

In Memoriam

Hon. Doug Frith, P.C.

March 5, 1945 – March 21, 2009

Global Public Affairs is in mourning for the Hon. Doug Frith, our good friend and Vice-Chairman. We share the loss of this outstanding Canadian with his family, loved ones and all the friends and colleagues of his varied, valuable and dynamic professional life.

Doug had a passion for helping others that was clearly demonstrated in his original profession, pharmacy, and his subsequent public service in elected offices. Doug was an alderman in his adopted community of Sudbury from 1972-77 and then served as Regional Chairman from 1977-79. In 1980 Doug was elected to the House of Commons and quickly distinguished himself as a committed, active and popular member of the Liberal caucus, as an effective member and Chair of Parliamentary Committees, as a forceful Parliamentary Secretary all of which culminated in service as a Cabinet Minister.

Doug has been honoured for his public service with the Queen's Jubilee Medals in 1977, 1992, and 2002 and was the recipient of the Public Service Award in 1988 for his work in the area of pension reform.

Doug stepped down from his parliamentary role in 1988 but his interest in public policy and helping others continued.

Doug came to Global after a lengthy period of service as President of the Canadian Motion Picture Distributors Association. His commitment to advancing the public good was also reflected in the very active roles he played in a voluntary capacity as Governor of the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business, as Chair of the Education Foundation of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians, and as the current Chair of the CAFPP.

We remember Doug for his human qualities—intelligence, energy, dedication, fearlessness, fun loving good humour, and above all, his loyalty to friends and colleagues. We will miss these qualities. We will miss the man.