



# Members of the Canadian Parliament of Polish Heritage, 1867-2021



Present view of the Parliament buildings and the main corridor, 2012.  
*Photographs courtesy of Jerry Barycki.*



## **Kierzkowski, Alex- andre-Édouard**

M.P. 1867-1870, St. Hyacinthe, Québec.  
Born: 1816, Poland.  
Died: 1870, Canada.  
Affiliation: Liberal.  
The first Member of Parliament of Polish descent in the first Parliament of Canada in 1867.



## **Haidasz, Hon. Stanley**

Last portfolio: Minister of Multiculturalism.  
M.P. 1957-1958, Trinity, Ontario, 1962-1978, Parkdale, Ontario.  
Born: 1923, Canada. Died: 2009, Canada.  
Affiliation: Liberal.  
Member of Senate: 1978-1998.  
Committees:  
First Canadian of Polish heritage in the Senate. Longest serving Parliamentarian, elected seven times (1957 to 1978). Parliamentary Secretary to six ministers including Health & Welfare, Foreign Affairs, Consumer & Corporate Affairs and Indian Affairs, and Head Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly (1963-66).  
Accomplishments:  
Knight Commander Order of St. Gregory the Great with Silver Star by Pope John Paul II (1997).



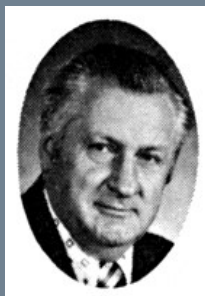
## **Globensky, Charles-Auguste- Maximilien**

M.P. 1875-1876, Two Mountains, Québec.  
Born: 1830, Canada.  
Died: 1906, Canada.  
Affiliation: Independent.



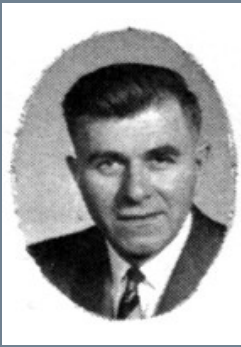
## **Crestohl, Leon David**

M.P. 1950-1962, Cartier, Québec.  
Born: 1900, Poland.  
Died: 1963.  
Affiliation: Liberal.



## **Korchinski, Stanley James**

M.P. 1958-1984, Mackenzie, Saskatchewan.  
Born: 1929. Died: 2000.  
Affiliation: Progressive Conservative.  
Committees:  
Standing Committee on External (1962-1963).  
Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills (1962-1963).  
Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections (1962-1963).



### **Otto, Steven**

M.P. 1962-1972, York East, Ontario.  
 Born: Poland. Died: 1989, Canada.  
 Affiliation: Liberal  
 Committee:  
 Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Supply and Services.



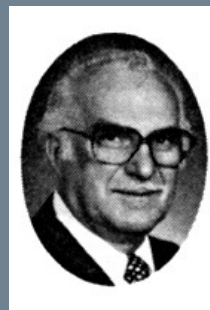
### **Flis, Jesse Philip**

Last portfolio: Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.  
 M.P. 1979-1984, 1988-1997, Parkdale-High Park, Ontario.  
 Born: 1930, Canada.  
 Affiliation: Liberal.  
 Committees:  
 Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport (1982 -1984.)  
 Secretary of State for External Affairs from 1993 to 1995, and to the Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1995 to 1996.  
 Accomplishments:  
 Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit (with Star) of the Republic of Poland.



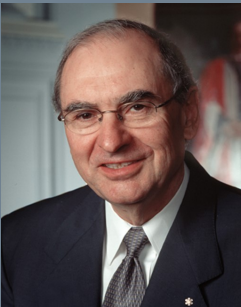
### **Rock, Raymond**

M.P. 1962-1969, Jacques-Cartier-Lasalle, Québec.  
 Born: 1922, Canada. Died: 2016, Canada.  
 Affiliation: Liberal.  
 Committees:  
 Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs  
 Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development  
 Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration.



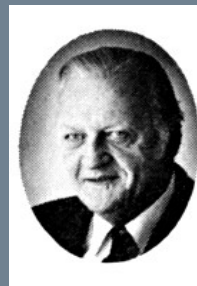
### **Kushner, John**

M.P. 1979-1984, Calgary East, Alberta.  
 Born: 1923, Poland. Died: 1984, Canada.  
 Affiliation: Progressive Conservative Party  
 Committees:  
 Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration.  
 Standing Committee on Communications and Culture.  
 Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.



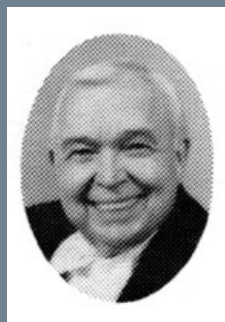
### **Mazankowski, Right Hon. Donald Frank**

Last portfolio: Deputy Prime Minister  
 M.P. 1968-1993, Vegreville, Alberta.  
 Born: 1935, Canada.  
 Affiliation: Progressive Conservative.  
 Committees:  
 Standing Committee of Selection.  
 Promoted to Deputy Prime Minister and Government House Leader.  
 One of the few Canadians to be given the title of "The Right Honourable"  
 Accomplishments:  
 Officer of the Order of Canada in 2000, promoted to Companion in 2013.



