

ROACH, FEE “ALLEN,” marine surveyor, retired RCMP; b. 9 March 1952 in Souris, son of Robert Fee Roach and Genevieve Agnes Paquet; m. Elizabeth Lorraine Mahar on 29 June 1974, and they have two children, Alaina Lorraine and Gregory Fee; Catholic.

Roach, a Liberal, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in the 3 October 2011 general election for District 3 Montague-Kilmuir. He was re-elected in the 4 May 2015 general election. He has also served as Minister of Innovation and Advanced Learning from October 2011 to May 2015. He retained the portfolio under the Wade MacLauchlan† administration, and was given an additional role as Minister of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Rural Development. On 20 May 2015, Roach was named Minister of Finance. He also served as vice-chair of the Council of Ministers of Education for Canada (CMEC) and co-chair of the Federation of Labour Market Ministers for Canada both from 2013 to 2015. On 10 January 2018, Roach resigned his ministry but remained a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Raised in Souris, Roach attended primary school at St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Convent in Souris before attending Souris Public School and Souris Regional High School. He then attended the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Training Academy in Regina, Saskatchewan, for six months, and later Trent University in Ontario studying social studies. Prior to his time in the Legislative Assembly, Roach was a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police between 1971 and 2007. Upon retirement from the RCMP, Roach was the owner of a private business in the marine sector.

Roach has spent many years as a volunteer in several communities across Canada. He was a dedicated minor hockey coach in Ontario from 1975 to 1990 and in Prince Edward Island between 1990 and 1996. He volunteered as a Big Brother for four years in Ontario, served as President of Big Brothers/Big Sisters (1981–1982) and served on the board of directors for the Prince Edward Island chapter (1995–1996). He also served as vice-chair of the Montague Waterfront Development Corporation from 2008 to 2010, and was a long-time volunteer as a safe boating instructor with the Canadian Power and Sails Squadron. He served as Squadron Commander for Prince Edward Island and Executive Officer for Atlantic Canada.

Roach is a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee medal.

He currently lives in Brudenell with his wife, Elizabeth. Elizabeth was born on 26 June 1954 in Charlottetown. She was raised in Souris West and is the daughter of William Edward Mahar and Margaret Josephine Steele.

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RODGERSON, EVA ELIZABETH, community development officer and coordinator; b. 21 June 1945 in O’Leary, daughter of Hamel MacMillan and Helen Minerva Gay; m. 27 November 1963 to Gordon James Rodgeron, and they have four children, Karen Lynn, Gordon James, Laurie Ann and Joanne Lee; Nazarene.

Rodgeron, a Progressive Conservative, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in the 17 April 2000 general election for District 25 West Point-Bloomfield and won re-election in the 29 September 2003 general election. Rodgeron was defeated in the 28 May 2007 general election. She was a member of committees dealing with agriculture, forestry, environment, community affairs, economic development and the Constitution of Canada.

Rodgeron attended O’Leary Elementary, O’Leary Regional High School and studied Office Studies at Holland College. She also played the roles of the chair of O’Leary Red Cross Water Safety

for 42 years, the chair of the O'Leary Community Health Foundation, a member of Trustees Western School Board, a board member of the O'Leary Church of the Nazarene, a member of the Personal Committee of the O'Leary Church of the Nazarene, a Sunday school teacher and superintendent and a prayer group leader. She is a past member of several other committees and boards including the District Advisory Board of the Church of the Nazarene Atlantic Canada, the West Prince Community Hospital Board, the Provincial Advisory Health Board, the Unionvale Ladies Aid, the Community Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, the West Prince Addictions Board, the Advisory Council on Status of Women and the Open Door Ministries Board.

In 2008, Rodgerson was awarded the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award for more than 35 years of community work in O'Leary. She was inducted into the Order of the Red Cross in May 2010. As vice-chair and chair of the O'Leary Community Hospital, Rodgerson played a key role in keeping the O'Leary Community Hospital in O'Leary.

Rodgerson and her husband reside in Unionvale. Gordon Rodgerson was born 12 April 1936 in Unionvale and is the son of George Rodgerson and Rillie Pearl Bernard. He died on 18 August 2016 at the age of 80.

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