Mulvale, Ann

Ann Mulvale, Mayor of Oakville, has been active in municipal politics for over 20 years. She was first elected Mayor of Oakville in 1988. In 1991, she was acclaimed for a second term, re-elected in 1994 and 1997, acclaimed for a fifth term in 2000 and re-elected for a sixth term in 2003.

As a resident of Oakville since 1972, Ann's commitment to the Town and her passion for community involvement began early as she assumed a number of leadership roles in volunteer endeavours. In 1980 Ann won seats on regional and local council where over the next five years she developed an overview of all aspects of municipal and regional responsibilities by serving on a wide variety of committees. From 1986 -89, she served as Executive Director of the United Way of Oakville, enabling her to combine volunteer expertise with strong leadership abilities. She also established a successful track record of community fundraising and networking to benefit an array of non-profit agencies.

As Mayor, Ann has served on the Mayors and Regional Chairs Committee for the Greater Toronto Area and the Greater Toronto Services Board and continues to serve on the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario. In February 2002 she was appointed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs to the Central Ontario Smart Growth Panel and also sits as a member of its Gridlock Sub-Panel. In November 2002 Ann was asked to sit, as the only actively serving politician in the GTA, on the Steering Committee of the Toronto City Summit Alliance.

Beginning in 1990 Ann served the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in several capacities, culminating in her election to the office of President in August 2000. During her two-year term of office, Ann was instrumental in securing the passage of Ontario's new Municipal Act and Memorandum of Understanding. She was reinstated as President effective December 1, 2003 to serve until August 2004. During her first term as AMO President, Ann sat on the Board of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and has been asked to continue to serve FCM on a number of committees. She also served on the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's Smart Growth Panel and is a member of The Toronto City Summit Alliance.

Ann was Oakville's first-ever recipient of the Athena award that honours individuals who strive towards the highest levels of professional accomplishment in their chosen fields, while advancing the opportunity for the development of women. In 2000 Ann was welcomed to the Athena Foundation Board of Directors.

Ann also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of:

- Ontario's Promise Wellspring

Waterfront Regeneration Trust Oakville Community Foundation

Oakville Hydro Oakville Economic Development Alliance

Born in 1949 and educated in England, Ann immigrated to Canada in 1969 with her husband, Peter (deceased 1995). She has two sons, David and Robert.