Born in Quebec City, Hon Stéphane Dion was elected as Federal Member of Parliament for Saint-Laurent-Cartierville in 1996. Between 1996 and 2006, he held three ministerial portfolios under Prime Ministers Chrétien and Martin, namely Intergovernmental Affairs, Official Languages, and Environment and also held the position of President of the Privy Council.

His major achievements include the development and implementation of the Clarity Act, and “Saving the Kyoto Protocol at COP11”, which he chaired. In December 2006, he was elected as Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada and became Leader of the Official Opposition, holding these positions until 2008. Today, he continues to serve as Member of Parliament for Saint-Laurent/Cartierville.