First Nation president of the board.

Cory Bellmore graduated with a Commerce Degree from the University of Calgary.

Cory Bellmore resides in Carmacks with her three children.

Yukon



Honourable Linda Benoit, Minister of Highways and Public Works

Minister Linda Benoit was appointed Minister of Highways and Public Works on November 22, 2025.

She has vast experience working in both the private and political sectors, she worked at a local construction company as a finance, health and safety manager, while also running her own part-time bookkeeping business. Additionally, she co-owned a local IT company and served in the hospitality sector. She has also worked in the cabinet offices of both former Yukon Party Premiers Dennis Fentie and Darrell Pasloski, as well as in executive roles within the party itself.

Linda Benoit is a dedicated volunteer who currently serves as the Treasurer for the Yukon Contractors' Association and for Equal Voice and has also volunteered for many organizations, including the Youth of Today Society, Yukon Women in Trades and Technology, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion, and the Canadian Coalition of Women in Science, Engineering, Trades and Technology.

Minister Benoit holds a certificate in Information Technology from Yukon College.

Northwest Territories



Honourable Vince McKay, Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs

Minister Vince McKay assumed the role of Minister of Infrastructure on March 31, 2025. He concurrently serves as Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Minister Responsible for Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission and Minister Responsible for the Public Utilities Board since December 2023.

Mr. McKay's career as a public servant with the Government of the Northwest Territories has spanned 26 years, having started as a corrections officer and steadily climbing the ranks to become a corrections supervisor. His leadership skills led him to deputy warden and eventually director of the Investigations and Standards Office. Mr. McKay also served on Hay River's Town Council for 15 years.

Mr. McKay spent 30 years with the Hay River Fire Department. He also owned and operated Westech Fire and Safety since 1999, highlighting his entrepreneurial nature and commitment to the highest standards of safety.

Mr. McKay is an avid sports enthusiast and loves the outdoors.

He resides in Hay River with his wife, Barbara and their two children.



Nunavut



Honourable George Hickes, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Minister Hickes was appointed Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure on November 20, 2025. He concurrently serves as Deputy Premier, Minister of Justice, Minister responsible for the Labour Standards Board and Minister responsible for the Human Rights Tribunal.

Previously Mr. Hickes served as Deputy Speaker and Chair of the Committee of the Whole and Chair of the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts. His earlier roles also include a number of Ministerial portfolios, including Minister of Finance, Minister of Health, Minister of Justice, Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation and Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission.

Prior to being elected to the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Hickes was employed at the Qulliq Energy Corporation. Mr. Hickes has also held senior positions in the Government of Nunavut's Department of Education and Department of Economic Development and Transportation. Mr. Hickes also served as Executive Assistant to the Minister of Education.

Prior to making Iqaluit his home in 2004, Mr. Hickes worked in the financial services industry. He has served as a volunteer firefighter, a member of the Canadian Rangers and a youth hockey coach.

Mr. Hickes is married and has four adult daughters.