



Councillor Carolyn Parrish

A former secondary school teacher and journalist, she served Ward Six as an elected Trustee from 1985 to 1991, chairing the Peel Board from 1988 to 1990. Under her leadership, award-winning drug education programs were developed in partnership with Peel Regional Police.

First elected to the House of Commons in 1993, she was re-elected with decisive margins in three subsequent federal elections - always with Erindale-Woodlands, Creditview/Deer Run, Credit Pointe and Roseborough in her riding. Rivergrove was included from 1993 to 1997.

Over thirteen years in Ottawa politics, Carolyn held many positions of responsibility - chairing several standing committees as well as the 100 member strong Ontario Caucus. She was elected the first female Vice-Chair of the International N.A.T.O. Parliamentary Association. As Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Works and Government Services, Carolyn guided legislation through the House that resulted in the city of Mississauga receiving fair and timely market value taxes on federal properties such as Pearson International Airport.

A strong human rights advocate, Carolyn was frequently called upon to represent Canada on observer missions in countries undertaking their first democratic elections such as Ukraine, Bosnia and Palestine. She also spoke out clearly against Canadian participation in the war in Iraq.

After leaving Parliament as an Independent M.P. in January 2006, Carolyn has continued her community volunteer service, raising funds for several local organizations and charities such as The Peel Mental Health Association and the Mississauga Garden Council. Carolyn is returning to her roots - seeking election as Councillor for Ward Six.

A graduate of the University of Toronto, Carolyn and her husband have two married daughters Suzie and Lindsay and two young grandsons, Jake and Nathan. Carolyn and David continue to live in the house they built 32 years ago, just south of Dundas.

Carolyn was elected Councillor for Ward 6 on November 13th, 2006 and continues to serve the residents of this community with energy, honesty, dedication and hard work.

