

SHEA, ANN MARIE “GAIL,” civil servant and business manager; b. 6 April 1959 in Skinners Pond, daughter of Roy Ernest Doucette and Elva Mary Perry; m. 10 April 1976 Russell Alexander Shea, and they have five children, Sally Marie, Kelly Anne, Alexander “Sandy” Russell, Holly Marina and Shawn Patrick; Roman Catholic.

Shea, a Progressive Conservative, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly to represent District 27 Tignish-DeBlois in the 17 April 2000 general election. She was re-elected in the general election of 29 September 2003. On 1 May 2000, Shea was appointed Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs and on 9 October 2003 became Minister of Transportation and Public Works, the first woman to hold this ministerial office. Shea lost the 28 May 2007 general election in the newly named riding of District 27 Tignish-Palmer Road.

On 14 October 2008, Shea won the election to the House of Commons becoming the Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament for Egmont, the first non-Liberal MP in 24 years to serve in that riding. On 28 October 2008, Prime Minister Stephen Harper appointed her as Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, the first Island woman selected to the federal Cabinet. Following the 2 May 2011 federal election, she became Minister of National Revenue. In October 2012, Keith Ashfield suffered a heart attack and Shea took up the role of acting Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, and on 22 February 2013, she was appointed Minister for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) while she remained Minister of National Revenue. She ran unsuccessfully in the 19 October 2015 federal election.

Shea attended Skinner’s Pond School, Tignish Elementary and Tignish Regional High School. She then studied bookkeeping through Holland College. She managed a small family business for 15 years and also worked as a civil servant for the Canada Revenue Agency, where she worked at the Summerside Tax Centre. She also served as special assistant to Pat Binns• from 1997 to 2000 and co-chaired Belinda Stronach’s 2004 leadership campaign for the federal Progressive Conservative party.

Shea has served as vice-president and treasurer of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #6. She also served as a Unit 1 school board trustee and former president of the Tignish Home and School Association. She has also volunteered with the Tignish Irish Moss Festival, sports teams and church events, as well as run a tax preparation program for seniors.

Shea and her husband reside in Anglo Tignish. Russell Shea is the son of Charles Wilson Shea and Patricia Mary Knox of Anglo Tignish.

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SHERIDAN, WESLEY “WES” JOHN, assistant bank manager; b. 20 January 1960 in Shediac, New Brunswick, son of John Wesley Sheridan and Shirley Joan Bateman; m. 11 June 1983 Sandra Vivian Thompson, and they have three children, Jonathan Wesley, Megan Diane and Kelly Elizabeth; United.

Sheridan, a Liberal, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in the 28 May 2007 general election for District 20 Kensington-Malpeque. He was re-elected on 3 October 2011. On 12 June 2007, he was appointed Provincial Treasurer. On 13 January 2010, Sheridan was appointed as Minister of Finance and Municipal Affairs. In November 2011, energy was added to the portfolio

making Sheridan the Minister of Finance, Energy and Municipal Affairs. He did not reoffer in the 2015 general election. He has served as Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission; the PEI Harness Racing Commission; and Telecommunications, Internet and Broadcasting. He has also served as chair of the Treasury Board and a member of the Policy Board.

Growing up in New Brunswick, Sheridan received his education at Shediac Cape Consolidated, Edith Cavell Junior High and Moncton High School, graduating in 1978. He then studied economics at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. He graduated with a Master of Arts in 1982. He worked as assistant manager at Malpeque Bay Credit Union and Manager of Commercial Lending.

Prior to his political career, Sheridan was involved as chair of the Kensington Area Recreation Association, elder and Sunday school teacher at Kensington United Church, president of Kensington Minor Hockey and chair of the Parents Association of Kensington High School. Sheridan helped launch the community's first teen drop-in centre. He played Division 1 hockey at Dartmouth College and refereed at the American Hockey League level for years following his work as an amateur official.

Following his political career, Sheridan began working with Morneau Shepell in 2015 as a pension investment consultant in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Sheridan lives with his family in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Sandra Sheridan is the daughter of John Wesley Thompson and Marilyn Elizabeth Wheeler of Moncton.

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SHERRY, JANICE ANN, social worker; b. 14 June 1960 in Summerside, daughter of Joseph Russell Phaneuf and Roma Laraine Jenkins; m. 1 July 1983 Steven Gerard Sherry, and they have three children, Meagan Lynn and Jennifer Anne (twins) and Lucas Matthew; Roman Catholic.

Sherry, a Liberal, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in the 28 May 2007 general election representing District 21 Summerside-Wilmot. She was re-elected on 3 October 2011. She served as Government Whip until 13 January 2010, when she was appointed Minister of Community Services, Seniors and Labour. In October 2011, Sherry was appointed Minister of Environment, Energy and Forestry, and later in November of that year she became Minister of Environment, Labour and Justice and Attorney General. She served as chair of the social development committee and as member of various committees including Public Accounts; privileges, rules and private bills; and community affairs and economic development. Sherry ran unsuccessfully in the 29 September 2003 general election. She was re-elected in 4 May 2015 general election. In August 2016, Sherry resigned as the member for District 21 effective immediately.

Growing up in Summerside, Sherry received her education at Parkside Elementary, Athena Elementary, Athena Regional High and Three Oaks Senior High Schools. She went on to attend Saint Mary's University. Sherry then worked in the fields of finance, real estate and mental health as a day program worker for the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Sherry has community theatre experience and performed professionally in the musical production *Gabriel and Evangeline*. She also played a role in the 1998 television series *Emily of New Moon*. Sherry has also assisted in fundraising initiatives for the Canadian Cancer Society, Canadian

Diabetes Association, the United Way, Notre Dame Place, Big Brothers Big Sisters and a Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation program.

She and her family reside in Summerside. Steven Sherry is the son of Ivan Louis Sherry and Nina Mary Aitken of Summerside.

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SOLOMAN, ROGER ALLAN FRANCIS, teacher, school principal, business operator; b. 16 May 1939 in Georgetown, son of G. Walter Soloman and Lucy Scully; m. 27 December 1965 Sheila Graham, and they have four children, Paulette, Terry, Kimberly and Frank; Roman Catholic.

Soloman, a Liberal, was elected to the Legislative Assembly in the general election of 1993 for 1st Kings. While a member, Soloman served on a number of legislative committees, chairing the Special Committee on Proposed Tax Harmonization in 1996. He did not run in the general election of 18 November 1996.

He served as campaign chair for Cardigan MP Lawrence MacAulay, and in 1996 for Keith Milligan•.

Soloman earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Saint Dunstan's University in 1963 and a Bachelor of Education degree from UPEI in 1971. Later he attended the University of New Brunswick and St. Francis Xavier University where he received a Master of Education in 1977. Following his graduation from Saint Dunstan's University, Soloman served as a Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Navy. He served on the HMCS *Bonaventure* in the Canadian contingent of the United Nations Forces in Cyprus from 1963 to 1964. Upon his return, he moved from Georgetown to Souris where he taught math and science before becoming principal of both Souris Consolidated and Souris Regional High.

Soloman was chair of the Souris West Community Council, a board member of the PEI Teachers' Federation, member and president of both the Royal Canadian Legion in Souris and the Lions Club, and a member of the Souris Curling Club. In a volunteer capacity, he was affiliated with the United Appeal and Flowers of Hope Campaign, Souris Minor Hockey Association, Scouts Canada and the Souris Sea Cadets.

Roger and Sheila reside in Stratford. Sheila Soloman was born 16 September 1945, the daughter of Guy Graham of Murray Harbour North and Martha French from Panmure Island.

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