

Prime Minister Kim Campbell



Born in Port Alberni, British Columbia, on March 10, 1947, and raised in Vancouver, Ms. Campbell earned a degree in political science at the University of British Columbia and pursued doctoral studies in Soviet government at the London School of Economics. She lectured in political science at the University of British Columbia and Vancouver Community College from 1975 to 1981.

After receiving a law degree at UBC, Ms. Campbell worked as a lawyer until 1985, when she was named director for the office of British Columbia Premier Bill Bennett.

Ms. Campbell began her political career with the Vancouver School Board, where she served from 1981 to 1984. She ran for the leadership of British Columbia's Social Credit Party in July 1986, and in October of that year was elected member of the legislative assembly for Vancouver-Point Grey.

Ms. Campbell was elected to the House of Commons as the member for Vancouver Centre in November 1988. In 1989, she was named Minister of State for Indian Affairs and Northern Development. From 1990 to 1992, she served as Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. In January 1993, Ms. Campbell was appointed Minister of National Defence and Minister of Veterans Affairs, and became a member of the Cabinet Committee on Priorities and Planning. Ms. Campbell was elected Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada on June 13, 1993, and was sworn in as Canada's 19th prime minister on June 25, 1993.