

# GO Women in Government

## The Who

### Keynote Speaker

The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Status of Women Canada, will welcome participants to Women in Government Day and deliver the keynote address.

### Workshop Leaders

#### **Campaign School**

- **Anne Cole** - Co-campaign leader 2014 Municipal Election
- **Richard Eberhardt** - Experienced campaign manager and former Northern Ontario organizer for the Federal NDP

#### **Media Training**

- **Erik White** - Journalist, CBC
- **Mike Whitehouse** - Chief of Staff to Paul Lefebvre, MP Sudbury, Campaign Manager, Journalist

#### **Work / Life Balance (Networking Lunch Session)**

- **Lynn Despatie** - Trustee Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario

#### **Fundraising**

- **Floyd Laughren** - Former MPP, member of the Samsung Ontario Advisory Counsel, and Vice-Chair Health Sciences North Board of Directors.

#### **Political Reality vs. Reality Show**

- **France Gelinas** - MPP Nickel Belt NDP Critic for Health & Long Term Care, Francophone Affairs and Aboriginal Affairs.
- **Clare Graham**, Press Secretary to the Attorney General

#### **Mock Council Meeting**

- **Caroline Hallsworth** - Executive Director of Administrative Services / City Clerk
- **Brigitte Sobush** - Deputy City Clerk
- **Tanya Thompson** - Deputy City Clerk

### The Panel

- **France Gelinas**, MPP Nickel Belt
- **Marc Serre**, MP Nickel Belt
- **Paul Lefebvre**, MP Sudbury
- **Mayor Brian Bigger**

To register for Women in Government Day please complete and submit the included Registration Form to [clerks@greatersudbury.ca](mailto:clerks@greatersudbury.ca) by Wednesday, September 21st, 2016.

## Now that you know the who...here's the why!

"I am participating in this project because I want to be an example to my children, my students, and my community. I want to be the change I want to see. I feel that all too often the accomplishments of women are overcast by the shadows of men, such that even potential may be eroded by time. The lives of women are so varied and complex and yet as a gender we are frequently reduced to weak, incompetent stereotypes. This project is important, because it educates and empowers women, thereby empowering us all. When women are elected to office, everyone benefits."  
- Kayla May

"I am taking part in this project because more public awareness is needed in order to encourage women to challenge the status quo. It is an important project because the workshop format allows for the exchange of views and hopefully the participants will be open about the problems that come with jobs in government, at many different levels. We need more women elected because without gender balance in elected positions we, as a society, are short changing ourselves. We do not have a proper representative government without gender balance."  
- Floyd Laughren

"I am taking part in Sudbury's Women in Government initiative because as a first time candidate for school board trustee in the last elections, everything was new and unknown to me. I think it's important that we have a network that we can lean on if we have questions because it's already challenging to run in an election. Knowing that there are like-minded individuals who are behind you can be incredibly helpful. Women need to run for and be elected to office because we play a huge role in raising healthy families, creating a strong economy, and planning for the future of our community and we should have a voice at the decision-making table. If we don't show up, we can't be part of that conversation."  
- Lynn Despatie

"Contrary to the thoughts of some, this is not an issue of a quota being filled. It is much more important than that. Women, or many women are hesitant to get involved due to a higher sense of responsibility for running a household, raising children, and in many cases supporting their spouse. This, along with a long existing misconception of women not being as capable as men to fill the role of a politician has kept many women from getting involved. Our world is changing rapidly, the sooner a change occurs that enables and encourages women to get involved in politics the sooner they will not only make themselves available but when elected they will make great things happen."  
- Dave Kilgour

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## Participant Registration

Tom Davies Square, 200 Brady Street, Sudbury  
Friday, September 30, 2016 • 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please select your top three workshop choices: There is a max of 25 participants per workshop and workshops will be filled on a first come first served basis.

**Choice One**

**Choice Two**

**Choice Three**

Prior to the Women in Government Day Event you will receive an email from a member of our team confirming your participation and workshop cycle.

**Please advise if you have any allergies or dietary restrictions**

Please submit completed forms to  
clerks@greatersudbury.ca  
by Wednesday, September 21,  
2016

Personal information collected on this form is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, for the purpose of participant registration and confirmation for the City of Greater Sudbury, Women in Government Day Events. Questions regarding the collection and use of this information may be directed Danielle Wicklander or Christine Hodgins, Legislative Compliance Coordinators, City of Greater Sudbury, PO Box 5000, Stn A, 200 Brady Street, Sudbury, Ontario, P3A 5P3 or by calling 3-1-1.

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