

## **Susan Whelan**

### **Minister for International Cooperation**

Susan Whelan was born May 5, 1963, in Windsor, Ontario. She received a bachelor of laws degree from the University of Windsor and a doctorate in jurisprudence from Detroit University.

A lawyer, Ms. Whelan is a former member of the Metropolitan Hospital Foundation Committee and has been active with the Essex Region Conservation Foundation and the Windsor–Essex Alzheimer Society.

Ms. Whelan was first elected to the House of Commons in 1993 as the Liberal member for the Ontario riding of Essex. She was re-elected twice.

Parliamentary secretary to the Minister of National Revenue from 1993 to 1996, Ms. Whelan was vice-chair of the House standing committee on finance from 1996 to 1997.

Ms. Whelan was appointed Minister for International Cooperation on Jan. 15, 2002.