



# Senior Liberals' Commission

## Liberal Party of Canada

**“Senior Liberals are informed, engaged, contributing members of the Liberal Party of Canada”**



PEI Seniors at the 2018 Halifax Convention & back on the Island

In 2018, the Commission's National Board adopted a new Vision (quoted above) and a new Mission statement: *“To inspire older Canadians to participate in the political affairs of Canada and to provide the Liberal Party of Canada with insight and understanding of the interests and needs of Canada's current and future senior citizens.”*

The Commission's [new Charter](#) was adopted by the Party's [National Board](#) in September 2018. It reduces the age at which a Registered Liberal is automatically recognized as a member of our Commission from 65 to 60 years of age, and makes it easier to get SLC Clubs started.

### Senior Liberals' Commission Organization

Our National Board has five elected Officers, five elected Regional Directors, two past co-Chairs, and up to 11 Section Chairs, elected by Senior Registered Liberals in their provinces and territories. Find more details of our organization and governance in the [Commission Charter](#).

**Section Boards** represent the Commission in their provinces and territories. Their work includes encouraging your participation in the Party's policy development process. They will support you in founding and maintaining Commission Clubs, and play a key role in strengthening working relationships with electoral district associations (EDAs). EDAs can also appoint



Commission representatives.

We have new SLC Section boards in the Atlantic provinces, in Nova Scotia (Chair Jim Carwardine) and New Brunswick (Chair Francis LeBlanc), and a new SLC Club, Outaouais Senior Federal Liberals. The first in Quebec, it launched Fall 2018, with an introduction from Pontiac MP Will Amos and members from Pontiac, Gatineau and Argenteuil, La Petite Nation.



Interested in founding or joining an SLC Club? To learn more, or to connect with a Commission representative in your EDA, contact your [Regional Director or Section Chair](#).

## Board Positions Filled

We are happy to have Iain Munro back for a second consecutive term as the Commission's Secretary-Treasurer.



We welcome Maryanne Kampouris as our Commission's new National Policy Chair. Maryanne was appointed to fill the vacancy in October, 2018. She brings with her considerable experience gained as a former Chair of the LPC(O) Policy Committee and two terms (2012-2016) as past National Policy Chair for the Liberal Party of Canada.

Hilary Williamson was appointed National Communications Chair in January. Hilary co-chaired (with SLCBC Policy Chair Judy Berg) Doug McDonald's national healthcare working group in 2017-18, and presented the resulting resolution at the Halifax convention, where it was voted into the top 15. Hilary is a retired computer scientist with a background in telecommunications R&D.



## Minister of Seniors

The [Honourable Filomena Tassi](#), MP for the riding of Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas, was appointed Minister of Seniors in August 2018.



Her mandate letter includes: *"As Minister of Seniors, your goal will be to help the government better understand and make decisions on the needs of Canadian seniors and ensure that programs and services are developed that respond to Canada's aging population. This will provide Canadian seniors and future retirees greater security and a better quality of life."*

Minister Tassi is traveling the country, connecting with Seniors. Issues

discussed at a standing room only Town Hall in Ottawa, November, 2018 include pension reform; housing; home care/healthcare/palliative care; isolation; transportation; and ease of access to information on services for Seniors.



Minister Tassi with ON Section Chair Sheila Bryan



With SLC Co-Chair Doug Brydges

## Senior Liberals' Commission Meetings

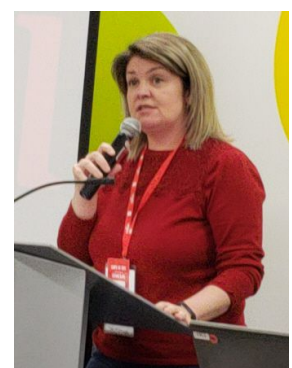
The SLC AGM at the November LPCBC convention in Kelowna was the best attended of all the Commission meetings with over 60 Seniors registered. Reducing the age for SLC membership to 60 and an energetic Executive under the leadership of outgoing President Rabi Alam led to increased Seniors' participation throughout the province. At the convention, all eyes were clearly focused on election readiness. This was evident in the keynote addresses of MPs Gordie Hogg and the Honorable Carla Qualtrough.



SLCBC Exec & Speakers in Kelowna



Co-Chair Roger Légaré, Linda Schwey, MP Sherry Romanado in Quebec



The 2019 LPC(QC) convention was held this January in Quebec City. After introductory remarks from Co-Chair Roger Légaré and new Quebec Section Chair Linda Schwey, an engaging keynote by Longueuil–Charles-LeMoyne MP Sherry Romanado (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Seniors) stimulated discussion and questions that continued long past the session end time. Ms. Romanado emphasized the strong talent pool and continuing ability of Senior Registered Liberals to contribute to the LPC.

## Helping out during this important election year

The 2019 Federal election will be on us before we know it. Liberal candidates are being nominated weekly, and there are very many ways we Seniors can help elect and re-elect a Liberal MP in every electoral district across the country.

Are you already a volunteer? If so, now's the time to ramp up your efforts and go all in with even more '*hope and hard work*'.



If you haven't jumped in yet, please consider volunteering your valuable time and talents. Seniors have a lot to offer and there are many different ways to help, based on your personal strengths, interests, and availability. Even a small regular investment of time and expertise can make a real difference:

[Enter your postal code to connect with your EDA](#)

[Sign up as a volunteer online](#)

## Election Readiness

On January 25, Justin Trudeau and the LPC announced the Hon. Navdeep Bains, Nikki Hipkin, Brittney Kerr, the Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, and Sylvie Paradis as Co-Chairs of the party's [National Campaign Committee](#) for the 2019 federal election campaign.

LPC has launched its new [Safe Campaigns Training Module & Resources](#) program. The training module and materials, and LPC's updated Respectful Workplace Policy, are all available [here](#).

## Resources

If you use Facebook, have a look at Government of Canada's [Seniors in Canada](#) website: "*a channel for seniors, caregivers, families and service organizations to celebrate seniors, gain knowledge of programs, initiatives and services in addition to exploring partnerships with people committed to improving the lives of Canadian seniors.*"

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