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# Léo Duguay Endowment Fund

## Background

Léo Duguay is a past President of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians (CAFP) who broadened the organizations impact and helped shape it into an effective contributor for the promotion of democracy in Canada and abroad.

Mr. Duguay served as a Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament for St. Boniface, Manitoba. During the 33rd parliament he served on the House of Commons Standing Committees on: Health & Welfare; Transport; Official Languages; and Employment and Immigration. He also served as Canada's representative on the Human Rights Committee at the United Nations 40th Assembly.

Following his House of Commons career, Léo was Chief of Staff to the Secretary of State for External Affairs before forming his own consulting firm in 1990.

Prior to his parliamentary career Léo played semi-professional hockey before beginning his career as a teacher and high school principal.

He is a Past President of the Canadian Teachers Federation and has served on the boards of numerous community organizations, receiving awards for his hard work and dedication.

Léo was named to the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame in 2007.

## General Purpose

The purpose of the endowment fund is to both honour Léo's immense contribution to Canada and Canadians as well as his significant involvement and leadership of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians. The endowment will support activities and projects which promote Canadian parliamentary democracy and draws on the knowledge and talents of former parliamentarians.

## Project Themes

More specifically initiatives undertaken will have as their purpose:

- ❖ Engaging citizens in the parliamentary process
- ❖ Empowering the role of backbench MPs
- ❖ Encouraging young people to engage in the Canadian democratic process
- ❖ Promoting parliamentary decorum



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## Eligible Activities

Activities for funding should address one of the themes noted above and include:

- ❖ Research activities which identify specific challenges to democratic participation and institutions, propose solutions, and whose findings will be presented to decision makers for consideration
- ❖ Public symposia which discuss the themes noted above, engage former and current parliamentarians, other political actors, media and the general public
- ❖ Comparative analysis of other democracies - including engaging former parliamentarians from other jurisdictions, undertaking joint research projects, and engaging government institutions from existing and emerging democracies around the globe
- ❖ Encouraging and funding former parliamentarians to engage students at post secondary institutions (Parliament to Campus)
- ❖ Working with Canadian Universities and Colleges to support Parliamentary internships and similar practical experience

## Operations

All contributions to the LDEF will be kept separate from all other funding received by the CAFPP. Monies received are not a charitable contribution and no receipts will be provided. Funds contributed will be invested in Canadian financial instruments as determined by the CAFPP board. Annually an amount not to exceed 25% of the principal will be distributed by the CAFPP board for one or more recipients for undertaking projects noted in the list of eligible activities.

## Contributions

- ❖ Contributions can be made by cheque, major credit card or electronic transfer to the Léo Duguay Endowment Fund care of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians. All contributors will be recognized annually at the CAFPP AGM and will be published on the CAFPP website. Contributions are not charitable donations and charitable receipts will not be issued.
- ❖ Contributions may be made as a lump sum or through an annual giving program.
- ❖ Contributions of \$1000 or more made between April 15 and June 1 will be recognized by an invitation to the 2023 CAFPP AGM dinner at which time Léo will be honoured for his service and the endowment fund will be formally launched. The invitation will include dinner for 2 people

### Inquiries

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