

FRANK KLEES, MPP

INTRODUCTION

First elected to the Ontario Legislature in June 1995 to represent the riding of York Mackenzie, Frank Klees was re-elected in June 1999 for a second term as MPP for the new riding of Oak Ridges, and in October 2003 for a third term, once again in Oak Ridges. As a result of re-distributing of electoral boundaries, Frank sought election in the October 10, 2007 election in the new riding of Newmarket-Aurora, where he was elected and again re-elected to a fifth term of office in 2011.

He has Critic responsibilities for Transportation and Infrastructure, serves on the Legislature's Justice Committee and is the Official Opposition Lead on the Public Accounts Committee Investigation into the Ornge Air Ambulance Scandal.

Frank has served in a number of cabinet positions in the Ontario government including Chief Government Whip, Minister of Tourism and Recreation and Minister of Transportation.

In addition to his successful track record in senior provincial government positions, Frank earned his reputation as someone who "gets things done" through his work on behalf of his constituents.

He was instrumental in securing a world-class Cardiac Care Centre for the Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, and he spearheaded the development of the "Oak Ridges Moraine Protection Act".

In response to the tragic deaths of his constituents, Rob and Lisa Manchester, Frank introduced his "Street Racing Bill" to empower police officers to crack down on this dangerous activity. The provisions of his bill were subsequently incorporated into government legislation which is credited for a significant reduction in street racing charges since its implementation.

And it was his experience with constituents whose lives were at risk while waiting for an organ transplant, that Frank developed and introduced his Organ Donation Bill, which received unanimous all-party support at every stage of the legislative process. His Resolution calling for an on-line Organ and Tissue Donor Registry resulted in the implementation of beadonor.ca in June of 2011. Frank continues his advocacy on behalf of organ and tissue donation and the many hundreds of people who are awaiting organ transplants.

Frank and his wife Jaine live in Aurora. They have 2 adult children, Robert and Alissa.