



Eco-Olympics

Selection of Candidates in the 2006 Federal Election for Canada's Green Team



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2006 Eco-Olympics....Let the Winter Games Begin!!!!

It has been over two decades since the federal election featured winter games. This election campaign already has some black marks for body checks that went too far and high sticking with the facts, but we still have some true Eco-Olympic Champions.

Canadians have a hard time learning how their candidates rate for environmental performance in the political games. Unlike in the United States, where Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters can provide a score for each Congressman based on voting records, a Member of Parliament's voting record does not tell you anything -- except the extent of party loyalty.

In the 2000 and 2004 federal elections, the Sierra Club of Canada published the Eco-Olympics list of medal holders. In 2006, in order to assist Canadians in identifying the political contenders with a strong environmental track record, the Eco-Olympics committee has selected a dream Green Team of Eco-Olympians, who, if elected, would bring their track records of environmental achievements to the House of Commons and put Canada in the lead on the environment.

Sierra Club of Canada believes we need environmentally aware candidates in every political party. No political party has a monopoly on Eco-Olympians. Green Team members come from all the political parties; from both the ranks of incumbents and challengers.

Recognition by the Eco-Olympics selection committee and placement on the Green Team does not constitute endorsements. In fact, in some ridings, more than one candidate has been recognized for environmental accomplishments. The Eco-Olympics are an attempt to increase voter awareness of the environment as an election issue. Those candidates who are listed deserve the thanks and support of Canadians for working sometimes without the support of their own caucus, to give Canadian children a brighter, safer and healthier future. Choosing our Eco-Olympics team is not scientific or comprehensive and that there are many deserving candidates that may be worthy of a place on Sierra Club of Canada Eco-Olympic team. To all Eco-Olympians, we urge continued training and a gritty determination to make the team in the next competition. In other words, do not rest on your laurels!

BRITISH COLUMBIA

ELECTED

Dawn Black, New Democrat, New Westminster-Coquitlam

A returning team-member, during her last time as an MP, Dawn pushed in committee to recognize the links between toxics in our environment and cancer.

More recently, Dawn put the 3 R's into practical use in her community by funding Habitat for Humanity's low income housing support through a building products re-use store, salvaging

materials from old buildings and from oversupply and selling them in order to support new home building.

ELECTED

Jean Crowder, New Democrat, Nanaimo-Cowichan

This first-time MP has worked to advance environmental issues in the House of Commons. A strong defender of the moratorium on BC offshore oil and gas exploration, she has been a relentless eco-voice on the Hill. We're confident that she'll perform in the 2006 Eco-Olympics

ELECTED

Libby Davies, New Democrat, Vancouver East

This veteran Member of Parliament has been consistent in supporting environmental priorities in the Green games. Libby Davies is a strong Eco-Olympian and continues to work for commitments to Kyoto, cleaner water, against privatization of water supplies and against military actions overseas.

ELECTED

Ujjal Dosanjh, Liberal, Vancouver South

In 2004, Dosanjh was recognized for his environmental record as Premier of British Columbia. In these 2006 Winter Games, Dosanjh has been selected for his work in cabinet on the Kyoto plan and for work as Health Minister in advancing health and environment connections. Dosanjh has spoken out on issues of smog in the Fraser Valley, and has provided better balance on pesticide advice by bringing non-industry voices and medical doctors to the pest management advisory council.

ELECTED

David Emerson, Liberal, Vancouver Kingsway

David Emerson has been a surprise Eco-Olympic Contender in the Melting Arctic Bobsled event. Although only known for his industry credentials when elected to Parliament in 2004, he has earned the cautious respect of environmental groups.

He's made the team for his work as Chair of the Ad Hoc Cabinet Committee on climate change. Emerson took on the task of the intense, weekly planning meetings in the fall of 2004. He worked to deliver a programme to meet Canada's Kyoto commitments for 2012, and played a key role in negotiating an agreement with the car makers to voluntarily reduce their emissions by 25%. The melting Arctic is interfering with this year's winter sports, due at least in part to Canada's long delay in turning hot air into cool action, but Emerson's efforts helped to keep Canada in the Kyoto games.

DEFEATED

Randall Garrison, New Democrat, Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca

Randall Garrison presented a strong and credible brief to the Federal Panel on Offshore Oil and Gas and is committed to defending the moratorium on west coast oil and gas exploration. Blocked traffic with his bicycle during first Earth Day in the US. As president of Vic West Community Association, Garrison helped organize first Gorge Waterway cleanup in 1987.

He fought to maintain public access to the waterfront in 1988 by establishing the walking trail through the Songhees area of Victoria.

Garrison was the co-founder and co-director of Valayan Fisher-Folk Project in Phillipines (1992-95), a project to help villages learn to manage and protect local marine resources. The project won 1st prize for environmental projects in Negros Occidental province.

ELECTED

Peter Julian, New Democrat, Burnaby-New Westminster

After an impressive debut as a federal parliamentarian, this second time Eco-Olympic participant, Julian has been recognized for introducing a private members bill to ban toxic substances in flame retardants and for opposing the expansion of Highway 1.

