



Geoffrey Kelley

A member of one of John Abbott's earliest graduating classes, he went on to further success at the university level, obtaining a Bachelor's degree in History from McGill with a focus on French studies, followed by a Master's degree in Modern Canadian History, also from McGill.

PRIOR TO PUBLIC LIFE

- Chief of Staff to Monique Gagnon-Tremblay, Deputy Premier and President of the Treasury Board;
- Political Aide to Claude Ryan, Minister of Education, Higher Education and Science (same role when Minister Ryan was Minister of Municipal Affairs and Public Safety).

MEMBER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

- From 1994 to 2018, Geoff was a member of Québec's National Assembly on seven consecutive occasions for the riding of Jacques-Cartier. Mr. Kelley represents five West Island municipalities, among them Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue and its major institutional "resident", John Abbott College;
- Geoffrey Kelley is a member of the governing Québec Liberal Party, and serves in Premier Couillard's Cabinet as the Minister responsible for Native Affairs, his third mandate in this portfolio;
- In his 21 years as a Member of Québec's National Assembly, he has chaired various standing committees including:
 - Public Administration Committee,
 - Education Committee,
 - Health and Social Services Committee,
 - Social Affairs Committee,
 - Presided over public hearings on homelessness and dying with dignity.

COMMUNITY LIFE

- On many occasions, he has publicly promoted the interests of John Abbott, most notably helping to secure funding for the Anne-Marie Edward Science building;
- Former co-chair, McGill University Parents Association;
- Former member of the Board of Directors of the West Island Palliative Care Residence Foundation.

Geoffrey's involvement with John Abbott has been the cornerstone of a family tradition. His five children are graduates of the College, and his wife Judy has served as the Chair of the Board of Governors and is currently the Chair of the John Abbott College Foundation.

If anything helped prepare Geoffrey for the challenges of political life in Québec, it would have been his career playing outfield in competitive Beaconsfield Men's Slo-Pitch softball league.

Geoffrey Kelley graduated from John Abbott College (Social Science) in 1975.