

David Collenette

Minister of Transport

David Collenette was born on June 24, 1946, in London, England. He received an honours bachelor of arts degree from York University in Toronto and studied legislative behaviour and urban affairs at York and Carleton universities.

In the private sector, Mr. Collenette has worked in life insurance, plastics and executive recruitment. He has also been involved as a volunteer in overseas democratic development work and in monitoring elections for such countries as Haiti, Chile, Romania, and the Czech Republic.

First elected to House of Commons in 1974, Mr. Collenette has served as Minister of National Defence, Minister of Veterans Affairs, and Minister of State (Multiculturalism).

Mr. Collenette has been Minister of Transport since 1997. He is the Liberal member for the Toronto riding of Don Valley East.

David Collenette and his wife, Penelope, have one child.