



## **Office of the Official Opposition**

### **PC Opposition names Shadow Cabinet and Caucus Roles**

**For Immediate Release**

**(April 9, 2021, St. John's):** PC Opposition Leader David Brazil today revealed the Shadow Cabinet and caucus roles of the PC Opposition.

"The PC caucus has a talented team ready to hold government accountable for their decisions over their mandate. This capable team was ready to form government, but now our attention turns to the important work of ensuring transparency and accountability to the people of the province," said Brazil.

"The PC caucus is ready to get to work to represent our districts and the people of Newfoundland and Labrador."

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<b>Member</b>	<b>PC Shadow Cabinet</b>
David Brazil, MHA Conception Bay East - Bell Island	Opposition Leader Intergovernmental Affairs
Barry Petten, MHA Conception Bay South	Opposition House Leader, Management Commission, Member Education Transportation and Infrastructure
Helen Conway Ottenheimer, MHA Harbour Main	Deputy House Leader, Management Commission, Member Justice and Public Safety, Attorney General, Women and Gender Equality, Francophone Affairs
Craig Pardy, MHA Bonavista	Caucus Chair, Fisheries, Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation
Tony Wakeham, MHA Stephenville - Port au Port	Public Accounts Committee, Chair Finance, Treasury Board, Public Service Commission, NL Liquor Corporation, Public Procurement Agency
Lloyd Parrott, MHA Terra Nova	Public Accounts Committee, Member Industry, Energy and Technology
Chris Tibbs, MHA, Grand Falls-Windsor -Buchans	Caucus Whip, Immigration, Population Growth and Skills, and Labour
Paul Dinn, MHA Topsail - Paradise	Health and Community Services
Jeff Dwyer, MHA Placentia West - Bellevue	Children, Seniors and Social Development, Status of Persons with Disabilities, Community Sector and NL Housing
Lela Evans, MHA Torngat Mountains	Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation and Labrador Affairs, Environment and Climate Change
Pleaman Forsey, MHA, Exploits	Forestry, Agriculture, Workplace NL
Loyola O'Driscoll, MHA Ferryland	Digital Government and Service NL, OCIO
Joedy Wall, MHA, Cape St. Francis	Municipal, Provincial Affairs and Registrar General

## **Biographies**

### **David Brazil**

A graduate of Memorial University, CONA and York University, Mr. Brazil has been an independent business owner, has worked in the non-profit sector and has been a senior manager with the Provincial Government for the past 26 years. He has worked for the departments of Human Resources, Labour and Employment, Health and Community Services, Tourism, Culture and Recreation, Education and Municipal Affairs.

Mr. Brazil has extensive experience and knowledge particularly in dealing with issues related to employment, education, healthy lifestyles, tourism, youth and infrastructure.

Mr. Brazil was re-elected to the House of Assembly on October 11, 2011. He was appointed Minister of Service NL, Minister Responsible for the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission, Minister Responsible for the Office of the Chief Information Officer, and Minister Responsible for the Government Purchasing Agency on July 17, 2014. On September 30, 2014, he was appointed Mr. Brazil to serve as the Minister of Transportation and Works.

In the general election on November 30, 2015, Mr. Brazil was re-elected to represent the people of Conception Bay East – Bell Island in the House of Assembly.

On December 18, 2015, he was sworn in as a Member of the House of Assembly and also appointed to serve as Chair of the Public Accounts Committee. He has served as the Deputy Opposition House Leader and the Official Opposition Critic for Health and Community Services, and Education and Early Childhood Development. On May 14, 2018, Mr. Brazil became the Leader of the Official Opposition in the House of Assembly.

Mr. Brazil was re-elected as MHA for Conception Bay East - Bell Island on May 16th, 2019 and again on March 25, 2021.

He was appointed Leader of the Opposition for the second time on March 31, 2021.

### **Helen Conway Ottenheimer**

Helen Conway Ottenheimer (JD) was born and raised in Marysvale. She was elected to the House of Assembly as the Member for Harbour Main on May 16, 2019. Prior to becoming a MHA, Helen graduated from Memorial University with a Political Science degree and Detroit College of Law with a Law degree.

She practiced Criminal Law and Human Rights Law for 17 years and teaches law at Canadian universities, including Memorial University. She currently resides with her husband, John Ottenheimer in Marysvale.

## **Paul Dinn**

Paul Dinn was elected as MHA for Topsail-Paradise in a by-election held January 24/19. Originally from St. John's, Paul has called Paradise home for the past 27 years.

Paul and wife Jennifer have 3 daughters and are active volunteers in the community. Paul is a graduate of MUN obtaining bachelor's degrees in Commerce and Education.

He worked over 30 years in public service as senior Management and served as Deputy Mayor with the Town of Paradise. He is a supporter of community involvement and building a district for the people.

## **Jeff Dwyer**

Jeff was born and raised in Marystown by his parents along with three siblings. After high school graduation, Jeff explored mainland life, but he longed for home. While attending MUN, he met Sherry Lynn, and a few years later began their family. After completion of his BBA (2010), Jeff began his career with the NL Liquor Corporation.

He was Vice President of NAPE local 7501 for two mandates. He attributes his interest in politics to his many conversations with his Grandmother, Maria Dwyer. Jeff was elected to the House of Assembly on May 16, 2019 as the Member for Placentia West – Bellevue District and re-elected on March 25, 2021.

## **Lela Evans**

Lela Margaret Ann Evans (B.Sc. Hons.) was born and raised in Makkovik, Labrador and was elected to the House of Assembly as the Member for Torngat Mountains on May 16, 2019 and re-elected on March 25, 2021.