DEFEATED

Michael Mascall, Green Party, Vancouver Island North

Michael Mascall has put in a lot of volunteer hours with environmental groups, including Sierra Club of Canada, working to protect old growth forests. A spot on the Ski Jumping team for leaping over bureaucracy to this challenger to sitting MP John Duncan, who is no friend of the environment.

DEFEATED

Joyce Murray, Liberal, New Westminster-Coquitlam

A controversial Eco-Olympian, Joyce Murray is both respected and loathed for her record as a BC provincial Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection (the “Ministry of Environment” name was stricken during her tenure). Her defenders point out how a hostile Cabinet was a barrier to advancing her environmental goals. Her detractors point out that she was at the helm during a period of some of the most regressive environmental decisions and roll-backs in BC’s history and has yet to abandon her support for those actions. Nevertheless, she worked hard to advance protection of the South Chilcotin Mountains and Spruce Lake Parks. Murray found the resources to purchase key ecologically sensitive lands at Burns Bog and the Southern Gulf Islands. She is running with a strong personal platform of environmental commitments. If elected, she knows she will have to keep up her training and work hard to meet her election promises in order to outrun her support of one of BC’s brownest governments.

ELECTED

Stephen Owen, Liberal, Vancouver Quadra

An overall superb performer, the minister responsible has been chosen for Long-Distance Cross Country.

Owen is one of only two candidates officially endorsed by the Conservation Voters of BC (CVBC) for a career of environmental leadership.

Like the long haul cross-country skier, Owen is an independent minded eco-champion, having filled many roles over the years, such as the head of the BC land use process, called CORE (Committee on Resources and the Environment). Federally, he delivered a good clean sweep of Public Works, and set that Department on the cross-country path to greener government. Owen has championed the greening of the upcoming Whistler Olympics. Stephen Owen has a solid grasp of environmental issues and a keen intelligence. His ability to deliver a fact-filled address without a note in front of him is further evidence that this eco-athlete has no need for performance enhancers!

DEFEATED

Mary Pynenberg, Liberal, Burnaby-Newminster

Mary Pynenberg is a strong new contender in the Eco-Olympics. She has a set of green credentials at the municipal level in ecological land use planning and in work creating parks in the local community.

In her position as the planner for the City of New Westminster, Mary pioneered the creation of greenways around town. Recently she has been pushing for policies on environmental criteria for spending projects.

DEFEATED

Svend Robinson, New Democrat, Vancouver Centre

This veteran Eco-Olympic champion is back in the games. With previous Eco-Olympic recognition for his efforts to protect the old growth forest of South Moresby (now Gwaii Hannas National Park Reserve), to his strong commitment to fight climate change, Svend Robinson is an Eco-Olympian of distinction. While, he has not competed in any eco-events recently, his career in environmental protection makes him a strong asset to Canada's Eco-Olympic team.

ELECTED

Denise Savoie, New Democrat, Victoria

Denise Savoie has a long and impressive community eco-activist record. Like Stephen Owen, she has been endorsed by Conservation Voters of BC in this election. She has been selected for the Ice Dance Eco-Competition for skill in pushing for greener transportation policies, great choreography in pushing for sewage clean-up and super artistic impression in working towards a pesticide bylaw during her years as Victoria city councillor. Savoie has a strong reputation for outstanding work for the environment in Victoria through her role as a municipal councillor. She hopes to take her eco-competitive skills to Ottawa. Good luck!

ELECTED

Bill Siksay, New Democrat, Burnaby-Douglas

This first time Eco-Olympian has strong record in fighting Highway 1 expansion and other local issues.

DEFEATED

Ian Waddell, New Democrat, Vancouver Kingsway

Ian Waddell is currently on the national board of Sierra Club of Canada and has helped the organization enormously through his volunteer leadership. As BC's environment minister he instituted a moratorium on grizzly hunting, achieved goal of 12 percent for parks and protected areas, and oversaw the Britannia Beach mine pollution clean-up.

The Eco-Olympic Committee is unable to give him a medal due to conflict of interest, but we know that Waddell has a heart of pure GOLD.

DEFEATED

Silvaine Zimmerman, Green Party, West Vancouver/Sunshine Coast/Sea to Sky Country

Silvaine is well known for her work in the BC environmental movement. She has worked with Western Canada Wilderness Committee, the Eco-Alliance as well as local efforts in composting, organic growing and recycling.

ALBERTA

DEFEATED

Linda Duncan, New Democrat, Edmonton-Strathcona

First time Eco-Olympian Linda Duncan is a tri-athlete, with skills in environmental law, government policy work and local community protection. She has championed the environment from each of these vantage points for decades, earning her strong position on Canada's Eco-Olympic team.

ELECTED

Bob Mills, Conservative, Red Deer

Bob Mills continues to be a strong environmental champion within the Conservative Party. His non-partisan efforts to support the passage of legislation to protect marine seabirds from oil pollution this year plus his continued work to promote cleaner air are deserving of a position on the team.

