

Lloyd Axworthy

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Lloyd Axworthy was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs on January 25, 1996. Mr. Axworthy served as Minister of Human Resources Development and Minister of Western Economic Diversification from November 4, 1993 until January 1996 upon re-election as the Member of Parliament for Winnipeg South Centre. During this time, he was a member of the Social Development Policy and Economic Development Policy Cabinet Committees and retains membership on the latter today.

Mr. Axworthy was first elected to the riding of Winnipeg South Centre in 1988. He was appointed Liberal Critic for Trade (February 1989), and acted as Chairman of both the Liberal Trade Task Force and of the Liberal Caucus Economic Policy Committee. In September 1990, Mr. Axworthy was appointed Liberal Critic for External Affairs and Chairman of the Liberal Caucus Committee on External Affairs and National Defence. He was nominated Vice-Chairman of the House of Commons Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade in May 1991.

After the 1984 election, representing for the second time the riding of Winnipeg-Fort Garry, Lloyd Axworthy served as Official Opposition Critic for Regional and Industrial Expansion and the Canadian Wheat Board (1984) and as Trade Critic and Deputy Critic for External Affairs (1985-1988).

First elected to Parliament in May 1979, Mr. Axworthy was re-elected in 1980 before being appointed to Cabinet as Minister of Employment and Immigration from 1980 to 1983, and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women from 1980 to 1982. He also served as Minister of Transport from August 1983 to September 1984.

During his time in the Cabinet, Mr. Axworthy was the Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Western Affairs and a member of the Cabinet Committees on Priorities and Planning, on Foreign and Defence Policy, on External Policy and Defence, on Social Development Policy and on Economic Development Policy.

He was elected in June 1973 as Liberal Member of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly, representing the Fort Rouge Constituency, and was re-elected in October 1977.

Mr. Axworthy was a Special Assistant to the Honourable John Turner in 1967 and served as Executive Assistant for Housing and Urban Development to the Honourable Paul Hellyer.

He was a Professor of Political Science at the University of Winnipeg from 1965 to 1967 and 1969 to 1979. He also served as Director of the Institute of Urban Studies at the University from 1969 to 1973.

Lloyd Axworthy was a student within the Winnipeg public school system. He graduated in 1961 with a B.A. from United College (now the University of Winnipeg), obtained his M.A. in Political Science from Princeton University in 1963 and received a Ph.D. from Princeton in 1972.