

THE HONOURABLE FLORA MACDONALD

Secretary of State for External Affairs

Flora MacDonald was born on 3 June 1926 in North Sydney, Nova Scotia. She attended Empire Business College and was the first woman to graduate in Canadian and International Studies from the National Defence College (1972).

Flora MacDonald was administrative officer and tutor in the Department of Political Studies at Queen's University from 1966-1972.

From 1957-1966 she served as Executive Director of the Progressive Conservative National Headquarters, and from 1966-1969 was National Secretary of the Progressive Conservative Association of Canada.

Flora MacDonald was elected to the House of Commons in the general election of October 1972, and was subsequently re-elected in 1974 and 1979. During her various terms in the House of Commons, she was particularly concerned with issues that dealt with Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Housing and Urban Affairs and Federal-Provincial Relations.

She has been an active member in many organizations. She was President of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Kingston, Executive Director of the Committee for an Independent Canada and Director of the Canadian Political Science Association. Flora MacDonald is a member of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.