

Secretary of State
for External Affairs
Joe Clark

Born in High River, Alberta, on June 5, 1939, Joe Clark holds a bachelor of arts degree in history and a master of arts degree in political science from the University of Alberta, as well as an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of New Brunswick.

A former journalist and political advisor, Mr. Clark was first elected to the House of Commons in the general election of 1972. He has been reelected to the House in all successive elections up to and including 1988.

On February 22, 1976, Mr. Clark was elected leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada. He was sworn in as prime minister on June 4, 1979, following the May 22 general election. His government was defeated at the polls on February 18, 1980.

Mr. Clark has focussed his attention on returning Canada to its traditional role of consistent and constructive internationalism since his appointment in 1984 as secretary of state for external affairs.

Mr. Clark is also chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Foreign and Defence Policy and vice-chairman of the Sub-Committee of the Priorities and Planning Committee on Trade.