DEFEATED

David Parker, Green Party, Edmonton Centre

Parker is a great asset to any Green Team for his strong performance for climate change action and for a vegetarian diet. No need to rest on his laurels, as this Green Party Champion takes on one of fossil fuels' best friends, Anne McLellan.

ELECTED

Lee Richardson, Conservative, Calgary Centre

Lee Richardson has been a constructive part of the environment committee of the House. Eco-Olympic selection committee members who remember him from his days in Prime Minister Mulroney's Office are not surprised. Richardson was always willing to advance the environmental case.

DEFEATED

Brian Pincott, New Democrat, Calgary Centre

This second time Eco-Olympian has made a seamless transition to the winter games. With great agility, he has put on those speed skates and taken off, earning a place on the eco-dream team for work to ban dangerous lawn pesticides and stop urban sprawl. A long time Sierra Club of Canada leader and volunteer, Brian Pincott is one of Alberta's star candidates.

SASKATCHEWAN

ELECTED

Ralph Goodale, Liberal, Wascana

A second time Eco-Olympic team member, Goodale has remained consistent in his performance. The 2005 budget brought strong programme spending for renewable energy, Kyoto implementation, energy efficiency and a detailed hint at future ecological fiscal reform, and his \$4 billion promise for clean up of toxic sites across Canada have impressed the Eco-Olympic selection committee.

DEFEATED

Don Kossick, New Democrat, Blackstrap

Don Kossick is a deserving candidate in the Blackstrap Riding. His work for environmental integrity and against the improper disposal of nuclear waste merit a position on the 2006 Winter game team. Kossick would be a terrific Eco-Champion in the House of Commons.

DEFEATED

Nettie Wiebe, New Democrat, Saskatoon-Rosetown-Biggar

Another second time Eco-Olympian, Nettie Wiebe is a hero to many. She has stood up for the family farm, and for rural Saskatchewan. She continues to work tirelessly for safe and sustainable agriculture and a better world.

MANITOBA

DEFEATED

Brad Bird, Green Party, Brandon Souris

The Green Party's Brad Bird has shown an ability to do true Eco-Olympic long distance trekking. He logged over 1600 kilometres in fund raising for the Heart and Stroke Foundation last spring.

Bird's a first ever Eco-Olympian for his work at the Turtle Mountain Provincial Park and efforts to raise awareness of environmental issues.

ELECTED

Bill Blaikie, New Democrat, Elmwood-Transcona

Long time Parliamentarian Bill Blaikie receives Eco-Olympic recognition for the third time. Despite not having a critic role in environmental issues, Blaikie continues to be a strong voice for environmental values in the House of Commons. He represents the best in political life as a consistently honest, hard-working and ethical political leader.

DEFEATED

Terry Duguid, Liberal, Kildonan-St.Paul

Terry Duguid served as Chairman of the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission. He dealt with challenges regarding flooding in the Red River Valley, Winnipeg's strained and leaking waste water system, expansion of industrial plants on the Assiniboine River, and the first Hydro dam planned in 20 years for northern Manitoba.

As executive director for the Manitoba Climate Change Task Force, chaired by Lloyd Axworthy, he managed a review and public meetings which resulted in a report that is stronger than Manitoba's oft touted Climate Change Action Plan.

He recently co-chairs a task force to recommend actions for both levels of government to rescue Lake Winnipeg, Canada's sixth great lake, and return it to function and health it had during the 1970's.

The temptation to ask Terry to Do-Good is irresistible!

DEFEATED

Janine Gibson, Green Party, Provencher

Currently the national president of Canadian Organic Growers, (COG) Janine Gibson is a founding member and current co-chair of the Organic Food Council of Manitoba (the MB Chapter of COG). She has worked as an independent organic inspector since 1993 and an IOIA (Independent Organic Inspectors Association) trainer of inspectors since 1995.

Janine chaired the Editorial Working Group for the Canadian General Standards Board "Committee on Organic Agriculture" contributing to the development of a national organic standard for Canada.

Janine lives simply on a solar and wind powered small mixed farm, Northern Sun Farm Co-operative south of Steinbach MB. She is active in Manitoba environmental issues, including the spread of unsustainable hog operations in her community. She is an effective and knowledgeable co-chair of the Manitoba Environmental Network's water caucus, in her spare time!

ELECTED

Anita Neville, Liberal, Winnipeg South Centre

A first-ever Eco-Olympian, Anita Neville is recognized for her work in the House of Commons Environment Committee. With environmentalist and Senator Mira Spivak as her mentor, Neville is beginning to make her mark as an Eco-Olympian!

