

## **Michael Prue**

**Michael Prue**, the MPP for Beaches-East York, is a former Toronto city councillor who was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2001. His political career began in 1988 when he was elected to East York Council. In 1993 he was appointed Mayor of East York to complete the former Mayor's term until November 1994, when Mr. Prue was elected Mayor of East York, which also gave him a seat on Metro Council. In 1997, Mr. Prue was elected a Councillor in the amalgamated City of Toronto Council, representing East York.

In the current Legislature, he is a member of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. In the last Parliament he was the NDP's critic on Municipal Affairs and housing and on Greater Toronto Issues. He was also a member of the Standing Committee on General Government, the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly, and Deputy Whip.

The North Toronto Post named him "Best Local Politician" in 1999.

As Mayor of East York, Prue was widely respected for bringing in five consecutive budgets with no tax increase, cutting East York's debt by \$7.8 million and ushering in new industry, commercial growth, and jobs to the community.

Prue and his wife, Shirley Curson-Prue, have lived in Beaches-East York for over 18 years. He has a B.A. from the University of Toronto in Political Science and Anthropology and an M.A. from Carleton University in Canadian Studies. Before entering politics Prue worked as counsel to the Minister of Employment and immigration.