



Vice Regal Badge

Selecting the next Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

On November 2nd, 2012, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced the creation of a non-partisan Advisory Committee on Vice-Regal Appointments, which provides non-binding recommendations to the prime minister on the selection of the governor general, lieutenant governors and territorial commissioners.

The Committee is headed by the Canadian Secretary to the Queen, and is comprised of two permanent members (Mr. Robert Watt, a Citizenship Judge and Canadian social historian who served as the first Chief Herald of Canada from 1988-2007 in the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General; and Dr. Jacques Monet, the Director of the Canadian Institute of Jesuit Studies and a specialist in Canadian constitutional and social history) as well as temporary members appointed from the various regions that any appointments may impact.



On November 22nd, 2013, Professor John Fraser CM (Master of Massey College, University of Toronto) will be visiting Waterdown District High School. Mr. Fraser is a temporary member of the Advisory Committee on Vice-Regal Appointments and has been tasked with helping to provide the prime minister with the name of the province's next representative of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

As part of this effort, Mr. Tidridge's Grade 12 Canadian History, Identity and Culture (CHI4U1) students have been invited to put forward their nominations for serious and reflective consideration by Mr. Fraser.



The Honourable David C. Onley, 28th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and Her Honour Ruth Ann Onley, meet with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada

CRITERIA - all important, but in no particular order

-  The individual should have a deep familiarity with the diverse culture and particular flavour of the province. In a mobile society, Ontarians naturally send many of our sons and daughters to enrich the lives of other provinces; thus nominees might have spent part of their lives in this rich diaspora, or they may have lived constantly in the province.
-  The nominee should probably aged at least 55 - appointment as The Queen's representative is not a "career move" leading to other positions, but likely a crowning aspect of a life dedicated to achievement and service.

👑 The nominee should have a record of service and achievement that may or may not be widely known, but which will immediately commend the appointee as someone worthy of the post. Vice-regals might have distinguished themselves in the arts or education, in business or in service to communities as mayor, or in the non-profit sector. They may well have been appointed to the Order of Canada or the Order of Ontario. The important consideration here is not so much the particular achievements and political background or lack thereof, but of a character and personality and experience that person has.

👑 By no means of least importance is knowledge of our system of government and respect for The Queen and her role as constitutional monarch in Canada. One need not be a constitutional expert to serve as Lieutenant Governor - expert advisors exist to give impartial counsel on the rare occasions when it might be needed - but one should be an enthusiastic supporter of the Canadian Crown.

Where to look?

👑 A good place to start is by examining previous lieutenant governors of Ontario, including such recent office holders as:

The Honourable David C. Onley
The Honourable James K. Bartleman
The Honourable Hilary Weston

The Honourable Lincoln Alexander
The Honourable Pauline McGibbon

Find out more about previous lieutenant governors here:

<http://www.lgontario.ca/en/biographies/pages/lieutenant-governors-since-confederation.aspx>

👑 Explore the membership of the Order of Ontario, the province's highest official honour. It recognizes any current or former long-time resident of Ontario who has demonstrated a high level of individual excellence and achievement in any field benefiting the people of Ontario or anywhere in the world.



Visit the Order's website at www.orderofontario.ca

👑 Visit the *About Face: Celebrating Ontarians Then and Now* exhibition currently being displayed in the Vice-Regal Suite at Queen's Park. The exhibit offers a breathtaking examination of prominent Ontarians throughout history. Don't forget to check out the section "At My Table" by Charles Pachter.



Visit *About Face* here:

<http://arts.lgontario.ca/aboutface/>

Prime Minister's press release and related documents detailing the creation and composition of the Advisory Committee on Vice-Regal Appointments:

New Advisory Committee on Vice-Regal Appointments

Ottawa, Ontario
4 November 2012

The Government of Canada is committed to a robust consultation process for the identification of candidates to be recommended to serve as Her Majesty's representatives in Canada's Vice-Regal offices. To this end, on November 2, 2012, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced the creation of a new non-partisan Advisory Committee on Vice-Regal Appointments, which will provide non-binding recommendations to the Prime Minister on the selection of the Governor General, Lieutenant Governors and Territorial Commissioners. The establishment of the Advisory Committee builds on the ad hoc Advisory Committee that aided the Prime Minister's recommendation to Her Majesty on the appointment of the Right Honourable David Johnston as Governor General of Canada in 2010. The Prime Minister also announced the establishment of the full-time position of Canadian Secretary to The Queen, who will serve as ex-officio Chair of the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee, composed of individuals from outside of government with diverse expertise, will deliberate on candidates and consult with key stakeholders when vacancies for the Governor General, Lieutenant Governors or Territorial Commissioners are anticipated. The Advisory Committee will then present a report to the Prime Minister with a shortlist of proposed candidates for the Prime Minister's consideration. In addition to the Chair, the Advisory Committee will include two permanent members and two temporary members.

Mr. Kevin MacLeod, who currently serves in the part-time position of Canadian Secretary to The Queen, will assume the full-time role. The first two permanent Advisory Committee members will be: Mr. Robert Watt, a Citizenship Judge and Canadian social historian who served as the first Chief Herald of Canada from 1988-2007 in the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General; and Dr. Jacques Monet, the Director of the Canadian Institute of Jesuit Studies and a specialist in Canadian constitutional and social history. For appointments of Lieutenant Governors and Territorial Commissioners, temporary members of the committee will be chosen from the jurisdiction of the appointment, bringing a regional perspective to the process.

Terms of reference

Advisory Committee on Vice-Regal Appointments
Ottawa, Ontario
4 November 2012

Mandate

The Advisory Committee on Vice-Regal Appointments (“Advisory Committee”) is a non-partisan committee established to provide the Prime Minister with non-binding recommendations on the selection of Governors General, Lieutenant Governors and Territorial Commissioners.

Constitution of the Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee will consist of the following members:

- the Canadian Secretary to The Queen, who will serve as permanent ex-officio Chair of the Advisory Committee and will be responsible for its overall stewardship;
- two permanent members (one anglophone and one francophone); and
- two temporary members (in the case of Lieutenant Governor or Territorial Commissioner appointments, these members would be drawn from the jurisdiction(s) next set to appoint a Lieutenant Governor or Territorial Commissioner).

A representative from the Prime Minister’s office will participate in the Advisory Committee as an observer, without being entitled to vote on recommendations.

Where there are multiple upcoming Lieutenant Governor or Territorial Commissioner vacancies, the Advisory Committee may be constituted in multiple forms (i.e., it may engage in concurrent recommendation processes with the temporary members participating as appropriate).

Advisory Committee terms

The permanent members will serve for terms not exceeding six years, with varying terms among members, as determined by the Prime Minister.

The temporary members will serve for terms not exceeding six months.

Individuals are eligible for reappointment.

Recommendation process

The recommendation process will take place in three stages:

1. When a vacancy is anticipated, the Prime Minister will launch a recommendation process by sending letters to members of the Advisory Committee, together with guidance on the process.
2. The Advisory Committee will begin deliberations on candidates, and consult with key stakeholders. If required, the Advisory Committee will meet twice per appointment. The Advisory Committee will report to the Prime Minister on the progress of its deliberations as appropriate.
3. The Advisory Committee will present a report to the Prime Minister with a shortlist of proposed candidates for consideration.