DEFEATED

Ed Schreyer, New Democrat, Selkirk-Interlake

To say Ed Schreyer is a political veteran is the ultimate understatement. Member of Parliament, former Premier, former Governor General, Schreyer's re-entry into electoral politics may be one of the few surprises of this campaign. He has a strong record as an environmentally committed Premier. He prevented a proposed beluga sport hunt, beginning his legendary (and very genuine) friendship with Farley Mowat. More recently he has championed energy issues in light of the threat of climate change and the limits on oil and gas supplies globally. He has served as a board member for the Manitoba based, International Institute for Sustainable Development. Although he continues to support large scale hydro (an Eco-Olympic demerit point there!), Schreyer earns Eco-Olympic spot for his calls for action to curtail our disastrous addiction to fossil fuels.

ONTARIO

DEFEATED

Sandy Agnew, Green Party, Simcoe North

In his first Eco-Olympics, Sandy Agnew is a welcome contender. His career is in restoring degraded ecosystems. He has protected local wetlands, created a programme for the Natural Shorelines of Severn Sound and contributed to innumerable local projects.

ELECTED

Charlie Angus, New Democrat, Timmins-James Bay

Charlie Angus is a dedicated opponent of toxic waste incineration and a strong advocate for sustainable community development. A multi-talented musician and activist, Angus has been a strong Eco-Olympian in the House of Commons.

ELECTED

Sue Barnes, Liberal, London West

Sue Barnes is receiving her second Eco-Olympic position. She remains a solid supporter of Arctic Science and action on climate change.

ELECTED

Mauril Belanger, Liberal, Ottawa-Vanier

This long time MP has received previous Eco-Olympic recognition. He has a strong interest in environmental issues, particularly genetic engineering. A strong Kyoto champion, Belanger will be on Canada's Green Team again this year.

ELECTED

Carolyn Bennett, Liberal, St. Paul's

Bennett is a three-time Eco-Olympian. Her background as a medical doctor coupled with her focus on the impact of a degraded environment on public health have led to strong performance in the Eco-Olympics. Bennett is a great member of any Green Team.

DEFEATED

Paul Benoit, Conservative, Ottawa Vanier

A long time Progressive Conservative, with the emphasis on the “progressive,” Paul Benoit is a well known local community volunteer and supporter of environmental causes.

ELECTED

Bonnie Brown, Liberal, Oakville

Brown’s was recognized for her eco-efforts in the 2004 Summer Games. A former chair of the House Committee on Health, Bonnie Brown was a consistent supporter of environmental initiatives. She has kept up the pressure for environmental protection in Liberal ranks.

DEFEATED

Pauline Browse, Conservative, Scarborough-Guildwood

It is great to see this veteran environmental champ back in competition. A former Minister Responsible for Parks in the Government of former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Pauline Browse had a long record of advocacy for the Rouge Valley, a beautiful wilderness area within Toronto. Out of politics she has served on environmental review boards at the provincial level and worked for protection of water resources.

DEFEATED

Aileen Carroll, Liberal, Barrie

In 2004 Aileen Carroll was recognized for her work chairing the caucus sustainability committee. As Minister responsible for CIDA, she has paid real attention to the environmental aspects and ensured the extension of CIDA’s climate funds.

DEFEATED

David Chernushenko, Green Party, Ottawa Centre

Deputy Leader of the federal Green Party, Chernushenko is a veteran of several kinds of Eco-Olympics. He has authored a book on how to green the real Olympic games. He founded an organization of Olympians committed to a cleaner, healthier environment, Clean Air Champions. In the 2006 Winter Games he has received national attention as a possible Green candidate who might make it to Parliament. The Ottawa Centre riding has a great selection of strong environmentalists among the candidates! Meanwhile, Chernushenko is clearly one of the strongest Green Party candidates across the country.

ELECTED

Olivia Chow, New Democrat, Trinity-Spadina

Chow is well respected for her consistent environmental stance on a wide range of municipal issues, from promoting clean air, public health and improved transport alternatives. Her consistent support on Car Free Day, for protecting health by banning pesticides for cosmetic use, and greenhouse gas

reduction within the City of Toronto merits a position as Eco-Olympian. Olivia Chow “walks the talk,” so in the Winter Games she is a clear winner on the fast-track Eco-bobsled!

DEFEATED

Marilyn Churley, New Democrat, Beaches-East York

In her first federal Eco-Olympics, Marilyn Churley comes with an impressive list of provincial environmental achievements. Her work in an NDP government and continuing in Opposition, Churley has been a consistent and solid eco-athlete with clear commitment and an impressive grasp on issues. Churley has been selected for the solo ice dance competition for knowing how to execute perfect eco-moves.

ELECTED

Tony Clement, Conservative, Parry Sound-Muskoka

In his first bid for the federal Eco-Olympics, Tony Clement has made the team. Tony Clement was the brightest environmental light in the bleak ranks of the Mike Harris Cabinet. He was a great protector of parks, helped protect parts of Oak Ridges Moraine and always showed a good grasp of environmental concerns. Rare among politicians, the Eco-Olympic selection committee rate him a good listener. Clement is competing in the Conservative Skate...on thin ice but willing to try!

