

Biography

The Honourable Madeleine Meilleur

MPP for Ottawa-Vanier

On April 5, 2006, the Honourable Dalton McGuinty appointed Madeleine Meilleur as Minister of Community and Social Services, and Minister Responsible for Ontarians with Disabilities. She remains Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs.

As Minister of Community and Social Services, Madeleine Meilleur plays an active role in putting forward her leadership abilities to ensure that the Ministry offers help to the people who need it most.

As Minister of Culture, Minister Meilleur spearheaded efforts to introduce a new and strengthened Ontario Heritage Act, concluding 30 years of efforts to provide better heritage protection. The new act received Royal Assent in April 2005, which brought Ontario in line with leading jurisdictions in heritage conservation.

A leader committed to building bridges between linguistic communities, Minister Meilleur established, as Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs, the Provincial Advisory Committee on Francophone Affairs.

A registered nurse and lawyer specializing in labour and employment law, Minister Meilleur brought leadership to numerous committees and task forces. Minister Meilleur was elected to the provincial legislature in 2003 after more than a decade in municipal politics. From 1991 to 2003, she represented the City of Vanier and the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton and served as a councillor in the new City of Ottawa.