



## MEMORANDUM

### FROM

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Director, registration, policy, and public affairs

### TO | À

Nancy Belanger  
Commissioner of Lobbying

### SUBJECT

Appearance before the Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI)

SECURITY
(none)
FILE NO.
DATE
February 3rd, 2023

## OBJECTIVE

To prepare you for your upcoming appearance before ETHI to discuss the *Lobbyists' Code of Conduct*. This memo will include useful links and relevant documents in annexes to assist your preparation.

## BACKGROUND

The Commissioner has been invited to appear before ETHI to present the renewed *Lobbyists Code of Conduct*. This appearance is scheduled on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, from 8h45 to 10h45.

## PREPARATION MATERIAL | DOCUMENTS DE PRÉPARATIONS

The following links and annexes are relevant to the upcoming appearance.

### Links

- [Lobbyists' Code of Conduct \(2015\)](#)
- [Preliminary Consultation: Input received from stakeholders in December 2020](#)
- [Initial draft update: December 2021 – February 2022 consultation](#)
- [Revised draft update: May – June 2022 consultation](#)
- [Renewing the Lobbyists' Code of Conduct](#)
- [Annual report 2021-22](#)

- Departmental plan 2022-23
- Departmental results report 2021-22
- Improving the Lobbying Act – Preliminary recommendations (February 2021)

## ANNEX A: OPENING REMARKS

### NANCY BÉLANGER, COMMISSIONER OF LOBBYING

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION, PRIVACY AND ETHICS  
2023-02-03

Good morning, Mr. Chair and Committee members.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss the *Lobbyists' Code of Conduct* that I referred to this committee on November 15, 2022, along with a document explaining the changes. I am joined by Scott Whamond, our Office's Policy Analyst.

As Commissioner of Lobbying, I have the responsibility of developing the Code which defines the standards of ethical behaviour required of registered lobbyists. It contributes, along with other ethical regimes, to enhance public confidence in federal government institutions.

#### GOALS

My experience in administering the 2015 Code highlighted challenges in applying its rules of conduct and in providing guidance to lobbyists. In updating the Code, I aimed to address these challenges:

- by using clear and plain language;
- by focusing on the actions of lobbyists without importing the various ethical regimes; and
- by creating a comprehensive Code without the need to rely on separate guidance documents to define key concepts.

#### FEEDBACK RECEIVED

We conducted three rounds of public consultations over a two-year period. Overall, we received positive feedback on the new Code, particularly with respect to the clarity of its objectives and its rules of conduct.

I received passionate, but widely divergent feedback on two issues — political work and the value of allowable hospitality.

On political work - the 2015 Code prevents a lobbyist who participated in a political activity from lobbying the official who benefitted from this participation, and their staff, for a "specified period". There is no definition of political activity, or what is meant by a specified period. A separate guidance document suggests that a cooling-off period for "higher risk" political activities should be equivalent to a "full election cycle". There is no "specified period" for "lower risk" activities, only a recommendation that lobbyists exercise caution if they are frequently involved with such activities.

During the consultation, some stakeholders suggested that after participating in important political work, the cooling-off period should be for at least 10 years while others argued that any such restriction could infringe a lobbyist's Charter rights, a concern I shared.

The updated rule was carefully crafted to achieve its objective of restricting lobbying where a sense of obligation could reasonably be seen to exist and to provide the greatest clarity for lobbyists, all while complying with the Charter.

The new rule defines and provides examples of the political roles that could reasonably be seen to create a sense of obligation. It also excludes from its application certain forms of political participation. The rule does not prohibit lobbyists from engaging in political work but prevents them from lobbying the official who benefitted from this work and their close associates.

The rule also sets out a cooling-off period of one or two years, based on the significance of the political work or the level of interaction with the official. When considering other regimes and the five-year restriction on lobbying that applies to senior officials when they leave office, I believe these cooling off periods are reasonable and appropriate.

I am confident that, as currently drafted, the rule is on solid constitutional footing. I have real concerns, however, that extending the cooling-off period beyond two years creates risks with respect to Charter compliance, particularly given that the Code is a non-statutory instrument.

With respect to hospitality, the 2015 Code prevents a lobbyist from offering gifts to an official that the official is not allowed to accept. This rule therefore requires the Commissioner to defer to various federal authorities governing ethics of such office holders to determine whether lobbyists can offer hospitality.

The new rule allows lobbyists to know when they can offer it and the permissible value, regardless of other regimes.

