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INSIDE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES: EVOLVING ROLES, PRACTICES, AND PERSPECTIVES

Friday, November 14, 2025

8:30 a.m. – noon

West Block – 111 Wellington Street, Room 035B, Ottawa, Ontario

(Entry via the [Visitors Welcome Center](#), located to the right of the building)

This seminar will explore how parliamentary committees in Canada function and evolve. It will examine the roles of parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, and public servants in committee work, including how public servants prepare for appearances while maintaining political neutrality. The panels will also explore the impact of minority governments, digital tools, and emerging technologies

THE EVOLUTION OF COMMITTEES: ADAPTING TO A CHANGING PARLIAMENTARY LANDSCAPE

From 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Moderator: Alison Zinni, board member, CSPG

- Vincent Labrosse, Committee Clerk, Senate
- Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst, Library of Parliament
- Jonathan Shanks, General Counsel, Privy Council Office, Legal Services Sector
- Patrick Williams, Committee Clerk, House of Commons

BREAK

From 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

POLITICAL SIDE OF COMMITTEES: PERSPECTIVES FROM CHAIRS

From 10:30 a.m. to noon

Moderator: Jean-Philippe Duguay, board member, CSPG

- Hon. Michèle Audette, Senator and Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples
- Hon. Wayne Easter, former M.P. (Malpeque) and former Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance

Registration

To register for this event only, [click here](#). The deadline is Monday, November 10, 2025.

To register for this year's series of three events, [click here](#).

Fees*

- General admission: \$175
- Students, retirees and university professors: \$35 (contact us for a discount)
- Groups of 10 or more: a group rate is available upon request
- Series of three events: \$450. For more details, [click here](#).

Other Information

- Hybrid event with online participation available
- Bilingual event with simultaneous interpretation available in English and French
- Coffee and lunch offered to in-person participants

We strive to make our events as accessible as possible. Please contact us for further information.

* Registration is transferable but not refundable. You must advise the CSPG by the registration deadline (Monday, November 10, 2025) of any changes to your registration.

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