

Five BC MPs Join Federal Cabinet

On July 20, 2004, Prime Minister **Paul Martin** announced his new 39-member Cabinet. Amongst the eight new faces joining the Cabinet were former BC Premier **Ujjal Dosanjh** (Vancouver South) who has taken on the Minister of Health portfolio and former forestry executive **David Emerson** (Vancouver Kingsway) as the new Minister of Industry. Emerson has also been appointed as BC's senior minister. A full listing of new Cabinet members is on page 2.

Three other BC representatives were also appointed to Cabinet:

- **Stephen Owen** (MP, Vancouver Quadra) as Minister of Western Economic Diversification and Minister of State for Sport. Included in his responsibilities will be the 2010 Olympics.
- **Raymond Chan** (MP, Richmond) has returned to Cabinet as Minister of State for Multiculturalism.
- **Jack Austin** as Leader of Government in the Senate.

Amongst the 28 Parliamentary Secretaries appointed:

- **Keith Martin** (MP, Esquimalt Juan de Fuca) was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence.
- **Hedy Fry** (MP, Vancouver Centre) was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Also of note is the appointment of Parliamentary Secretary **Claude Drouin** (MP, Beauce - Quebec) to the Prime Minister with special emphasis on Rural Communities.

In his news release, the Prime Minister advised that he was "(D)raving on the experience of veteran ministers who have retained their responsibilities and the talents of new Ministers, we are determined to deliver tangible progress on those issues that matter most to Canadians and upon which we campaigned."

The Prime Minister has demonstrated that one of those issues that the government plans to address is the New Deal. **John Godfrey** (Don Valley West - Ontario), previous Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister on the New Deal, was appointed to

the new portfolio – Minister of State for Infrastructure and Communities. This appointment sends a signal to local governments that the Prime Minister is committed to moving the New Deal initiative forward. As Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Mr. Godfrey traveled across the country meeting with UBCM and other provincial associations and communities to discuss the New Deal. It has also been noted that the Cities Secretariat, previously in the Privy Council Office (PCO) has been moved under Environment Canada. Concerns have been raised by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities that moving the Secretariat out of the PCO to Environment weakens the ability to coordinate policies, program and initiatives for local governments as program coordination is the major strength of the PCO.

Two other new Cabinet portfolios of interest are:

- Minister of Labour and Housing – **Joseph Fontana** (MP, London North Centre - Ontario)
- Minister of State for Families and Caregivers – **Tony Ianno** (MP, Trinity Spadina - Ontario)

Both **Ralph Goodale** and **Anne McLellan** remain in their previous Cabinet positions – finance minister and deputy prime minister and public safety minister, respectively. **Irwin Cotler** maintains the justice portfolio, **Geoff Regan** stays in fisheries and oceans, **Jim Peterson** at international trade and **John Efford** in natural resources. Also returning to cabinet is **Stephane Dion** as environment minister.

In addition to the six Cabinet ministers losing seats in last month's election, another four ministers were not reappointed to Cabinet including long-serving BC MP and former Environment Minister, David Anderson.

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THE CANADIAN MINISTRY

(in order of precedence)

The Right Honourable Paul Martin
Prime Minister

The Honourable Jacob Austin
Leader of the Government in the
Senate

The Honourable Jean-C. Lapierre
Minister of Transport

The Honourable Ralph E. Goodale
Minister of Finance

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

The Honourable Lucienne Robillard
President of the Queen's Privy
Council for Canada
Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honourable Stéphane Dion
Minister of the Environment

The Honourable Pierre Stewart
Pettigrew
Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Honourable Andy Scott
Minister of Indian Affairs and
Northern Development
Federal Interlocutor for Métis and
Non-Status

The Honourable James Scott
Peterson
Minister of International Trade

The Honourable Andrew Mitchell
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

The Honourable William Graham
Minister of National Defence

The Honourable Albina Guarnieri
Minister of Veterans Affairs

The Honourable Reginald B. 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
Leader of the Government in the
House of Commons

The Honourable M. Aileen Carroll
Minister of International Cooperation

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

The Honourable Judy Sgro
Minister of Citizenship and
Immigration

The Honourable Ruben John Efford
Minister of Natural Resources

The Honourable Liza Frulla
Minister of Canadian Heritage and
Minister responsible for Status of
Women

The Honourable Giuseppe (Joseph)
Volpe
Minister of Human Resources and
Skills Development

The Honourable Joseph Frank
Fontana
Minister of Labour and Housing

The Honourable Scott Brison
Minister of Public Works and
Government Services

The Honourable Ujjal Dosanjh
Minister of Health

The Honourable Ken Dryden
Minister of Social Development

The Honourable David Emerson
Minister of Industry

The Honourable Raymond Chan
Minister of State (Multiculturalism)

The Honourable Claudette Bradshaw
Minister of State (Human Resources
Development)

The Honourable John McCallum
Minister of National Revenue

The Honourable Stephen Owen
Minister of Western Economic
Diversification and
Minister of State (Sport)

The Honourable Joseph McGuire
Minister of the Atlantic Canada
Opportunities Agency

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

The Honourable Mauril Bélanger
Deputy Leader of the Government in
the House of Commons,
Minister responsible for Official
Languages, Minister responsible
for Democratic Reform and Associate
Minister of National Defence

The Honourable Carolyn Bennett
Minister of State (Public Health)

The Honourable Jacques Saada
Minister of the Economic
Development Agency of Canada for
the Regions of Quebec and Minister
responsible for the Francophonie

The Honourable John Ferguson
Godfrey
Minister of State (Infrastructure and
Communities)

The Honourable Tony Ianno
Minister of State (Families and
Caregivers)

The Honourable Ethel Blondin-
Andrew
Minister of State (Northern
Development)