



VIP Speaker Bios

Tony Clement (*Canada*), *Minister of Health*

Tony Clement was elected to the House of Commons in 2006, representing Parry Sound-Muskoka. He was subsequently appointed Minister of Health and Minister for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario (FedNor). Mr. Clement is also the Chair of the Social Affairs Committee of Cabinet.

Prior to this, Mr. Clement was a member of Ontario's provincial legislature from 1995 to 2003. In 1997, Mr. Clement was appointed Minister of Transportation. In 1999, became Minister of Environment and, later, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. In 2001, he was appointed Minister of Health and Long Term Care. As Health Minister, he was responsible for a ministry with a \$28 billion budget. He initiated primary care reform, created the successful Telehealth system, oversaw the expansion of the hospitals system and provided leadership for the country during SARS.

Prior to his election, Mr. Clement was counsel to a national law firm, a Visiting Fellow at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law and was a small business owner. Mr. Clement holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science and a law degree from the University of Toronto.