

Art Eggleton

Minister for International Trade

On January 25, 1996, Art Eggleton was appointed Minister for International Trade by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien. Before the appointment, Mr. Eggleton served as President of the Treasury Board and the Minister responsible for Infrastructure since November 1993. He was elected to the Parliament of Canada on October 25, 1993, as the member for York Centre in the City of North York (Metropolitan Toronto).

During Mr. Eggleton's first political career, he served 22 years as a member of Toronto City Council and the Metropolitan Toronto Council. From 1980 to 1991, he was the Mayor of Toronto — the longest serving mayor in the city's history. Between 1973 and 1980, he served as City Budget Chief, the member of Council responsible for financial matters. In 1992, Mr. Eggleton received Toronto's highest honour, the Civic Award of Merit.

In addition, he has served on the Metropolitan Toronto Police Commission, the Board of the Canadian National Exhibition and numerous committees and task forces dealing with community issues.

Mr. Eggleton established the City of Toronto International Office to advance city-to-city relationships, particularly economic and cultural links. This office was the first of its kind at the municipal level in Canada. Between 1989 and 1991, he served as Chairman of the committee responsible for International Programs for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Before being elected to City Council in 1969, Mr. Eggleton worked as an accountant.