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The Character and Colour of the Ottawa Valley Political Tradition

Sean Conway retired from politics in 2003 after serving as the Liberal member for the Riding of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke since 1975. He held several prominent positions in cabinet under Premier David Peterson, including Minister of Education and Minister of Colleges and Universities.

Known as one of Ontario's most skilled orators, Conway's political career features some of the most passionate speeches ever delivered at Queens Park. His rich vocabulary, charisma, and knowledge of politics and history made him a regular commentator on TVO's popular political programs, Studio Two and the Agenda with Steve Paikin, after Conway left the political scene.

In 2007, Conway was honoured with an Award of Excellence in the cause of parliamentary democracy by the prestigious Churchill Society. In retirement, Conway had been a frequent lecturer at universities and has been appointed to several boards and task forces. His most recent public policy work was as Chair of the Premier's Highly Skilled Workforce Panel in Ontario.

Having spent 28 years in Ontario's Legislative Assembly and now long retired from active politics, Sean Conway will explore these themes of colour and independence, of Valley speech-making, of how local political battles sometimes led to unexpectedly important results, of how the Scots, Irish, French, German, and Polish communities affected often very close races, races that sometimes turned on the very sensitive issues of language and religion. A great Canadian historian once said that history is the record of the encounter between of character and circumstance. Come to this special event being sponsored by Algonquin College and meet some fascinating characters and the remarkable circumstances in which they found themselves politically.

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