



Bruce was first elected to the House of Commons in January 2006; re-elected in October 2008 and May 2011 and most recently again in October 2015 for his fourth term representing the riding of Simcoe North.

Bruce is Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees of the Whole for the House of Commons. The Deputy Speaker is vested with all the powers of the Speaker when the latter is absent from the House, presides over the proceedings of the House, and is responsible for chairing Committees of the Whole.

Previously he served as Assistant Deputy Chair of the Committees of the Whole, Chair of the Standing Committee for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development beginning the fall of 2008 to March 2011, and served prior to that on Committees for the Status of Women; Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics; and Industry, Science and Technology.

Prior to his election to be a Member of Parliament, Bruce worked in his family's tourism business. He was among the 5th generation of his family to own and operate a tourism business on Sparrow Lake since the family first developed a livelihood there in 1884. He is past-President of Bayview Wildwood Resorts Limited and The Cottages at Port Stanton on Sparrow Lake.

Throughout his career, Bruce was actively involved in promoting and advocating for the tourism industry and his local community. He served on the Board of several tourism organizations including the Tourism Industry Association of Canada (TIAC), Resorts Ontario, and Tourism Ontario. Bruce served as Councillor in the Township of Severn from 1999 to 2003, as a member of the Rotary Clubs of Orillia and Washago, and Board member of the Orillia Community Futures Development Corporation from 1997 to 2001.

Bruce and Heather live near Coldwater with their two daughters Valerie and Lauren. Bruce has two adult children, each with their own families and they live and work in the community.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES
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Public Service Highlights

1981 to 2003

Simcoe East Provincial PC Association

Simcoe North Federal PC Association

- President – 1998 to 2003
- Led merger discussions with local Canadian Alliance – summer 2003 – and the two legacy parties merged in December of that year..

2003 to 2005

Simcoe North Federal Conservative Party

- Founding Member of the Board – 2004
- Candidate for Nomination – May 2003

January 2006 Elected, Member of Parliament, Simcoe North

Re-elected in October 2008

Re-elected in May 2011

39th Parliament – January 2006 – October 2008

- Member, Standing Committee for Status of Women
- Member, Standing Committee for Information, Privacy and Ethics, 2006-2007
- Member, Standing Committee for Industry, 2007-2008

40th Parliament – November 2008 – March 2011

- Chair, Standing Committee for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
- Member, Liaison Committee of Parliament

41st Parliament – June 2011 to August 2015

- Assistant Deputy Chair of Committees of the Whole
- Chair of Parliamentary Friends of Burma (Myanmar)

42nd Parliament – December 2015 to Present

- Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees of the Whole
- Chair of Parliamentary Friends of Burma (Myanmar)