Some argued that lobbyists should not be allowed to offer any hospitality. Others said having a monetary value added to clarity, but some argued it was too low. Some believed the status quo should be maintained.

I determined that a \$40 limit for food and beverage, excluding taxes, was reasonable, with an annual limit of \$80. The low value amount is based on federal hospitality standards, recent average restaurant meal costs and the impact of inflation over the past two years.

In my view, this rule will promote equitable access for all lobbyists and avoid creating a sense of obligation on the part of the official.

## CONCLUSION

Although it is not possible to anticipate all scenarios, a lot of thought went into revising the ethical standards that federally registered lobbyists must follow.

Mr. Chair and members of the Committee, I look forward to your questions or comments, and would welcome any suggestions to improve the Code before I finalize it. Thank you.

ANNEX B: GIFT STATISTICS FROM THE REGISTRY OF LOBBYISTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA  
 STATISTICS COMPILED FROM PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DATA

<b>BC Gift Registry Stats 2020 to 2022</b>	
<b>All stats combined</b>	
Min amount	\$ 3.20
Max amount	\$ 89.04
Average amount	\$ 33.23
Median amount	\$ 25.00
Total amount of entries	1702
Entries \$40 and under	1085
% under \$40.00	64%
<b>Gifts only</b>	
Min amount	\$ 3.20
Max amount	\$ 59.35
Average amount	\$ 21.97
Median amount	\$ 23.98
Total amount of entries	456
Entries \$40 and under	436
% under \$40.00	96%
<b>Hospitality only</b>	
Min amount	\$ 3.75
Max amount	\$ 89.04
Average amount	\$ 37.37
Median amount	\$ 39.10
Total amount of entries	1246
Entries \$40 and under	649
% under \$40.00	52%

ANNEX C: EMAIL INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY CLIENT SERVICES  
FROM 2018 TO 2022

**Political Activities (Rule 9)**

Campaign work	Political candidates	General questions	Other	Total
29	2	8	1	<b>40</b>

**Gifts (Rule 10)**

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Virtual Reception	0	0	2	0	0	2
Reception	7	2	0	0	3	12
Meal	3	0	0	1	3	7
Other (Conference/tour)	2	0	0	1	1	4
Total (hospitality)	12	2	2	2	7	<b>25</b>
Gifts (not hospitality)	6	2	9	4	9	<b>30</b>

## ANNEX D: MEMBERS OF THE ETHI COMMITTEE



### Chair

#### John Brassard, Conservative

Riding: Barrie-Innisfil, Ontario

Preferred language: English

### BIO

John Brassard is proud of his record of work as Barrie-Innisfil Member of Parliament for the past six years.

John was first elected to Canada's Parliament in 2015 to represent the newly created Barrie-Innisfil riding and was re-elected in 2019.

Along with his political experience including nine years on Barrie City Council, John's background as co-owner of a sports apparel marketing company with his father has helped him to be a strong advocate for local businesses and the people they employ. Those important skills and experience were more important than ever during the pandemic, as John worked collaboratively with the business community to find solutions to new and difficult challenges.

Prior to entering politics, John was a firefighter for over 30 years and served as an Executive Member of the Markham Professional Firefighters' Association, including a three-year term as President.

Just like thousands of families each year, John and Liane chose to raise their family in Barrie-Innisfil because it's a vibrant and growing community with access to tremendous outdoor activities, a bustling business community and services. He will continue listening to you, working hard for your family, supporting local businesses and bringing your concerns and ideas to Ottawa.

John works hard for the people he represents, and he is looking forward to continuing his role as Barrie-Innisfil's Member of Parliament and strong voice in our Nation's Capital.

Source: <https://johnbrassard.com/about/>

## CURRENT ROLES

### Committees

#### Chair

ETHI Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (From October 19, 2022)

SETH Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics

#### Member

LIAI Liaison Committee

SBLI Subcommittee on Committee Budgets of the Liaison Committee

## PREVIOUS ROLES

### Committees

#### Vice-Chair

ACVA Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (October 2020 to August 2021)

#### Member



AFGH Special Committee on Afghanistan (December 2021 to March 2022)  
SETH Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (December 2021 to February 2022)  
ETHI Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (December 2021 to February 2022)  
SACV Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (October 2020 to August 2021)  
PROC Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs (December 2019 to September 2020)  
COVI Special Committee on the COVID-19 Pandemic (April 2020 to June 2020)  
SCCC Subcommittee on the Code of Conduct for Members of the House of Commons: Sexual Harassment (February 2018 to September 2019)  
ACVA Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (October 2016 to September 2017)  
REGS Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations (January 2016 to January 2017)

