



John Tory is the 65th Mayor of Toronto.

Born and raised in Toronto, Mayor Tory has spent his career promoting and giving back to the city he loves.

As Mayor, his top priorities have been tackling transit and traffic congestion. He is focused on taking action to reduce commute times so Toronto residents can get to work on time and home to their families sooner. Under Mayor Tory's leadership, the city is addressing Toronto's transit crisis by finishing the York-Spadina subway extension, getting on with the Scarborough subway extension and beginning work on SmartTrack.

Many of Mayor Tory's initiatives over the last three years have been focused on making sure Toronto remains a livable and affordable city for all. He has led Council in approving three budgets that keep taxes low by encouraging City staff to find more efficient and modern ways to deliver services.

Over the last three years, the Mayor has been a tireless defender of Toronto and successfully advocated for much-needed funding for transit and housing from the federal government.

The early years of Mayor Tory's career were spent practicing law in Toronto, and he was later elected as a managing partner of one of Canada's biggest law firms. In the 1980's he served as Principal Secretary to Premier Bill Davis and as Associate Secretary of the Ontario Cabinet. In September 2004, Mayor Tory was elected leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario. In 2005, as PC Party Leader, Mayor Tory would serve as the Leader of the Official Opposition at Queen's Park.

Mayor Tory has an extensive background in volunteer community service. He served as volunteer Chairman and Commissioner of the Canadian Football League and has chaired fundraising campaigns for St. Michael's Hospital and the United Way. He has also held leadership positions in a wide range of charitable organizations ranging from Canadian Paraplegic Association, Crimestoppers, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto Association for Community Living, the United Way, and the Women's Legal Education & Action Fund (LEAF).

Mayor Tory's community work has been widely recognized. Mayor Tory was a founding Board Member and Chair of the Greater Toronto CivicAction Alliance. He is a recipient of both the Paul Harris and Mel Osborne Awards from the Rotary and Kiwanis organizations respectively and was named a Life Member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board. He is also the recipient of an African Canadian Achievement Award and the Harry Jerome Award. Mayor Tory has also been awarded the Order of Ontario for being a "consummate champion for the Greater Toronto Region."

Born on May 28, 1954, Mayor Tory is a lifelong, and long-suffering, Toronto Maple Leafs fan. Mayor Tory and his wife Barbara have been married for 39 years. They raised their four children, John Jr, Chris, Susan and George in Toronto and are now delighted to have five grandchildren to spoil.