

## **The Honourable Hedy Fry, PC, MP**

*Member of Parliament - Vancouver Centre*

*Chair of the BC Federal Liberal Caucus*

*Chair of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women*

### **Date and Place of Birth**

- August 6, 1941
- Trinidad, West Indies

### **Education**

#### *High School*

- St. Joseph's Convent, San Fernando, Trinidad
- Honours 'O' Level (Oxford University), 'A' Level (Oxford)
- Advanced Certificate in French and Spanish Literature
- Island Scholarship for MA in English Literature (Oxford University)
- Graduating Class Valedictorian 1960
- St. Joseph's Convent Choir 1953-1960

#### *University*

- Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland
- Medical Degree
- Silver Medal in Applied Physiology

### **Cabinet**

- Privy Councillor 2006 -
- Secretary of State for Status of Women and Multiculturalism 1996-2002
- Member of Cabinet Committee on Same Sex Rights and Benefits
- Member of Cabinet Committee on Homelessness and Housing
- Member of Cabinet Committee on the Volunteer Sector
- Member of Social Union Committee of Cabinet

### **Parliamentary**

- Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration with a Special Emphasis on Foreign Credentials December 2003-2005
- Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health 1993-1996
- Chair of the British Columbia Liberal Caucus 2002-2004, 2006 -

- Chair of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women 2009 -
- Chair of the Subcommittee on Solicitation Laws of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights 2003
- Vice-Chair of Prime Minister's Task Force on Canada-U.S. Relations 2002-2004
- Member of Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage 2007-2008
- Member of Legislative Committee on Bill C-20 2008
- Member of Standing Committee on Health 1994-1995, 2002-2003, 2006-2007
- Member of Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration 2004-2005
- Member of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights 2002-2004
- Member of Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs 2002
- Member of Task Force on Reform of Social Security System 1994
- Member of Sub-Committee on Plain Packaging
- Member of Sub-Committee on Bill C-7
- Member of Sub-Committee on AIDS
- Member of Caucus Committee on Gun Control 1993-1994
- Member of Caucus Committee on Social Policy
- Member of Caucus Committee on Housing
- Member of Caucus Committee on Small Business
- Member of Parliament, Vancouver Centre, 1993 -

## **Professional/Medical**

### *British Columbia Medical Association (BCMA)*

- President, 1990-1991
- Honourary Secretary/Treasurer, 1988-1989
- Chair, General Assembly, 1989-1990
- Chair, Council on Health Promotion, 1985-1990
- Chair, Negotiating Committee / Chief Negotiator with BC government, 1990-92
- Chair, Presentation to Provincial Commission on Health Care
- Chair, Presentation to Provincial Commission on Education
- Chair, Nutrition Committee
- Chair, Midwifery Committee
- Chair, Aboriginal Health Committee
- Chair, Staffing Committee
- Chair, Convention Committee
- Member, Finance Committee
- Member, Political Action Committee
- Member, Communication Committee
- Member, Speaker's Group
- Member, MD/MLA Committee

- BCMA Spokesperson on Women's Health
- Award: Primus inter pares (First among equals), Vancouver Medical Association, 1995

### *Canadian Medical Association (CMA)*

- President, Federation of Medical Women, BC, 1997
- Chair, Multiculturalism Committee, 1992-1993
- Chair, Obstetrics Committee, 1987-1992
- Representative, Federal Government's National Multidisciplinary Task Force on Family Violence
- Member, Brief to Royal Commission on Reproductive Technologies
- Member, Abortion Committee
- Member, Aboriginal Health Committee
- CMA Spokesperson on Canadian Health Care to U.S. Senate and Congress Committees
- BC Representative to CMA Council on Health Care and Health Promotion, 1984-1989
- Editor, FMWC National Newsletter, 1978-1980

### *Vancouver Medical Association*

- President, 1988-1989
- Olser Lecturer

### **Community/Other**

- Member, Vancouver Women's Network
- Contributor, BC Woman to Woman magazine, 1992-1993
- Presentations to the State of California Senate Health Committee in Support of Medicare Bill SB-24, 1991-1992
- Keynote Speaker at the BC Senior Citizen's Association, 1991
- Columnist on "Doctor, Doctor" television series (CBC, 1985-1988)
- Recipient of Canada 125 Commemorative medal
- Past Member, Liquor Control Advisory Board, BC
- Past Member, BC Ministry of Education 'Learning for Living' Advisory Board
- Past Member, Mayor's Special Committee on Urban Natives
- Member, Medical Post Editorial Board
- Member, Advisory Board, BC Physicians Against Nuclear War
- Member, Advisory Board, David Suzuki Foundation

### **Awards**

- Good Samaritan Award, Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, 1997 (First sitting MP to receive this award)
- Recognizing Black Women's Contribution to the Law, Canadian Association of Black Lawyers
- Heroes Award for Community Service, Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto
- Citizen of the Year Award, Rhinestone Phoenix Society
- Dr. Hirsh Rosenfeld Distinguished Lecturer in Family Medicine, McGill University, 1994
- Congress of Black Women Achievement Award, 1994
- Community Service Award, Commonwealth Caribbean Club
- Nominee for YWCA "Women of Distinction", 1986

### **Liberal Party**

- Candidate for Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, 2006
- Member, Leaders' National Task Force on Women in the Liberal Party, 1992-93
- Policy Advisory, Provincial Liberal Opposition Health Critic, BC, 1991-1993
- Co-Chair, Health and Social Issues Section, Aylmer Conference, 1992
- Campaign Worker, Art Cowie, Quilchena, 1991
- Campaign Worker, John Turner, Quadra, 1988
- Mentor to BC Liberal women candidates in 2008 election

### **Family**

- *(Adult) Children:* Peter, Jeremy and Douglas