Art Eggleton
Minister of National Defence

Art Eggleton was born in Toronto on Sept. 29, 1943. After working as an accountant, he was elected to Toronto city council in 1969. He served on city council and on the Metropolitan Toronto council for 22 years.

Between 1973 and 1980, Mr. Eggleton served as city budget chief, the member of council responsible for financial matters. From 1980 to 1991, he was mayor of Toronto — the longest-serving mayor in the city's history.

In addition, Mr. Eggleton 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. Between 1989 and 1991, he chaired the committee responsible for international programs for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Mr. Eggleton was first elected to the House of Commons in 1993 and is the Liberal member for the Toronto riding of York Centre. He has served as President of the Treasury Board, Minister responsible for Infrastructure, and Minister for International Trade. Mr. Eggleton was appointed Minister of National Defence in 1997.

Mr. Eggleton has one daughter.