ELECTED

Joe Comartin, New Democrat, Windsor-Tecumseh

Comartin is a veteran of many Eco-Olympics and continues to be a dedicated environmental performer, most recently through his critic role on the Great Lakes. The substantial improvement of the Annex agreement to prevent diversions from the Lakes was assisted by some serious work in the all-party House committee, with Comartin’s leadership.

DEFEATED

Ric Dagenais, New Democrat, Ottawa-Vanier

Ric Dagenais has been a member of the environment citizen’s committee of the City of Ottawa. A long time advocate for better transportation policy and against use of dangerous pesticides for cosmetic purposes, Dagenais is a strong Eco-Olympic contender.

ELECTED

Paul Dewar, New Democrat, Ottawa Centre

A great local activist, Paul Dewar is an Eco-Olympic winner. He works tirelessly for many environmental issues including organizing thousands of teachers and countless students in support of a pesticide by-law, for local action on the Alta Vista Transportation corridor and the widening of the Queensway and Richmond road, supporting public transit vs. more cars, on eliminating chemical

cleaners in schools to protect kids and teachers, and more while working hard for a greener, more equitable world. He'll follow in Ed Broadbent's snowshoe tracks.

DEFEATED

Helen Forsey, New Democrat, Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington

A long time community activist and participant in the Canadian environmental movement, this is Forsey's first ever participation in the federal games. Her position on Canada's Green Team has been earned for decades of hard work at the local level, promoting a fairer and greener world.

ELECTED

John Godfrey, Liberal, Don Valley West

Arguably the best informed environmental champion ever to serve in a federal Cabinet, Godfrey is recognized for the third time for his work in advancing the New Deal for Cities, and making sure it is a Green Deal! In any Downhill Eco-Olympic race, Godfrey is at the front of the pack.

DEFEATED

Jim Harris, Green Party, Beaches-East York

Green Party Leader Jim Harris faces a true Eco-Champion in Marilyn Churley. Still, there is no denying that Harris has proved an able leader for the party with the strongest environmental platform.

DEFEATED

Glen Hodgson, Green Party, Parry Sound-Muskoka

Hodgson is a dedicated high school teacher who brings environmental activism to the classroom. From his hybrid car to his planting of indigenous species of plants, trees and shrubs, Glen Hodgson is making a difference in his community.

DEFEATED

Bruce Hyer, New Democrat, Thunder Bay-Superior North

A second time Eco-Olympian, Bruce Hyer, is a long-time environmental activist. A proponent of safe pesticide policies for decades, Hyer would be a great Green MP.

ELECTED

Jim Karygiannis, Liberal, Scarborough-Agincourt

Karygiannis has been an Eco-Olympian before! In these 2006 Winter Games he is recognized for his work in promoting better fuel economy and reduced smog and greenhouse gases from Canadian

cars. A long time advocate for safer energy, and an anti-nuclear critic, Karygiannis has been a strong performer.

DEFEATED

Pat Lawson, Green Party, Northumberland-Quinte West

Pat Lawson is a tireless activist, described by David Suzuki as one of his Eco-Heroes! A youthful senior, Pat Lawson has been a voice of global conscience in Port Hope for decades. She has campaigned against nuclear waste, for recycling, for organic gardening and a host of other issues.

ELECTED

Jack Layton, New Democrat, Toronto-Danforth

Layton's decision to hang on to the Energy critic and Kyoto file in the House and his support for the Green Car initiative, protecting the funding for the climate change initiatives in last spring's budget and expanding funds for public transit makes Jack an easy choice as Eco-Olympian. Speed Skating through the headlines and issues is his strength. The Eco-Olympic selection committee hope to see Layton push other leaders to match his party's December 2005 announcement of post-2012 greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for Canada (25% below 1990 levels by 2020.)

DEFEATED

Tom Manley, Liberal, Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry

An organic grower and former high-profile Green Party candidate, Tom Manley has shown commitment to the planet in his personal and political life. This first ever Eco-Olympian will be performing in the Halfpipe Snowboard – as we've recognized his skill at shifting from party to party, but staying with the programme.

ELECTED

Brian Masse, New Democrat, Windsor West

Being from a Riding with a dependence on the auto industry, Masse's stand for Green cars is an Eco-Olympic winner!

ELECTED

David McGuinty, Liberal, Ottawa South

As a back-bencher it might be said that former National Round Table CEO McGuinty has had little scope for his environmental skills. Or his low profile may have something to do with his famous brother and his brother's equally famous spat with the federal Liberals. Eco-Olympic selection committee members had expected more when he was first recognized at the 2004 Summer Games. Nevertheless, his work in the environment committee has been valued in asking pointed questions and pushing the agenda forward.

DEFEATED

Mike Nagy, Green Party, Guelph

Mike Nagy has a long history of green activism, long before he became a Green Party candidate. When a Toronto resident in the 1980s, he worked diligently for newspaper recycling and waste reduction. In Guelph, he has worked on local environmental projects, from tree planting to promoting water conservation.

