

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

John Allen Fraser, PC, QC (LLB, University of British Columbia, 1954) was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1983. Mr. Fraser served as an Infantry Platoon Commander with the 27th Brigade (Germany) in 1953. In 1955, he was called to the bar and later joined the Vancouver law firm "Ladner Downs."

In 1972, Mr. Fraser was elected to the House of Commons representing Vancouver South and served as the Opposition spokesperson for the Environment and Labour. Mr. Fraser was re-elected in 1974, 1979, 1980, 1984 and again in 1988. From 1979 to 1980, he served as Minister of the Environment and Postmaster General. From 1980 until 1984, Mr. Fraser was the Opposition Spokesperson for Fisheries, Post Office and Solicitor General-related issues. In 1984, he became Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. On October 1, 1986, Mr. Fraser was elected as Speaker of the House of Commons and was re-elected in December 1988. He was the first Speaker elected by secret ballot cast by members of Parliament. His accomplishments as Speaker include the establishment of the Central and Eastern European Parliamentary Co-operation Program; the creation of the House of Commons Public Information Office; and the establishment of the House of Commons environmental program, Greening the Hill. In 1986 he established a House of Commons Task Force on the Disabled and Handicapped to ensure access and employment opportunities on Parliament Hill for the disadvantaged. He hosted the National Parliamentary Forum on the Status of Disabled Persons in 1988 and a parliamentary forum on the economic integration of Canadians with disabilities entitled "Profitable Choices for Everyone" in 1992. He also commissioned the recent publication *The House of Commons at Work*.

Over the years, Mr. Fraser has demonstrated a profound commitment to and has been active in promoting environmental causes. He has been the recipient of a variety of national awards for his valuable contributions and tireless efforts in the area of sustainable development. These include, among others, the Fred M. Packard International Parks Merit Award for his role in the preservation of South Moresby (Gwaii Haanas); the Lou Duffley Atlantic Salmon Conservation Award from the New Brunswick Council of the Atlantic Salmon Federation; the Roland Michener Conservation Award from the Canadian Wildlife Federation; the Richard Beatty Mellon Award from the Air Pollution Control Association of North America; and most recently he received a special award from the Canadian Nature Federation for his help and support. In October 1982, he was made a Life Member of the Izaak Walton League of America for his work on the environment and acid rain.

In recognition of his life-long concern for the environment and for being a founder and patron of the Canada-China Child Health Foundation, Mr. Fraser received an Honorary professorship from the Beijing Medical University (China) in 1992. Mr. Fraser has held a number of directorships and is a Patron and Honorary Patron of, among others, the Environmental Law Centre, the