

Roy MacLaren
Minister for International Trade for Canada

Born in Vancouver, British Columbia, in 1934, Roy MacLaren has degrees from the University of British Columbia, Cambridge University, Harvard University and the University of Toronto.

From 1957 to 1969, he worked in the Canadian foreign service with postings in Hanoi, Prague, Geneva and New York City.

Mr. MacLaren has extensive experience in business. He was president of Ogilvy and Mather (Canada) Ltd.; chairman of CB Media Ltd.; and vice-president of Massey-Ferguson Ltd.; and was a director of several firms, including Royal LePage Ltd., Royal LePage Mortgage Corporation, London Insurance Group Inc. and Deutsche Bank (Canada).

He was first elected to the House of Commons for the Metropolitan Toronto riding of Etobicoke North in 1979, and won re-election in 1980, 1988 and 1993.

In 1983, Mr. MacLaren was appointed to Cabinet as minister of state (finance) and in 1984 was appointed minister of national revenue. He has served as the official Opposition critic for international trade, co-chairman of the Special Joint Committee on Senate Reform, chairman of the Federal Task Force on Business-Government Relations, and Chair of the Liberal Economic Policy Committee.

Mr. MacLaren married Alethea Mitchell in 1959. They have three children.