## FROM THE REGISTRY, LAST 12 MONTHS

### Subject matter of the lobbying ACTIVITY – Top 5:

Taxation and Finance (9)  
Health (6)  
Budget (6)  
Science and Technology (6)  
International Trade (6)

### Lobbying activities:

11 monthly communication reports submitted by lobbyists:

- Consultants (2)
- In-house organizations (8)
- In-house corporations (1)



## Vice-Chair

### Iqra Khalid, Liberal

Riding: Mississauga—Erin Mills

Preferred Language: English or French

## BIO

Born in Pakistan, Iqra Khalid moved to Canada with her family at a young age and grew up in Erin Mills. She studied criminology at York University and moved on to complete her law degree at the University of Michigan. While attending high school and completing her bachelor's, Iqra made time to work and support her family's small business. Completing her law degree at the University of Michigan, Iqra returned home to Mississauga where she went on to work for the City of Mississauga's legal department.

Iqra has served as Member of Parliament for Mississauga-Erin Mills since 2015. She is a strong advocate for women's issues and a steadfast ally in the cause of human rights, speaking out on issues such as human trafficking, online hate, and the Rohingya Genocide. Iqra is as a member of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on International Human Rights, as Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, and as Chair of the Women's Caucus.

Source : <https://iqrakhalid.libparl.ca/about/>

## CURRENT ROLES

### Committees

#### Vice-Chair

ETHI Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics

#### Member

SETH Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics

National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians

## PREVIOUS ROLES

### Committees

#### Chair

JUST Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights (October 2022 to August 2021)

SJUS Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights (October 2022 to August 2021)

#### Member

LIAI Liaison Committee (February 2020 to August 2021)

SDIR Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development (February 2020 to August 2021)

SETH Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (February 2016 to September 2019)

JUST Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights (January 2016 to September 2019)

SJUS Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights (March 2016 to September 2019)

## LAST 12 MONTH FROM THE REGISTRY

### SUBJECT MATTER OF THE LOBBYING ACTIVITY – TOP 5:

Environment (12)

Health (11)

Economic Development (11)

Budget (10)

Immigration (9)

### LOBBYING ACTIVITIES:

24 monthly communication reports submitted by lobbyists:

- Consultants (5)
- In-house organizations (17)
- In-house corporations (2)



## Vice-Chair

### René Villemure, Bloc Québécois

Riding: Trois-Rivières

Preferred language: French

## BIO

Elected as Member of Parliament for Trois-Rivières in 2021, René Villemure is the Bloc Québécois critic for Ethics, Privacy and Access to Information and international Francophonie.

Ethicist, international lecturer and author, René Villemure has a degree in philosophy. In 2019, he received an honorary doctorate (D.h.c.) from the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR) for his outstanding achievements in ethics. Over the past 20 years, he has advised governments, diplomats and large corporations, both in America and internationally, and has been invited to major international events on ethics and the future of society. He also taught ethical governance at the Collège des administrateurs de sociétés at Université Laval from 2009 to 2020. Convinced of the importance of preserving and promoting the French language, he has been volunteering for 25 years for the Francophonie, the francization of newcomers and for literacy.

Source (in French only): <https://www.blocquebecois.org/les-deputees-et-deputes/?cd=26735>

## CURRENT ROLES

### Committees

#### Vice-Chair

ETHI Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics

#### Member

SETH Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics

## LAST 12 MONTH FROM THE REGISTRY

### SUBJECT MATTER OF THE LOBBYING ACTIVITY – TOP 5:

Health (3)

Education (3)

Telecommunications (2)

Employment and Training (2)

Taxation and Finance (2)

### LOBBYING ACTIVITIES:

4 monthly communication reports submitted by lobbyists:

- In-house organizations (4)



## Member

### Parm Bains, Liberal

Riding: Steveston—Richmond East

Preferred language: English

## BIO

Parm Bains is a lifelong resident of Richmond, an active member of the local community and a public service worker.

Having served as a public and media relations officer within the government of British Columbia in the past, and as a university lecturer now, Parm has amassed 17 years of progressive experience in corporate communications, including public and stakeholder engagement, public policy development, and government and media relations.

Parm holds a Master of Arts degree in Professional Communications with a specialization in International and Intercultural Studies from Royal Roads University in Victoria.