### **Hudecki, Stanley**

M.P. 1980-1984, Hamilton West, Ontario (By-Election).  
 Born: 1916, Canada. Died: 1988, Canada.  
 Political Affiliation: Liberal  
 Committee:  
 Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence.



### **Paproski, Steve Eugene**

M.P. 1968-1979, Edmonton Centre, Alberta.  
 Born: 1928, Poland. Died: 1993, Canada.  
 Affiliation: Progressive Conservative Party.  
 Committees:  
 Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport  
 Minister of State for Multiculturalism.



### **Kazmierczak-Keyes, Hon. Stan**

M.P. 1988-2004, Hamilton West, Ontario.  
 Born: 1930, Canada.  
 Affiliation: Liberal.  
 Committees:  
 Minister of National Revenue  
 Minister of State (Sport)  
 Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport  
 Liberal Party Caucus  
 Chair Accomplishments:  
 Canadian diplomat  
 American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA)  
 Port Person of the Year Award, the first Canadian to be so honoured.





### **Sobieski, Patrick (Pat) Anthony**

M.P. 1988-1993, Cambridge, Ontario.  
Born: 1951 Canada. Died: 2016, Canada.  
Affiliation: Progressive Conservative.  
Committee:  
Special Committee on the Review of the Parliament of Canada Act  
Standing Committee on Finance.  
Accomplishments:  
Mayor of Woodstock from 2010 to 2014.



### **Crombie, Bonnie**

M.P. 2008-2011, Mississauga-Streetsville, Ontario.  
Born: 1960, Canada.  
Affiliation: Liberal.  
Committees:  
Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage  
Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities  
Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs  
Standing Committee on Public Accounts.  
Accomplishments:  
Mayor of Mississauga from 2014  
Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.



### **Wrzesnewskyj, Borys**

M.P. 2004-2011, 2015-2019, Etobicoke Centre, Ontario.  
Born: 1960, Canada.  
Affiliation: Liberal.  
Committees:  
Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development  
Chair, Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.  
Accomplishments:  
In 2005, he re-established the Canada-Poland Parliamentary Friendship Group and served as Chair. In December 2010, he funded the Roman Wrzesnewskyj Polish Endowment Fund for the preservation and development of advanced Polish language studies at the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Toronto. In 2014, he was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit.



### **Lizoń, Władysław**

M.P. 2011-2015, Mississauga-East-Cooksville, Ontario.  
Born: 1954, Poland.  
Affiliation: Conservative.  
Committees:  
Health and Veterans Affairs Committee.  
Accomplishments:  
Chairman of the Canada-Poland Parliamentary Friendship Association. In September 2011, Lizoń introduced Bill C-266, an Act to establish Pope John Paul II Day, also called by its short title: Pope John Paul II Day Act.



### **Norlock, Rick**

M.P. 2006-2015, Northumberland-Quinte West, Ontario.  
Born: 1948, Canada.  
Affiliation: Progressive Conservative.  
Committee:  
Chair, National Defence Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defence.



### **Opitz, Ted**

M.P. 2011-2015, Etobicoke Centre, Ontario  
Born: 1961, Canada.  
Affiliation: Conservative.  
Committees:  
Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs and the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs. Standing committee of Citizenship and Immigration and Standing committee on Defence.  
Opitz was chosen as a delegate to represent the Parliament of Canada at both the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region and at the 56th Conference on the Status of Women. He also is a Vice-Chairman of the Canada-Poland Parliamentary Friendship Group and Chair of the Canada-Poland Parliamentary Group  
Accomplishments:  
Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit from Poland and the Solidarity Medal.



### **Kania, Andrew**

M.P. 2008-2011, Brampton West, Ontario.  
Born: 1967, Canada.  
Affiliation: Liberal.  
Committees:  
Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security; the Liaison Committee, which has a supervisory role over all parliamentary committees; and also the House Joint Chair of the Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations.



### **Kmiec, Tom**

M.P. 2015-present, Calgary Shepard, Alberta.  
 Born: 1981, Poland  
 Affiliation: Conservative  
 Role: Conservative National Caucus Chair  
 Committees:  
 Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations, Deputy Critic for Foreign Affairs, Standing Committee on Finance  
 Deputy Shadow Minister for Finance.  
 Accomplishments:  
 Manager of Policy and Research with the Calgary Chamber of Commerce and worked for the Human Resources Institute of Alberta.



### **Kuśmierczyk, Hon. Irek**

M.P. 2019-present, Windsor-Tecumseh.  
 Born: 1978, Poland  
 Affiliation: Liberal  
 Roles: Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion  
 Committee:  
 Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates.



### **Jaczek, Helena**

M.P. 2019-present, Markham-Stouffville.  
 Born: 1950, United Kingdom  
 Affiliation: Liberal  
 Committees:  
 Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology  
 Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities.

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