



JOHN B. HAMILTON, Q.C.

1913 – 2005

Although born in Barrie, John Borden Hamilton lived most of his life in Etobicoke. He was an esteemed lawyer, a Queen's Counsel, and a Member of Parliament. He served Etobicoke through years of growth from 1954 to 1962. Prior to his distinguished wartime service in the late 1930s, Hamilton established his first law office in Etobicoke at the corner of Bloor Street West and Prince Edward Drive. He was an original member and served as the first Secretary of the Kingsway Ratepayers Association which

fought for improved transit, roads, and other infrastructure in the area.

Hamilton is recognized for his work in the establishment of the Etobicoke General Hospital. He was a founding Governor of the hospital, where he volunteered his expertise to the original incorporation and personally recruited many of the board members. Meetings were often held in his offices. Hamilton was also responsible for lobbying the provincial government for funding for the new hospital. Throughout his time volunteering with the hospital, he continued to serve on the board to assist with fundraising and worked on various committees.

After leaving politics, he remained very active in both business and the community. The City of Toronto honoured Hamilton with its Award for Services to the City of Toronto for his work as an Executive on the Board of Trade as well as his other fundraising initiatives. He was made a Member of the Order of Canada in 1992. The Hall of Fame Awards Committee felt strongly that Hamilton's longstanding community service to Etobicoke should be recognized.

Inducted into the Etobicoke Hall of Fame in 1988