



# IN THE HOUSE

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## New Federal Cabinet Appointed: Cities, Infrastructure and the West Clear Priorities

Today was a big day in the Federal Government. **Paul Martin** became Canada's 21<sup>st</sup> Prime Minister, and he appointed a 39 member Cabinet. Of these, 28 are full ministers and 11 are secretaries of state, or junior ministers. Seven of the full ministers are from Western Canada; none of the 11 are from the West. The full Cabinet is listed on the following pages of this circular.

The Prime Minister spoke of the promotions of most of his western contingent: Environment Minister **David Anderson** (Victoria) kept his old portfolio and was named B.C.'s senior regional minister and a member of the powerful Priorities and Planning Committee of Cabinet. **Stephen Owen** (Vancouver Quadra) went from secretary of state to full minister responsible for Public Works and Government Services. Alberta's **Anne McLellan** (Edmonton West) became deputy prime minister and public safety minister. Saskatchewan's **Ralph Goodale** (Wascana) was promoted to finance. Manitoba's **Reg Alcock** (Winnipeg South) went from the back benches to president of the Treasury Board. B.C. Senator **Jack Austin** (Vancouver South) was promoted to cabinet as a result of his appointment as government leader in the Senate. And Manitoba's **Rey Pagtakhan** (Winnipeg North—St. Paul) becomes minister of Western Economic Diversification. This was formerly a junior portfolio.

Also of interest to local government is the appointment of **Andy Scott** (Fredericton) as Minister of State for Infrastructure. This new position is an indication that the government is placing increased priority on the infrastructure needs of the country's cities, towns and rural communities.

### New Deal for Cities

The Prime Minister decided to make the New Deal for Cities a personal responsibility, and appointed **John Godfrey** (Don Valley West) as his Parliamentary Secretary to lead this process.

The Prime Minister also announced the creation of an advisory committee and the establishment of a secretariat within the Privy Council Office to assist in the development and implementation of a New Deal for cities.

The advisory committee to be chaired by **Mike Harcourt**, former Premier of British Columbia, will include other members to be named at a later date. Mr. Harcourt is Chair of the International Centre for

Sustainable Cities, Senior Associate of the Liu Institute for Global Issues at the University of British Columbia, Vice-chair of CitiesPLUS and Senior Associate with the Sustainable Development Research Institute of the University of British Columbia. He previously served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for Vancouver—Mount Pleasant and, from 1991 to 1996, served as Premier of British Columbia. He previously served 3 terms as Mayor of Vancouver (1980-1986) and 4 terms as alderman (1972-1980).

The advisory committee will be supported by the Cities Secretariat in the Privy Council Office, under the direction of **Yasmine Laroche** who will serve as Head of the Secretariat. Ms. Laroche is currently Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Corporate Affairs, Canadian Heritage, a position she has held since September 2000.

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## The New Federal Cabinet Line-up

(in order of precedence)

**The Right Honourable Paul Martin**  
Prime Minister of Canada

**The Honourable Jacob (Jack) Austin**  
Leader of the Government in the Senate

**The Honourable David Anderson**  
Minister of the Environment

**The Honourable Ralph Goodale**  
Minister of Finance

**The Honourable Anne McLellan**  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Safety  
and Emergency Preparedness

**The Honourable Lucienne Robillard**  
Minister of Industry and Minister responsible for  
the Economic Development Agency of Canada  
for the Regions of Québec

**The Honourable Pierre Pettigrew**  
Minister of Health, Minister of Intergovernmental  
Affairs, and Minister responsible for Official Languages

**The Honourable Scott Peterson**  
Minister of International Trade

**The Honourable Andrew Mitchell**  
Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

**The Honourable Claudette Bradshaw**  
Minister of Labour and  
Minister responsible for Homelessness

**The Honourable Denis Coderre**  
President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada,  
Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians,  
Minister responsible for La Francophonie, and Minister  
responsible for the Office of Indian Residential Schools  
Resolution

**The Honourable Rey Pagtakhan**  
Minister of Western Economic Diversification

**The Honourable John McCallum**  
Minister of Veterans Affairs

**The Honourable Stephen Owen**  
Minister of Public Works and Government Services

**The Honourable William Graham**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

**The Honourable Stan Keyes**  
Minister of National Revenue and  
Minister of State (Sport)

**The Honourable Robert Speller**  
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

**The Honourable Joseph Volpe**  
Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development

**The Honourable Reg Alcock**  
President of the Treasury Board and  
Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board

**The Honourable Geoff Regan**  
Minister of Fisheries and Oceans

**The Honourable Tony Valeri**  
Minister of Transport

**The Honourable David Pratt**  
Minister of National Defence

**The Honourable Jacques Saada**  
Leader of the Government in the House of Commons  
and Minister responsible for Democratic Reform

**The Honourable Irwin Cotler**  
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

**The Honourable Judy Sgro**  
Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

**The Honourable Hélène Chalifour Scherrer**  
Minister of Canadian Heritage

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**The New Federal Cabinet Line-up (cont.)**

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The Honourable John Efford  
Minister of Natural Resources

The Honourable Liza Frulla  
Minister of Social Development

**Secretaries of State**

The Honourable Ethel Blondin-Andrew  
Minister of State (Children and Youth)

The Honourable Andy Scott  
Minister of State (Infrastructure)

The Honourable Gar Knutson  
Minister of State (New and Emerging Markets)

The Honourable Denis Paradis  
Minister of State (Financial Institutions)

The Honourable Jean Augustine  
Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Status of Women)

The Honourable Joseph Comuzzi  
Minister of State (Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario)

The Honourable Albina Guarnieri  
Associate Minister of National Defence and  
Minister of State (Civil Preparedness)

The Honourable Joseph McGuire  
Minister of Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

The Honourable Mauril Bélanger  
Deputy Leader of the Government in the  
House of Commons

The Honourable Carolyn Bennett  
Minister of State (Public Health)

The Honourable Aileen Carroll  
Minister for International Cooperation

Further information on new federal Cabinet membership, biographies of the new Ministers, and changes to the government's structure may be found on the Prime Minister's web site at:  
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