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At McGill University Peter was a Carnegie Arctic Scholar and a member of the Axel Heiberg Expeditions as well as Director of the McGill Sub-Arctic Research Station. He was also Athlete of the Year participating in harrier, track, and skiing. Moving to Trent University in Peterborough, he became the founding chair of the Geography Department and eventually Dean of Graduate Studies. He served as Executive Director of the Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies and came third in the Arctic Bay to Nanisivik



Hon. Peter Adams

Marathon on Baffin Island. As a representative of the Peterborough riding both provincially and federally, Peter served as the chair of two Standing Committees and as Parliamentary Secretary to the House Leader and the Minister of HRSDC. As well, he was the chair of the Government Caucus on Postsecondary Education and Research and was Canada's representative to the Arctic Parliamentarians. Stretching his stride to the south, he participated in the Scott Base 8km Run in Antarctica.



"Peter Adams and I share a lifelong interest in, and passion for, the north. He lived and worked in the north throughout his adult life. I was Minister of Northern Affairs for many years and maintained a special interest in this region while Prime Minister. Peter's observations on climate change and arctic sovereignty were a valuable contribution to House of Commons' debates. I am delighted that he has written this book as it explores issues that are extremely relevant today."

The Right Hon. Jean Chrétien Prime Minister of Canada, 1993–2003



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