

Backgrounder

Maxime Bernier, M.P., P.C., Candidate

Born January 18, 1963, Maxime Bernier is the father of two girls and is an experienced marathon runner. He earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the Université du Québec à Montréal and attended law school in Ottawa. He was called to the Quebec Bar in 1990.

Maxime then went on to work for several financial and banking institutions before becoming Executive Vice-President of the Montreal Economic Institute in 2005.

Maxime has been the Member of Parliament for Beauce from 2006 to the present. He served as Minister of Industry, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Minister of State for Small Business and Tourism, and Agriculture.

John Reynolds, P.C., National Co-Chair

John Reynolds was a federal Member of Parliament from 1972 to 1977 and from 1997 to 2006. He was also elected as a provincial Member of the British Columbia Legislative Assembly from 1983 to 1991 where he served as Speaker and as a Cabinet Minister.

During his tenure federally, John served as House Leader, Party Whip, and as Leader of the Party and of the Official Opposition prior to the selection of Stephen Harper as Conservative Party Leader. John also served as Campaign Co-Chair for Stephen Harper's leadership campaign in 2004 and for the Party in the 2006 election. John was appointed to the Privy Council in 2006.

Jacques Gourde, M.P., National Co-Chair

Jacques Gourde was elected as federal Member of Parliament from 2006 to present for the riding of Lotbinière—Chutes-de-la-Chaudière. He was a senior party organiser for l'Action démocratique du Québec from 2003 to 2006. Jacques served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Works.

Alex Nuttall, M.P., Campaign Fund-Raising Committee Chair

Alex Nuttall served as municipal councillor in Barrie from 2006 to 2014, first being elected at the age of 21. He was elected as federal Member of Parliament in 2015 for the riding of Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte in Ontario. Alex serves as the Official Opposition Deputy Critic for Federal Development for Southern Ontario, New Sharing Economy, Innovation, Science and Economic Development.