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Equine science students, industry trainees, and new professionals

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Green Party policy development and caucuses. Ontario Public Service.

- Former Horseshoe Region Representative to the Ontario Green Party
- Former public servant at Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)



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NDP policy development and caucuses. Multi-partisan legislative coalitions.

- Former NDP Member of Ontario's Provincial Parliament
- Minister at the Trinity-St Paul's United Church
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National equine industry sectors and international trade

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Equestrian service industries

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Indigenous horse traditions. Public policy on free-roaming horses.

- Co-Coordinator for the Penticton Free-Roaming Horses Project: land management; horse welfare and stewardship; immunocontraception; education and promotion of Indigenous horse practices
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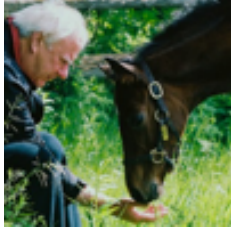
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- Former CEO of Equine Canada
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High performance and international equestrian sports

- Former Team Leader & Chef de Mission, Canadian Equestrian Team
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- Former Board Member & national Sport Council Chair, Equine Canada
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Liberal Party policy development and caucuses. Horse racing industry.

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- Former Liberal Member of Parliament
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Conservative Party policy development & caucuses. Rural public policy. Community sport.

- Former candidate for Ontario Progressive Conservative Party nomination
- Member of the Cedar Valley Polo Club



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- EuroGroup for Animals, Chair of the Equine Working Group
- British Equine Veterinary Association, Treasurer
- European Horse Network, Board Member
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Equestrian commercial and retail sectors. Economic and fiscal public policy.

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High performance athletes. Young athlete mentorship and development.

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