



Biography: Mr. Michael Savage, Mayor of HRM

As Member of Parliament for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour from 2004 until 2011, Mayor Savage was active in serving his constituents and playing a national role as Official Opposition Critic for Human Resources and Skills and the Status of Persons with Disabilities, and as Chair of the Liberal Caucus Committee on Post-Secondary Education and Research.

He served on the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health and on the House of Commons Standing Committee on Human Resources, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities. As Vice-Chair of that committee, Mayor Savage worked diligently with members of all parties, with community organizations, and with individuals to advocate for programs to support Canadians to overcome poverty or disabilities and achieve their potential.

Before running for Parliament, Mayor Savage served as General Manager of S. Cunard & Co., a home and heating retailer in Nova Scotia, and later as Director, Residential/General Business Marketing and Sales for Nova Scotia Power. From 2002 to 2004, he worked with Robertson Surette as Vice-President of Business Development and Senior Consultant.

Mayor Savage also worked as Vice-President, Business Development, with M5 Marketing before running for Mayor.

Mayor Savage has also demonstrated community leadership in social, health and cultural organizations. He was a board member of the IWK Hospital from 2002 to 2004, and has also served on the board of Neptune Theatre.

A former President of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada from 1998 to 2003. He has actively supported literacy through involvement with the Dartmouth Book and Writing Awards and the Peter Gzowski Golf Tournament for Literacy. Other community organizations that have benefited from Mayor Savage's energy and leadership include Junior Achievement, the Red Cross, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and Alderney Landing.

Since 2011, Mayor Savage has chaired a strategic council of the United Way of Halifax Region as part of their effort to identify strategic supports to build and strengthen communities and neighbourhoods.

Mayor Savage grew up in Dartmouth, graduating from Prince Andrew High School and Dalhousie University. He and his wife Darlene live in Dartmouth with their two children Emma and Conor.