Parm is a School of Business Instructor at Kwantlen Polytechnic University and lives with his wife and two children in Richmond.

Source : <https://parmbains.ca/about/>

## CURRENT ROLES

### Committees

#### Member

ETHI Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics

OGGO Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates

## LAST 12 MONTH FROM THE REGISTRY

### SUBJECT MATTER OF THE LOBBYING ACTIVITY – TOP 5:

Health (9)

International Trade (9)

Economic Development (8)

Transportation (8)

Employment and Training (8)

### LOBBYING ACTIVITIES:

15 monthly communication reports submitted by lobbyists:

- Consultants (4)
- In-house organizations (8)
- In-house corporation (3)



## Member

### Jacques Gourde, Conservative

Riding: Lévis-Lotbinière

Preferred language: French

## BIO

A fervent nationalist, Jacques Gourde remains an ardent defender of individual freedom and open federalism. He is very proud to represent a riding as diverse and dynamic as Lévis-Lotbinière, and he has been listening to his constituents with determination and commitment for over a decade now.

Jacques Gourde was first elected to the House of Commons in 2006, then re-elected successively for the 2008 and 2011 terms as the member for Lotbinière-Chutes-de-la-Chaudière and in 2015 and 2019, in the same riding, this time renamed Lévis-Lotbinière.

With a degree in agricultural management, Mr. Gourde was previously involved in politics as a member of Parliament, producer and exporter of hay in Saint-Narcisse-de-Beaurivage.

Jacques Gourde was born in St-Narcisse de Lotbinière a little over 50 years ago and remains there. His residence is the family farm. He has been married to Chantale since 1989 and they have five children aged 24 to 31.

Source (in French only): <https://apclevislotbiniere.ca/biographie/#1454772041114-438c03a7-718e>

## CURRENT ROLES

### Committees

#### Member

ETHI Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics

## PREVIOUS ROLES

### Committees

#### Member

LANG Standing Committee on Official languages (December 2021 to October 2022 and June 2011 to August 2015)

ETHI Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (February 2020 to August 2021, September 2017 to September 2019 and October 2013 to November 2014)

COVI Special Committee on the COVID-19 Pandemic (April 2020 to June 2020)

AGRI Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food (January 2016 to September 2017 and April 2006 to September 2007)

SLAN Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Official Languages (November 2013 to August 2015 and June 2011 to September 2013)

OGGO Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (January 2009 to September 2013)

COOP Special Committee on Co-operatives (June 2012 to September 2012)

CHPC Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage (September 2009 to December 2009)

HUMA Standing Committee on Human Resources, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (October 2007 to September 2008)

RNNR Standing Committee on Natural Resources (January 2007 to September 2007)

## LAST 12 MONTH FROM THE REGISTRY

### SUBJECT MATTER OF THE LOBBYING ACTIVITY – TOP 5:

Health (4)

Industry (3)

International Trade (3)  
Employment and Training (2)  
Economic Development (2)

**LOBBYING ACTIVITIES:**

5 monthly communication reports submitted by lobbyists:

- Consultants (2)
- In-house organizations (1)
- In-house corporations (2)



## Member

**Hon. Greg Fergus, Liberal**

Riding: Hull—Aylmer

Preferred language: French / English

## BIO

Greg is the Member of Parliament for Hull—Aylmer since October 2015. Greg also served as Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Treasury Board as well as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Digital Government. He was previously Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and a member of the standing Committee on Finance.

Greg has a strong background in politics. Previously, he worked as a policy advisor and senior policy advisor in a number of ministerial offices. He has also worked at all levels of the Liberal Party of Canada, including as National Director, where he introduced change and innovation that made the party more efficient, helping restore it to today's modern appeal.

Greg has two bachelor's degrees—one in social science and one in international relations. He has also studied international relations at the master's level. Over the past 25 years, he has worked in the private and public sectors, with not-for-profit organizations and in the academic sector.

He is passionate about running, politics and jazz, and he is proud of his community and everything it has accomplished. He and his wife are the proud parents of three adult children and doting grandparents to one grandson.