ELECTED

Peggy Nash, New Democrat, Parkdale-High Park

In her second entry into Eco-Olympics, Peggy Nash earns another position on the Eco-Olympics team for her community work for a healthier environment. Nash has been a dedicated advocate for public transit and against genetically modified foods. Peggy Nash is a strong Eco-Olympic contender and is performing well in the 2006 Winter Games.

DEFEATED

Mike Nickerson, Green Party, Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington

A long time Eco-Olympian, Nickerson has championed the Sustainability Project. His work with previous Liberal MP, Joe Jordan from Leeds Grenville, led to a Private Member's Bill advancing a Quality of Life Wellbeing Index to replace the GDP measurement.

DEFEATED

Gord Perks, New Democrat, Davenport

This first time Eco-Olympian comes with a terrific track record. Perks is a long-time environmental activist, remembered for, among other things, bringing down the Peterson government in 1990 by drowning out the Premier at his campaign launch with a loud recording of tough questions from a talking briefcase. He is an expert in a number of municipal issues, whether mass transit, energy choices or land use planning. A veteran of working with Pollution Probe, Greenpeace, Sierra Club of Canada and Toronto Environmental Alliance, he is a true Eco-Olympian. Good luck Gord!

ELECTED

Belinda Stronach, Liberal, Newmarket-Aurora

Whoever would have thunk it? The Eco-Olympic selection committee have taken note of newly minted Liberal Minister Belinda Stronach. She has been expressing concern about youth and the future of the planet.

DEFEATED

Raphael Thierrin, Green Party, Ottawa-Vanier

A true Eco-champion, Raphael Thierrin is a long-time environmental activist. He has been an effective watch dog on nuclear waste and the seeping waste from Chalk River heading to Ottawa.

ELECTED

Alan Tonks, Liberal, York South-Weston

This is Tonks' first Eco-Olympics, earned for his work in chairing the House Environment Committee. It was a daunting task to fill the shoes of his predecessor, the truly remarkable Charles Caccia. The committee, under Tonks's watch, has been a strong protector of the Great Lakes, done good and diligent work tracking progress toward Kyoto targets and in reviewing the use of CEPA for greenhouse gas regulation.

DEFEATED

Mark Viitala, Green Party, Sault Ste. Marie

This second time Eco-Olympian is a past chair of the Sierra Club of Canada – GTA group. Viitala is a committed and passionate environmental activist.

ELECTED

Bryan Wilfert, Liberal, Richmond Hill

Bryan Wilfert earns his first-ever position on the Eco-Olympic Green Team for his work as Parliamentary Secretary to the Environment Minister. The last year has been a time of intense activity on the environment file, and Wilfert has stayed on track, and can call himself an Eco-Olympian.

DEFEATED

Grace Yogaretnam, Green Party, Mississauga-Brampton South

One of the youngest contenders in the Eco-Olympics, 23 year old Grace is already an accomplished campaigner for the planet. While pursuing her environmental studies degree at York, she has joined the Sustainable Campuses Project (involving Sierra Youth Coalition) and is on the York Green Team. Grace is a true Eco-Hero, would be a strong member of Canada's Green Team.

QUEBEC

ELECTED

Bernard Bigras, Bloc Québécois, Rosemont-LaPetite-Patrie

A great team player in previous Eco-Olympics, Bloc Québécois's environment critic is a consistent and dedicated Eco-Athlete. He is recognized for his work for the St. Lawrence River, the implementation of Kyoto and a range of issues, Bigras has set a high standard in the House of Commons!

DEFEATED

Mathieu Castonguay, Green Party, Levis-Bellechasse

Castonguay has used his mechanical engineering skills to develop hybrid and electric cars. A recent graduate of Laval, Castonguay is one of the younger competitors in the Eco-Olympics.

ELECTED

Stéphane Dion, Liberal, Saint Laurent-Cartierville

Environment Minister since the summer of 2004, he has worked tirelessly for implementation of Kyoto, for full environmental assessments of controversial projects, such as the Sydney Tar Ponds Clean Up, and for the protection of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Listing of greenhouse gases under CEPA and passage of the bill to punish those who dump oil at sea, killing tens of thousands of sea birds every year, are just some of the legislative initiatives under his watch. Stéphane Dion is one of the best Environment Ministers in Canadian history and a true Eco-Olympian.

ELECTED

Gilles Duceppe, Bloc Québécois, Laurier- Sainte Marie

The leader of the Bloc Québécois, Duceppe has been a strong promoter of action to reduce greenhouse gases, to end subsidies to nuclear energy and to label genetically modified organisms. He may need very sharp skates to keep an environmental conscience in the next Parliament.

DEFEATED

Claude Genest, Green Party, Jeanne-Le Ber

Claude Genest is a long-time advocate of permaculture in agriculture and an environmental proponent as well an environmental educator through film and television.

ELECTED

Monique Guay, Bloc Québécois, Rivière-du-Nord

This is the third Sierra Club of Canada Eco-Olympic recognition for Monique Guay. She is a true Eco-champion!

