Parliamentary Assistant to the
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Municipal Affairs)

Jim McDonell (Stormont—Dundas—South Glengarry)

Current Parliamentary Roles

- Member, Standing Committee on Public Accounts
- Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Municipal Affairs)

Current Party

- Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario

About

Jim McDonell was born and raised on a dairy farm in Glengarry County. After graduating in Mechanical Engineering from Queen’s University, he worked with Bell Canada for 32 years in planning, engineering and supervisory roles. Jim has been actively involved in the community for over 27 years, dedicating his time to the Williamstown Fair, the Char-Lan Minor Soccer and Minor Hockey Associations, the Glengarry Kinsmen Club, and the Glengarry Border Hockey League. Jim and his wife Margie live in South Glengarry Township where they raised their family of three.

Jim served 3 terms as a municipal councillor in Charlottenburgh and South Glengarry Townships, and was elected Mayor of South Glengarry in 2003, 2006, and 2010. He sat on many committees and boards, including serving as the Warden of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, the Chair of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, and the Community Futures Development Corporation. On October 6, 2011, Jim won the provincial election for the Progressive Conservatives in Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry following 27 years of Liberal dominance in the Cornwall area with a thumping majority.

Jim McDonell is a staunch advocate for Eastern Ontario in the face of significant service and government funding cuts. Jim is currently the Parliamentary Assistant for Municipal Affairs.
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

Hon. Merrilee Fullerton (Kanata—Carleton)

Current Parliamentary Roles

- Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

Current Party

- Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario

About

Dr. Merrilee Fullerton is a medical professional who has spent her career helping people in her community. Merrilee is a Member of Provincial Parliament for the riding of Kanata-Carleton.

In June 2019, she was asked by Ontario Premier Doug Ford to serve as Minister for Long-Term Care. Her ministerial responsibilities also include a seat at the Treasury Board Committee of Cabinet.

Having graduated from University of Ottawa Medical School, Dr. Fullerton has been very active in professional medical associations and local health care organizations, including advisory roles with both the Ontario Medical Association and Canadian Medical Association, and membership in the City of Ottawa Board of Health and the local LHIN serving Ottawa and area. She is a constant advocate for better universal health care services, particularly long-term care services.

Merrilee is a wife and mother, raising her three children in a busy Kanata household with Steve, her husband of 34 years. Between her active family life and her career as family physician, Merrilee has always made time for volunteering with neighbourhood groups or her children’s recreational activities.

Merrilee Fullerton was first elected in 2018. Before serving as Minister for Long-Term Care, she served in the Cabinet as Minister for Training, Colleges and Universities.