Source : <https://gregfergus.libparl.ca/about/?lang=en>

## CURRENT ROLES

### Offices and Roles as a Parliamentarian

Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister and to the President of the Treasury Board

### Committees

#### Member

ETHI Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics

PROC Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs

## PREVIOUS ROLES

### Offices and Roles as a Parliamentarian

Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, to the President of the Treasury Board and to the Minister of Digital Government (March 2021 to August 2021)

Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Treasury Board and to the Minister of Digital Government (May 2019 to March 18, 2021)

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development (December 2015 to January 2017)



## **Committees**

### **Member**

ETHI Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (February 2020 to current)

FINA Standing Committee on Finance (January 2017 to May 2019)

COVI Special Committee on the COVID-19 Pandemic (April 2020 to June 2020)

PACP Standing Committee on Public Accounts (February 2020 to August 2020)

## **LAST 12 MONTH FROM THE REGISTRY**

### **SUBJECT MATTER OF THE LOBBYING ACTIVITY – TOP 5:**

Health (36)

Taxation and Finance (35)

Industry (34)

Environment (32)

Science and Technology (30)

### **LOBBYING ACTIVITIES:**

66 monthly communication reports submitted by lobbyists:

- Consultants (17)
- In-house organizations (38)
- In-house corporations (11)



## Member

**Matthew Green, NDP**

Riding: Hamilton Centre

Preferred language: English

## BIO

Matthew Green was first elected Member of Parliament for Hamilton Centre in 2019 and re-elected in 2021. Previously, he served for the 2014-2018 term as the Ward 3 Councilor on Hamilton City Council.

In all his work as an elected official, and earlier as a small business owner and as the former executive director of the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, Matthew has consistently advocated for initiatives and policies that promote environmental protection, racial and social equity, and economic justice.

Matthew has a B.A. in political science and legal studies from Acadia University, as well as certificates in government leadership and social enterprise initiatives from Harvard University.

Sources: <https://www.matthewgreen.ca/about>

## CURRENT ROLES

### Committees

#### Joint Chair

DEDC Special Joint Committee on the Declaration of Emergency

#### Member

ETHI Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics

SETH Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics

## PREVIOUS ROLES

### Committees

#### Member

OGGO Government Operations and Estimates (February 2020 to August 2021)

PACP Standing Committee on Public Accounts (February 2020 to August 2021)

COVI Special Committee on the COVID-19 Pandemic (April 2020 to June 2020)

## LAST 12 MONTH FROM THE REGISTRY

### SUBJECT MATTER OF THE LOBBYING ACTIVITY – TOP 5:

Justice and Law Enforcement (4)

International Relations (3)

Labour (3)

Employment and Training (2)

Health (2)

### LOBBYING ACTIVITIES:

8 monthly communication reports submitted by lobbyists:

- In-house organizations (8)



## Member

### Lisa Hefner, Liberal

Riding: Hamilton Mountain

Preferred language: English

## BIO

Lisa Hefner was elected in the September 2021 election. She is a veteran journalist with twenty-plus years of journalism excellence in Hamilton.

She is a mother, a community volunteer, and has been awarded the YWCA's Women of Distinction Award.

Lisa earned a degree in Political Science from the University of Calgary, her Journalism degree at Ryerson University and a Master's degree from McMaster University, right here in Hamilton.

Source : <https://lisahefner.libparl.ca/about/?lang=en>

## CURRENT ROLES

### Committees

#### Member

CHPC Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage

ETHI Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics

SCHP Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage

## LAST 12 MONTH FROM THE REGISTRY

No monthly communication reports.



## Member

**Damien C. Kurek, Conservative**

Riding: Battle River—Crowfoot

Preferred Language: English

## BIO

Damien Kurek was elected in the October 2019 Federal election.

He was raised in Battle River--Crowfoot and is a fifth-generation farmer who spent nearly a decade in East Central Alberta's Oil and Gas Sector. He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Studies and Communications and a Diploma in Biblical Studies from Trinity Western University.

He has been actively involved in conservative politics across Canada for much of his life. This has included volunteering for campaigns, being involved in local conservative associations --including being elected to the local EDA board of directors at age 16 -- and campus politics. He worked for the Hon. Kevin Sorenson, MP while he was Minister of State (Finance) in Ottawa and more recently in his Constituency Office. He also worked at the Saskatchewan Legislature in a number of policy, communications, and research roles while Brad Wall was Premier.

He currently resides in Camrose with his wife and three children.

