



CANADA - UNITED KINGDOM  
Chamber of Commerce  
**1921 - 2016**

Canada House  
Trafalgar Square  
London SW1Y 5BJ

T: +44 (0)207 930 4553  
[events@canada-uk.org](mailto:events@canada-uk.org)  
[www.canada-uk.org](http://www.canada-uk.org)

**You are cordially invited to a Canada-UK Chamber reception  
in partnership with the High Commission of Canada**

**'Growing Ontario's Economy & Building Tomorrow's Infrastructure Now'**

**with Guest Speaker**

**The Honourable Charles Sousa  
Minister of Finance for Ontario**



Charles Sousa was first elected in October 2007. He has held positions as Minister of Citizenship & Immigration, Minister Responsible for the 2015 Pan & ParaPan American Games, Minister of Labour and Chair of Treasury Board & Management Board of Cabinet. He has also served as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development Trade and the Minister of Government Consumer Services. As Minister of Finance, the Hon. Sousa has delivered multiple Budgets and Fall Economic Statements. He negotiated the formation of the Canadian Cooperative Securities Regulator and continues to lead a national discussion on retirement income security.

**Tuesday 26 April 2016**

**Canada House** Trafalgar Square London SW1Y 5BJ

18:00 - 18:40 Welcome drinks & registration

18:40 - 19:45 Introductions, address & Q&A

19:45 - 20:30 Networking

Members: FREE

Non Members: £25 inc VAT

Event partners & sponsors:



If you wish to attend this event, please RSVP with registration form & payment where applicable  
by Friday 22 April 2016 to: [events@canada-uk.org](mailto:events@canada-uk.org) T: +44 (0)207 930 4553



# CANADA - UNITED KINGDOM Chamber of Commerce

## 1921 - 2016

Canada House  
Trafalgar Square  
London SW1Y 5BJ

T: +44 (0)207 930 4553  
[events@canada-uk.org](mailto:events@canada-uk.org)  
[www.canada-uk.org](http://www.canada-uk.org)



**Charles Sousa** is Ontario's Minister of Finance and the Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for the riding of Mississauga South. Charles also serves as Vice-Chair of Treasury Board and Management Board of Cabinet.

Charles was first elected in October 2007. He has held positions as Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Minister Responsible for the 2015 Pan & ParaPan American Games, Minister of Labour and Chair of Treasury Board and Management Board of Cabinet. He has also served as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development Trade and the Minister of Government Consumer Services.

As Minister of Finance, Charles has delivered multiple Budgets and Fall Economic Statements. He negotiated the formation of the Canadian Cooperative Securities Regulator and continues to lead a national discussion on retirement income security.

In 2009, Charles unanimously passed his private member's resolution to include financial literacy education in elementary and secondary school curriculums. He also facilitated passage of the Payday Loans Act to protect Ontario consumers against predatory lending.

As Minister of Labour, Charles led the largest overhaul of Ontario's occupational health and safety system in 30 years. As Minister of Citizenship & Immigration he introduced an immigration strategy to foster more support of settlement and newcomer representation in Ontario.

Charles possesses an extensive background in the financial sector. He worked at RBC Financial Group for more than 20 years in commercial banking. Prior to that, he owned and operated a financing company supporting small businesses. He also served as a member of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the Toronto Board of Trade, and as a director of the American Chamber of Commerce.

Charles' commitment to community service earned him the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2003 and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012. He was also inducted as a Commander to the Order of Merit in Portugal.

Charles graduated from Wilfrid Laurier University in 1982 with an Honours Bachelor of Business Administration. In 1991, he completed a fellowship at the Institute of Canadian Bankers. He earned an Executive MBA from the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario in 1994.

Charles is married with three children.