

PEI WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT TIMELINE



HILDA RAMSAY (CCF)

IS THE FIRST WOMAN CANDIDATE TO CAMPAIGN FOR A SEAT IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PEI.

1888 UNMARRIED WOMEN IN CHARLOTTETOWN GAIN THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

1899 WOMEN GAIN THE RIGHT TO SIT ON SCHOOL BOARDS IN CHARLOTTETOWN AND SUMMERSIDE.

1922 ISLAND WOMEN GAIN THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS.

1892 UNMARRIED WOMEN IN SUMMERSIDE GAIN THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

1918 WOMEN OVER THE AGE OF 21 WHO ARE CANADIAN CITIZENS GAIN THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FIRST NATIONS WOMEN.

1929 BRITISH PRIVY COUNCIL DECLARES WOMEN TO BE "PERSONS" ELIGIBLE TO SERVE IN THE SENATE OF CANADA.

1955 **ELSIE INMAN**
IS THE FIRST ISLAND WOMAN APPOINTED TO THE SENATE OF CANADA.



1960 **MARY BERNARD**
IS THE FIRST WOMAN ELECTED CHIEF OF THE LENNOX ISLAND FIRST NATION.



1968 **DOROTHY CORRIGAN**
IS THE FIRST WOMAN ELECTED MAYOR OF CHARLOTTETOWN.



1972 **MARGARET BERNARD**
IS ELECTED FIRST CHIEF OF THE NEWLY FORMED ABEGWEIT FIRST NATION.



1982 **LEONE BAGNALL (PC)**
IS APPOINTED AS THE FIRST FEMALE MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STATUS OF WOMEN.

1960 FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE LIVING ON RESERVE GAIN THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS WITHOUT LOSING THEIR REGISTERED STATUS.

1961 **MARY MARGARET SMITH MACDONALD (PC)**
IS THE FIRST ISLAND WOMAN, AS WELL AS THE FIRST WOMAN EAST OF OTTAWA, ELECTED TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.



1970 **JEAN CANFIELD (LIB.)**
IS THE FIRST WOMAN ELECTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PEI.



1979 **FRANCES PERRY**
IS THE FIRST WOMAN ELECTED MAYOR OF SUMMERSIDE.



1983 **MARION REID (PC)**
IS THE FIRST WOMAN IN PEI TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PEI.

1990 **MARION REID (PC)**
IS APPOINTED THE FIRST WOMAN LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.



1993 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY FIVE WOMEN OCCUPY THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT IN PEI. PEI'S FAMOUS FIVE: FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE NANCY GUPTILL, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MARION REID, LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION PAT MELLA, PREMIER CATHERINE CALLBECK, DEPUTY SPEAKER LIBBE HUBLEY.



1990 **PAT MELLA (PC)**
IS THE FIRST WOMAN IN PEI TO BE ELECTED LEADER OF A PROVINCIAL POLITICAL PARTY IN A LEADERSHIP CONVENTION.



1993 **CATHERINE CALLBECK (LIB.)**
IS THE FIRST WOMAN IN PEI AND CANADA TO BE ELECTED PREMIER IN A GENERAL ELECTION.



2006 THE PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN ELECTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PEI PEAKS AT 26%.

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