



41st Parliament Members at dissolution on September 21, 2020

Hon. Shane Simpson



Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Vancouver-Hastings
Elected 2005, 2009, 2013, 2017
BC NDP

Shane Simpson was first elected MLA for Vancouver Hastings in May. He was re-elected in 2009, 2013, and 2017. He is the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

Shane served as Opposition Spokesperson for Economic Development, Jobs, Labour and Skills and Opposition Caucus Chair. He has also served as Opposition Critic for Labour, Housing and the Environment.

Born and raised in East Vancouver, Shane has lived, worked, and engaged in community-building activities in his community since 1971.

In his professional career, Shane has worked as the Director of Policy and Communications for Smart Growth BC, chair of the Vancouver City Planning Commission, an instructor in the Community Economic Development program at Simon Fraser University, Executive Director of the Worker Ownership Resource Center, Legislative Coordinator for the Canadian Union of Public Employees, coordinator and fundraiser for the Ray Cam Cooperative Center, Executive Assistant to former Vancouver East MP Margaret Mitchell, and as a self-employed consultant on business and economic development for labour, co-operative and non-profit groups.

Shane was the recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for his contribution to community in 2002. In 1992, he was awarded the Governor General's 125th Anniversary Commemorative Medal for Community Service.

Shane, and his partner Cate, have one adult daughter, and have lived in the same home in Vancouver-Hastings since 1989.