

Lloyd Axworthy

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Lloyd Axworthy was born on Dec. 21, 1939. He graduated from United College (now the University of Winnipeg) and from Princeton University, receiving a doctorate in 1972.

During the 1960s and 1970s, he was a professor of political science at the University of Winnipeg and also served as director of the university's urban studies institute.

In 1973, he was elected the Liberal member of the Manitoba legislative assembly representing the Fort Rouge constituency. He was re-elected in 1977.

First elected to Parliament in 1979, Mr. Axworthy was re-elected in 1980 to represent the riding of Winnipeg-Fort Garry. Between 1980 and 1984, he served as Minister of Employment and Immigration, Minister responsible for the Status of Women, and Minister of Transport.

Between 1984 and 1992, he held a variety of positions, including critic for regional and industrial expansion and the Canadian Wheat Board, deputy critic for external affairs, critic for trade, and chairman of both the Liberal Trade Task Force and the Economic Policy Committee of the Liberal caucus.

Mr. Axworthy was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1996. He had previously served as Minister of Human Resources Development and Minister of Western Economic Diversification.

Mr. Axworthy is married to Denise Ommaney. They have three children.