ELECTED

Marlene Jennings, Liberal, Notre-Dame-de-Grace-Lachine

This is the third Eco-Olympics for Marlene Jennings. A solid campaigner for controlling dangerous pesticides, Marlene Jennings is an effective Parliamentarian for environmental goals. Her position on the Eco-Olympics dream team in the figure skating competition is for strong performance against the Pesticide Business Lobby (she can skate circles around them!)

ELECTED

Paul Martin, Liberal, LaSalle-Emard

Martin has been an Eco-Olympian in previous games, but in the last year he has really begun to earn the gratitude of environmental groups. His support of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, for the implementation of the first round of Kyoto commitments, the offer to host the U.N. climate conference have earned him a spot on the Green Team. There is still the problem of inconsistent announcements (fighting climate change, while supporting the Mackenzie Gas Pipeline and subsidies to the tar sands), but overall, environmental objectives have made real progress under his watch.

ELECTED

Pierre Pettigrew, Liberal, Papineau

Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs, Pierre Pettigrew is a first time Eco-Olympian. Lately, the Minister has had a lot of exciting moments on his cell phone. Most people heard about the recent incident when Pierre Pettigrew informed a reporter he was being mugged. Scary, indeed. Pettigrew's real planet-saving cell phone event came in the wee hours of the morning on December 10, 2005. The climate negotiations were dead-locked and the Foreign Affairs Minister, head of Canada's delegation, had been in negotiations for several days straight. Pettigrew saved the day by taking his phone directly to the recalcitrant head of the Russian Federation delegation. On the other end -- his boss in Moscow and Pettigrew's opposite number in the Putin Government. Within minutes negotiations were back on track. Score one for the planet and a large thank you to Pierre Pettigrew.

ELECTED

Francis Scarpaleggia, Liberal, Lac-Saint-Louis

Francis Scarpaleggia first became an Eco-Olympian as a member of the Clifford Lincoln Parliamentary Team. He continues to be a strong eco-athlete.

DEFEATED

Helene Scherrer, Liberal, Louis-Hébert

Former chair of the Liberal caucus Sustainable Development Committee, Sherrer demonstrated her Eco-Athletic abilities in previous House sessions. Out of office for the last session, she hopes to return.

DEFEATED

Christian Simard, Bloc Québécois, Beauport-Limoilou

Simard has served in the House since his election in 2004. For many years, Christian Simard has been an active environmentalist, with a great track record.

NEW BRUNSWICK

DEFEATED

Patty Donovan, Green Party, Fundy Royal

Patty Donovan is a dedicated environmentalist, mother and campaigner for a safer world. She has been prominent nationally for her work against dangerous pesticides and to prevent further funding of Point Lepreau. Good luck Patty!

DEFEATED

Neil Gardner, New Democrat, Beauséjour

This is Gardner's first entry into the Eco-Olympics, but he is well known to the selection committee as a skilled competitor. As part of the dedicated community effort to rid the Ste. Marie du Kent area of a noxious hog factory, Gardner has been a steadfast volunteer for Association for the Preservation of the Bouctouche Watershed. He is on the board of the Atlantic Canada Chapter of the Sierra Club of Canada, and is a strong campaigner for a better and safer planet.

ELECTED

Yvon Godin, New Democrat, Acadie-Bathurst

The only MP in New Brunswick to publicly oppose federal investments to refurbish the Point Lepreau reactor, Yvon took a beating from the pro-nuclear unions as a result, but kept his head (and his honour) high in the end. For fighting for the development of a sustainable wind energy future for the Acadian peninsula against the interests of the coal and nuclear industries, Godin deserves a position on the Green Team.

ELECTED

Dominic LeBlanc, Liberal, Beauséjour

A strong supporter of restoring the Petitcodiac River by opening the causeway, Dominic merits our praise for doing what's right for the river and his community. He has also taken a keen interest in the development of the wind industry in the Tantramar region of New Brunswick.

ELECTED

Andy Scott, Liberal, Fredericton

Minister of Indian Affairs has delivered on some strong environmental goals in the last session of the Parliament. He supported the right decision NOT to fund re-tubing of Point Lepreau. Recently, he has also come out publicly against the siting of an LNG Terminal in Passamaquoddy Bay.

NOVA SCOTIA

ELECTED

Scott Brison, Liberal, Kings-Hants

First time Eco-Olympic team member, Minister for Public Works, Brison oversaw a great greening of government initiative for Public Works and ensured a full and impartial review of tar ponds clean up through a panel review. Scott Brison is his own source of renewable energy and a solid Eco-Olympian!

DEFEATED

Arthur Bull, New Democrat, West Nova

Bull is a strong advocate for community sustainability and is named an Eco-Olympian for his work defending the fishery and the environment from the proposed quarry at Digby Neck.

ELECTED

Rodger Cuzner, Liberal, Cape Breton-Canso

Rodger Cuzner was recognized at the 2004 Eco-Olympics for his work to assist fishermen in the seismic testing threat. In this Eco-Olympics, Cuzner has once again made the Green Team for supporting a panel review for the Sydney Tar Ponds clean up.

