

LGBTQ2S+ minister Pascale St-Onge to make history with parental leave ^[1]

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Canadian Heritage Minister Pascale St-Onge is set to make history by becoming the first openly lesbian cabinet minister to take parental leave when her wife gives birth in the coming weeks.

"I'm not someone who really likes to talk about myself or my personal life either," St-Onge said in an interview with The Canadian Press. The Quebec MP said she decided to speak publicly about her parental leave because she has "a responsibility to continue the fight" for LGBTQ2S+ rights.

St-Onge smiled as she described "the joy" of soon welcoming a baby into her life, which she described as "an incredible experience that many humans go through and that some take for granted."
Her wife's pregnancy is going very well, St-Onge said, with a due date in November. The timing, though unplanned, is almost perfect as the House of Commons will rise for the holidays in mid-December, she added.

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Since forming government in 2015, the Liberals under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau have banned conversion therapy and removed the ban on blood donations from gay men.
St-Onge accused Pierre Poilievre's Conservatives of being "the most retrograde" party in Canada, claiming they are "very focused on religious values ... and want to see the country move backward" on social issues, including abortion

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