A graduate of Memorial University with a Bachelor of Science Honours degree, she has spent the previous 20 years in the construction, exploration, and mining industries - working in the fields of environment, health, and safety.

Active in supporting and preserving her indigenous culture and knowledge, she served as a board of director for the St. John's Native Friendship Centre (now First Light) and worked in a liaison role between Memorial University and the Labrador Inuit Association (now Nunatsiavut Government). Recently, Lela served as the Chairperson of the Inuit Advisory Committee at the Vale NL Voisey's Bay site.

A strong leader in promoting environmental stewardship and workplace safety, she served as the direct liaison between the company and the Voisey's Bay Environmental Management Board which consists of indigenous leaders and government regulators. Later, she served as a part of a team conducting community consultations on the Uranium mining moratorium in northern Labrador.

Lela was also a founding member of Restoration of Labrador Exploration Sites (ROLES) Inc., with a mandate to clean up abandoned mining exploration sites in Labrador.

### **Pleaman Forsey**

Pleaman Forsey was born and raised in Leading Tickles and in 1976 moved to Bishop's Falls with his family.

After graduating at Inglis Memorial in Bishop's Falls, he continued to study post-secondary at Grand Falls District Vocational School and continued to work in the private sector.

In 2017, he was selected as citizen of the year for the Town of Bishop's Falls.

Mr. Forsey and his spouse Linda and reside in Bishop's Falls and together they raised three children.

On May 16th, 2019, he was elected as a Member of the House of Assembly for the district of Exploits and re-elected on March 31, 2021.

### **Loyola O'Driscoll**

Loyola O'Driscoll resides in Bay Bulls with his wife Yvette, where he has lived all of his 55 years. Loyola & Yvette have 2 daughters Kaitlyn and Paige who is married to Andrew Mackey. Loyola & Yvette are proud grandparents to their grandson Ryder.

Since being elected as MHA for the District of Ferryland on May 16, 2019 and re-elected on March 25, 2021, Loyola has continued to build relationships through his tremendous community involvement. Prior to his election, he has served on numerous community organizations such as the Bay Bulls-Bauline Athletic Association (BBBAA).

Loyola's compassion and dedication to helping those throughout the district has been evident even prior to election in 2019. Loyola is a "go-getter" who has had tremendous success in helping secure funding for many projects throughout the district both prior to and after election.

### **Craig Pardy**

Craig grew up in Catalina prior to moving to Milton in 1989. He spent 30 years in the education field and entered into municipal politics serving on the Local Service District of George's Brook-Milton, serving as Chair and then as the first mayor.

Craig and his wife Mary raised four children in Milton and continue to reside there. Pardy was direct elected to the House of Assembly on May 16, 2019 and re-elected as MHA for Bonavista on March 25, 2021.

### **Lloyd Parrott**

Lloyd Parrott was raised in Wabush. After a successful Career in the Canadian Military as both a Soldier and a Civilian that spanned 21 years he became the General Manager of a successful construction company that specialized in Oil and Gas. He has sat on multiple community boards, been very involved in labor relations provincially, and a trustee on a Health and Welfare plan.

He is a former Town Councilor for the town of Clarendville. On May 16th, 2019 Lloyd was elected MHA for the District of Terra Nova and re-elected on March 25, 2021.

## **Barry Petten**

Barry studied at Memorial University for three years prior to graduating with a diploma in Business Management and Accounting from the College of the North Atlantic.

Barry was a mental health counsellor for 20 years, served on various boards including; NL Association of Social Workers and Municipal Appeals Board.

He was also President and Chief Shop Stewart of Local 6234. Barry was first elected in 2015, and reelected in 2019. Barry resides in CBS with his wife and two daughters.

## **Chris Tibbs**

Chris Tibbs was born in Grand Falls-Windsor where he resides with his wife Danielle and his two sons Declan & Xander. Chris has worked province wide as a paramedic before going on to study tourism in Dublin Ireland. For the past 15 years Chris has traveled between Newfoundland and Western Canada working in the oil & gas sector.

Chris has carried the same motto "Everything I've Got" where ever he's gone and will continue this pledge as he looks to serve the constituents of Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans for many years to come.

## **Tony Wakeham**

Tony Wakeham is honoured to serve the people of Stephenville-Port au Port as their MHA. Tony was born and raised in Placentia. A graduate of MUN, Tony's career spanned over 30 years in the public service and several years in the private sector. Recently, he was CEO of Labrador-Grenfell Health. A former President of NLBA and Canada Basketball, Tony was inducted into the NL Basketball Hall of Fame as athlete and builder.

Since being elected on May 16, 2019 and re-elected on March 25, 2021, Tony has been a strong advocate for people in need and committed to delivering results for Stephenville-Port au Port. Tony will always champion the interests of people and will be their strong voice.

A resident of Stephenville-Port au Port, Tony lives in Kippens with his wife, Patricia and have 2 adult children, Stephanie and Christopher.

## **Joedy Wall**

Joedy Wall was elected to the House of Assembly on March 25, 2021.

Prior to his election, he served as Mayor of Pouch Cove for seven years. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Jack Byrne Regional Sport and Entertainment Centre for seven years. Joedy has also served on the North East Avalon Joint Council, a board which represents 21 municipalities in the region.

For 25 years, Wall has worked as a Group Home Counsellor for those living on the autism spectrum.

Wall is supported by wife Teena, son Zach and daughter Kristen.