ELECTED

Mark Eyking, Liberal, Sydney-Victoria

Mark Eyking has been a dedicated supporter of the clean up of the Sydney Tar Ponds. He has pressed for the funding and then accepted the Panel Review decision of federal Ministers Brison and Dion. Eyking has a background opposing the coal fired power plant at Point Aconi before he entered politics.

DEFEATED

Kenzie MacNeil, Conservative, Cape Breton-Canso

Kenzie MacNeil has been an Eco-Olympian in the past. He is one of the Island's most talented singers, songwriters and producers with an equally long history of supporting environmental causes. Kenzie MacNeil ran for the Conservatives for the first time in 2004.

DEFEATED

Peter Mancini, New Democrat, Dartmouth-Cole Harbour

A long time advocate for the environment, and former Member of Parliament, Mancini has not been in Eco-Olympic competition for a while. He is recognized for his work to raise the health issues of the Sydney Tar Ponds when he was in Parliament.

ELECTED

Alexa McDonough, New Democrat, Halifax

Alexa McDonough has supported environmental causes for decades. She has been recognized in every Eco-Olympics. Her stalwart work for the common good makes her a strong Eco-Olympian.

DEFEATED

Dr. Chris Milburn, Green Party, Sydney-Victoria

This is his second venture into federal politics and his first time as Eco-Olympian. Widely nominated for this honour, Milburn is an emergency room physician and advocate for healthy lifestyles. Dr. Chris Milburn has supported bans on pesticides and called for a bike path on King's Road.

DEFEATED

David Orton, Green Party, Central Nova

David Orton has been a dedicated bio-centrist and green philosopher in Nova Scotia for decades, after coming to the province from the west coast. He keeps many informed through his electronic newsletters and listserves throughout the Maritimes.

ELECTED

Geoff Regan, Liberal, Halifax West

Geoff Regan receives a position on the Eco-Olympics team for his work on the West Coast to protect wild salmon. The position was contested by the Eco-Olympic selection committee who note his decisions to avoid the listing of marine species, such as cod and northern bottlenose whale, and failure to listen to the environmental and fisheries coalition opposing seismic blasting in coastal zones. After much deliberation, Regan retains his spot on the Green Team for work in British Columbia, with a plea to do more for the Atlantic Environment at the real event in the House of Commons.

ELECTED

Peter Stoffer, New Democrat, Sackville-Eastern Shore

Peter Stoffer has been a steadfast opponent of oil and gas development in sensitive coastal zones. Stoffer's work in Atlantic Canada won support for a spot on the Green Team from the Eco-Olympic selection committee, but his siding with some of the most anti-environmental forces in B.C. on wild salmon policy led to consternation. After a challenge to the selection, the Eco-Olympic selection committee (using the same approach taken with Regan) found that these two eco-athletes score in exactly opposite columns. Regan is right on the west coast and wrong in Atlantic Canada; Stoffer is the reverse.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

DEFEATED

David Daughton, Green Party, Charlottetown

David Daughton works for community health and sustainability and has been a long-time advocate for renewable energy and a greener world. He is a welcome addition to the Eco-Olympics team!

ELECTED

Wayne Easter, Liberal, Malpeque

Wayne Easter continues to work for rural sustainability from outside of Cabinet. His work for fishermen opposing seismic testing earns him a position as a solid Eco-Olympian.

DEFEATED

Sharon Labchuk, Green Party, Malpeque

One of Canada's leading anti-pesticide activists and a stalwart champion for a healthy environment, this is not Sharon Labchuk's first recognition as an Eco-Olympian.

ELECTED

Shawn Murphy, Liberal, Charlottetown

As Parliamentary Secretary to the Fisheries Minister, Murphy has advanced arguments for sustainable fisheries and for protection of the in-shore from seismic testing.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

DEFEATED

Alexandre Beaudin, Green Party, Western Arctic

This Western Arctic candidate is the only individual that has pushed for renewable energy alternatives to the Mackenzie Gas Project. We are proud to nominate him for Canada's Green Team.

ELECTED

Dennis Bevington, New Democrat, Western Arctic

The former special advisor to the premier on energy loses points with Eco-Olympic selection committee for favouring the Mackenzie Gas Project, but, to his credit, he is said to oppose delivering the gas to the Athabasca Tar Sands. Nevertheless, Bevington's green credentials earn him a spot on the Winter Eco-Olympics Green Team to match his place in the 2004 Summer Games.

YUKON

ELECTED

Larry Bagnell, Liberal, Yukon

Larry Bagnell has been a tireless advocate for the protection of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. His performance for keeping up the pressure in Washington DC and ensuring that the Prime minister kept the protection of the Refuge at the top of his list when talking to Americans. Like a Goalie deflecting all those flying pucks, Bagnell can savour that last great save just before Christmas. We know he will continue to perform on Canada's Green Team!