



Neil Ellis, MP

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Born and raised in Belleville, Ontario, Neil Ellis has enjoyed a long history of contributing to the Bay of Quinte across a variety of roles.

Foremost, he has owned and operated a successful local business for nearly 30 years. From 2006-2014, he also served as Mayor of the City of Belleville. A committed leader and visionary, he championed innovative strategies to address a serious shortage of family physicians and other health practitioners in the region and introduced local infrastructure improvements. These professional and public service roles have enabled Neil to gain an extensive knowledge of the Bay of Quinte riding, and to establish strong, positive working relationships with business leaders, elected officials and community partners throughout Belleville, Prince Edward County and Quinte West. He is tremendously proud of the many successes achieved, together, with them.

During his two terms as Mayor, Neil realized the importance of federal leadership to ensuring that municipal governments have reliable funding to allocate towards critical infrastructure projects and service programming. This epiphany encouraged Neil to run for a seat in the House of Commons. On October 19, 2015, Neil was elected the first MP for the Bay of Quinte riding.

During his first term, Neil served as Chair of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs for four years.

Upon re-election in 2019, Neil was named Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. Neil's enthusiasm and commitment to collaboration

continues to make an impact; foremost by connecting all levels of government in order to achieve the objectives and goals of the riding, but also by encouraging public consultation and participation.

As Member of Parliament for the Bay of Quinte, Neil's overarching priority is to secure a stable infusion of infrastructure funding. He believes this is the key to promoting economic growth and improving the quality of life for all constituents. As a lifelong resident of the Quinte area, Neil is honoured to continue serving his fellow community members in this capacity.

In his capacity as Chair of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs, Neil was privileged to address the complex challenges currently facing our nation's defense personnel and their families, none of which are new to him. As the son of a WWII veteran of the Royal Canadian Navy it is his sincere priority that their mutual sacrifice and service, to us all, be held in the highest esteem possible by the Committee. He is privileged to ensure that this principle guides the development of all policies, programming, or services available to Canada's Veterans.

Neil is equipped to bring high caliber analysis and governance expertise to his role as a Member of Parliament, having attained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Law and Psychology from Carleton University, in addition to a Chartered Director (C. Dir.) and Human Resources Compensation Committee Certification (H.R.C.C.C.), both professional designations through McMaster University's Directors College programs. Married to his wife, Susan, for over 30 years, together they have raised three equally splendid and supportive children: Zachary, Maddison, and Abigail.