

Bernard Bigras, Member of Parliament, Bloq Québécois, Environment Critic

Bernard Bigras is a Bloc Québécois Member of Parliament in the House of Commons since 1997. He has been the Bloc's Environment critic since 2000. From 1998 to 2000, he was the Bloc's caucus chairman. He was a member of the Canadian delegation to the 15th Conference of the Parties (CoP15) on climate change in Copenhagen, Denmark, from December 7 to 18, 2009. He also participated in the 14th Conference of the Parties (CoP14) in Poznan, Poland, in 2008, as well as several other Conferences of the Parties since 1997. Mr. Bigras studied economics at the Université de Montréal.

Scott Brison, Member of Parliament, Liberal Party of Canada, International Trade Critic

Scott Brison, the Liberal Member of Parliament for Kings-Hants (Nova Scotia), has won election to Canada's House of Commons in five general elections: June 1997, November 2000, June 2004, January 2006 and October 2008. He is a key Liberal Party spokesperson on economic issues and currently serves in the Official Opposition Shadow Cabinet as the Liberal Party Critic for International Trade and as Chairman of the Leader's Advisory Committee on Economic Strategy.

Mr. Brison is a member of the Trilateral Commission and has been named by the World Economic Forum (WEF) of Davos, Switzerland, as one of its "Young Global Leaders." He served as Minister of Public Works and Government Services, and Receiver General of Canada, from 2004 to 2006, the youngest member of Prime Minister Paul Martin's cabinet. Mr. Brison previously served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister with special emphasis on Canada-U.S. Relations.

Mr. Brison and his partner, Maxime St-Pierre live in Cheverie, Nova Scotia, on the shores of the Minas Basin, home of the world's highest tides. He was born in Windsor, Nova Scotia on May 10th, 1967 and in 1989 graduated from Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in finance.

Keya Chatterjee, Interim Director, Climate Change Program, World Wildlife Fund USA

Keya Chatterjee is the Acting Director of the Climate Change Program at WWF in the US. Her work focuses on the international climate change negotiations under the UN and G8/20, and the role of the US in those talks. Prior to joining WWF, Keya served as a Climate Change Specialist at USAID, where she managed the land-based carbon portfolio. Keya also worked for three years at NASA Headquarters in their Earth Science Enterprise. Keya started her career as a Presidential Management Fellow in the US government, and was a Peace Corps Volunteer in a national park in Morocco from 1998 to 2000.

Clare Demerse, Associate Director Climate Change, The Pembina Institute

Clare Demerse researches and analyzes government policies to address climate change. She works with a range of stakeholders and acts as a spokesperson in the media. Clare joined the Pembina Institute's Climate Change Program in 2006 and became Associate Director of the program in 2009. The program is a centre of expertise on Canadian greenhouse gas reduction policy, with a particular focus on carbon pricing. Clare previously worked on Parliament Hill and holds a master's degree in journalism from Carleton University in Ottawa. She is a 2008-2009 Gordon Foundation Global Fellow.

Linda Duncan, Member of Parliament, New Democratic Party of Canada, Environment Critic

Linda Duncan was elected as Member of Parliament for the riding of Edmonton Strathcona in October 2008 and currently serves as the Environment Critic for the New Democratic Party of Canada. She is an internationally recognized leader in the development and enforcement of environmental law formerly having served as chief of Enforcement for Environment Canada. She has served as Assistant Deputy Minister for Renewable Resources with the Yukon government.

Ms. Duncan is a founder of the Environmental Law Centre of Alberta. She has served as an Executive member of the Environment Section of the Canadian Bar Association and on the Canadian Council of Environment Ministers committee on mercury emission standards for coal-fired power plants. She was the Head of Law and Enforcement for the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation and senior legal advisor to Indonesia, Bangladesh and Jamaica on environmental enforcement in programs funded by CIDA, the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank.

Ms. Duncan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Alberta, as well as a Master's degree from the Dalhousie Law School. She is the vice president of the Sierra Legal Defence Fund and Vice President of the Lake Wabamun Enhancement and Protection Association.