Source : <https://www.damienkurek.ca/about-me>

## CURRENT ROLES

### Committees

#### Vice-Chair

ENVI Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development

#### Member

ETHI Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics

SENV Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development

## PREVIOUS ROLES

### Committees

#### Member

ETHI Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (February 2020 to present)

SECU Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security (October 2020 to August 2021)

COVI Special Committee on the COVID-19 Pandemic (April 2020 to June 2020)

## LAST 12 MONTH FROM THE REGISTRY

### SUBJECT MATTER OF THE LOBBYING ACTIVITY – TOP 5:

Health (18)

Environment (17)

Taxation and Finance (17)

Labour (13)

Agriculture (13)

International Trade (13)

## LOBBYING ACTIVITIES:

26 monthly communication reports submitted by lobbyists:

- Consultants (7)
- In-house organizations (15)
- In-house corporations (4)



## Member

### Ya'ara Saks, Liberal

Riding: York Centre

Preferred Language: English

## BIO

Ya'ara Saks is the Liberal Candidate for York Centre and was first elected as MP in 2020.

Prior to her election as a Member of Parliament in 2020, Ya'ara was a successful small business owner and a strong advocate for better access to mental health services as a founder and director of Trauma Practice for Healthy Communities – a Toronto-based mental health charity.

She earned an undergraduate degree from McGill University in Political Science and Middle East Studies, a master's degree from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in International Relations and Diplomacy, and is the mother of two teenage daughters.

Source : <https://yaarasaks.libparl.ca/about/>

## CURRENT ROLES

### Offices and Roles as a Parliamentarian

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

### Committees

#### Member

ETHI Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics

## PREVIOUS ROLES

### Committees

#### Member

ENVI Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development (November 2020 to August 2021)

FAAE Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development (November 2020 to August 2021)

## LAST 12 MONTH FROM THE REGISTRY

### SUBJECT MATTER OF THE LOBBYING ACTIVITY – TOP 5:

Health (22)

Budget (22)

International Trade (21)

Taxation and Finance (20)

Environment (18)

## LOBBYING ACTIVITIES:

37 monthly communication reports submitted by lobbyists:

- Consultants (8)
- In-house organizations (22)
- In-house corporations (7)



## Member

### Michael Barrett, Conservative

Riding: Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes

Preferred Language: English

## BIO

Michael Barrett is the Member of Parliament for Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes where he was re-elected in the 44th General Election on September 20, 2021.

Michael is the Conservative Shadow Minister for Ethics and Accountable Government. He previously served as the Deputy House Leader and Co-Chair of Question Period Planning.

In the previous Parliament, Michael sponsored the Kindness Week Act in the House of Commons and worked with parliamentarians across party lines to get the bill passed into law to designate every third week in February as National Kindness Week in Canada. In the 42nd Parliament, Michael was named the Deputy Shadow Minister for Small Business and Export Promotion as well as a regular member of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights.

During his time as a Member of Parliament, Michael has been a tireless advocate for regional priorities such as improving mobile coverage to rural areas through enhanced digital infrastructure and infrastructure projects including major roads and recreational facilities. He is committed to supporting farmers, working to improve services and care for seniors and veterans, increasing supports for mental health and addiction, and lowering taxes for Canadians.

Before his election to the House of Commons, Michael Barrett served in the Canadian Armed Forces as a Telecommunication Lineman. During his time in the CAF, Michael was posted to CFB Edmonton and participated in domestic operations including at CFS Alert in Canada's High Arctic.

After serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, Michael worked in the private sector as a Human Resources Manager while also serving as a Municipal Councillor in the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal. As a Councillor, Michael chaired the Public Works and Environmental Services Committee and sat on the Port of Johnstown Management Board.

Michael resides in Leeds-Grenville with his wife Amanda and their five children: Luke, Ama, Michaela, James, and Nathan.

Source: <https://www.michaelbarrettmp.ca/about>

## CURRENT ROLES

### Committees

#### Member

ETHI Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics

SETH Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics

OGGO Government Operations and Estimates

SAMA Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying



## PREVIOUS ROLES

### Committees

#### Vice-Chair

HESA Standing Committee on Health (February 2022 to October 2022)

AMAD Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying (April 2022 to October 2022)

#### Member

SMEM Subcommittee on Private Members' Business of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs (December 2021 to May 2022)

PROC Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs (December 2021 to February 2022)

SETH Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (November 2020 to August 2021)

ETHI Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (February 2020 to August 2021)

COVI Special Committee on the COVID-19 Pandemic (April 2020 to June 2020)

JUST Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights January 2019 to September 2019)

## LAST 12 MONTH FROM THE REGISTRY

### SUBJECT MATTER OF THE LOBBYING ACTIVITY – TOP 5:

Employment and Training (2)

Immigration (2)

Health (2)

Telecommunications (2)

Industry (2)

### LOBBYING ACTIVITIES:

2 monthly communication reports submitted by lobbyists:

- In-house organizations (2)