

WALLIN *Pamela*

The Honourable Pamela Wallin, O.C., S.O.M. was appointed to the Senate of Canada on December 22, 2008. She serves as an Independent Senator with a focus on veterans and trade issues. She has served as Chair of the Senate's National Security & Defence Committee, was a member of both the Veterans Affairs subcommittee and the Special Committee on Anti-terrorism. She also served on the Senate's Foreign Affairs & International Trade Committee.

Pamela had the great honour to serve two terms as Honorary Colonel of the Royal Canadian Air Force, appointed August 1, 2009.

She has also served on several corporate boards, including Gluskin Sheff & Associates, Porter Airlines, Oilsands Quest and was a member of the BMO Harris Bank Advisory Council. And Pamela has served on many non-profit and volunteer boards as well.

Pamela also served as an advisor to the Breakout Television network where she worked tirelessly promoting the Canadian National Leadership Program, a contemporary leadership programme based in universities and modelled on the COTC – The Canadian Officer Training Corps.

Pamela served as Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Guelph, following her term as Chancellor, a post she assumed in 2007.

Following the tragic events of 9/11 Pamela was asked by Prime Minister Chretien to serve as Canada's Consul General in New York from 2002-2006, one of the most crucial periods in history of the two countries. She then took on a new role in New York as the Senior Advisor on Canada-US relations at the Americas Society and the Council of the Americas in New York and Washington.

Pamela returned to Canada after a request by the Prime Minister to serve as one of five prominent Canadians on the special [Independent Panel on Canada's Future Role in Afghanistan](#) in 2007 - 2008. The report was widely lauded and the government accepted its recommendations.

Pamela is an Officer of the Order of Canada, Canada's highest civilian honour. And she is also a member of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, her province's highest civilian honour.

She has fourteen Honorary Doctorates and among many other honours, she has been named to the Canadian Broadcasting Hall of Fame; received a National Visionary Award in Canada; and has been recognized, on several occasions, for her public service and achievements by Queen Elizabeth II.

In 1995, she received a most humbling honour when the citizens of her hometown of Wadena, Saskatchewan dedicated a street in her honour, Pamela Wallin Drive.

She is the author of three books, including her best-selling autobiography *Since You Asked* (1998), *Speaking of Success* (2001), and *The Comfort of Cats* (2002). And she has contributed to many others.

The wide-ranging career of the journalist, diplomat, entrepreneur and a Senator has spanned more than forty years and several continents, and with a focus always on politics and foreign policy. From CBC radio to the Ottawa bureau of the Toronto Star to CTV where she hosted Canada AM, she then went on to become CTV Ottawa bureau chief, and an anchor of the CTV weekend news. And in 1992, she became the first Canadian woman to co-anchor the nightly national television newscast on CBC's Prime Time News. In 1995, Pamela founded an independent television company, Pamela Wallin Productions, through which she hosted and produced several highly successful nightly interview programs. Her media background has proved invaluable in her subsequent public service.

Former Leadership Positions:

- Board of Directors, Gluskin Sheff & Associates
- Board of Directors, Oilsands Quest Inc.
- Board of Directors, Porter Airlines Inc.
- Advisory Board, BMO Harris Private Banking
- Board of Directors, Canadian American Business Council
- Board of Directors, Conference of Defence Associations Institute
- Honourary Colonel of the Royal Canadian Air Force
- Advisor, Breakout Television
- Ambassador for the RCMP Heritage Centre
- Ontario Institute of Cancer Research
- International Advisory Board Member, Institute for American Studies, University of Alberta (Edmonton)
- Honorary Cabinet, The Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation supporting The Families First Campaign
- Tribute Committee, True Patriot Love Dinner supporting Canadian Military Families Fund
- External Advisory Council, Waterloo University Global Science Initiative
- Fellow, Centre for the Study of Democracy, Queen's University
- Advisory Board, Canada Institute at Woodrow Wilson Center
- Honorary Patron, Genesis Research Foundation
- Wildlife Trust
- The Nature Conservancy of Canada
- Canadian Council of Christians and Jews
- Director, US Friends of the National Arts Centre
- Honorary Director, Canadian Broadcast Museum Foundation

HONORARY DEGREES:

- 2008 Doctor of Laws, University of Alberta
- 2006 Doctor of Laws, University of Windsor
- 2006 Doctor of Laws, University of Guelph
- 2005 Doctor of Laws, University of Lethbridge
- 2004 Doctor of Letters, Athabasca University
- 2003 Doctor of Laws, University of Waterloo
- 2003 Doctor of Civil Law, Bishop's University
- 2003 Doctor of Humane Letters, Mount Saint Vincent University
- 2002 Doctor of Laws, University of Regina
- 2002 Doctor of Letters, St. Thomas University
- 2000 Doctor of Laws, University of Western Ontario
- 2000 Doctor of Journalism, Ryerson University
- 1999 Doctor of Letters, Wilfrid Laurier University
- 1996 Applied Arts and Technology, Loyalist College

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- The Economic Club of New York
- The American Assembly
- The Carnegie Council
- The Foreign Policy Association

AWARDS:

- 2012 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal
- 2009 The Rotary's Paul Harris Fellow Award.
- 2008 Toastmaster Golden Gavel Award
- 2008 "Best Buddies" Spirit of Friendship Award
- 2008 Nation Builder Award, Famous 5 Foundation
- 2007 Officer of the Order of Canada
- 2005 Queen Elizabeth II Centennial Medal
- 2004 OPAS Visionary Award
- 2003 Distinguished Honoree, Canadian Society of New York
- 2003 Lifetime Achievement Award, Canadian Association of Broadcasters
- 2002 Woman of the Year, Canadian Women in Communications
- 2002 Variety Diamond Award for Community Service
- 2002 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee Medal
- 1999 UNIFEM Canada Award, United Nations, inaugural recipient for outstanding contributions toward the advancement of women
- 1999 Saskatchewan Order of Merit
- 1997 Radio and Television News Directors' Association President's Broadcaster of the Year Award
- 1997 Galaxi Award for Best On-Air Performance, Canadian Cable Television Association
- 1997 Outstanding Achievement Award, Women in Film and Television
- 1997 Toronto Life "Women Who Make A Difference" Award in Communications
- 1992 Gordon Sinclair Gemini Award for Best Overall Broadcast Journalist
- 1982 Queen Elizabeth II Outstanding Canadian Achiever

EDUCATION:

- 2006 Corporate Board Program, Harvard Business School
- 2003 Arnold Wolfers Fellow, Yale University
- 1992 James Minifie Memorial Lecturer, University of Regina
- 1990 Skelton Clark Fellow, Queen's University
- 1973 Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Psychology and Political Science, University of Regina

CAREER DETAILS:

2009 to present

Senate of Canada

2007/08

Member of the special [Independent Panel on Canada's Future Role in Afghanistan](#)

2006

Senior Advisor to the President, Americas Society/Council of the Americas

Pamela joined the Americas Society and the Council of the Americas in New York as a senior advisor on Canada/US Relations. She provided the leadership team with strategic communications, trade and political relations.

Corporate Director (2006 -2012)

Pamela has served as a director for several corporations including Oilsands Quest, a Calgary based exploration company; Gluskin Sheff and Associates, a wealth management firm; Porter Airlines Inc. and on a special Advisory Board for BMO Harris Bank Private Banking

University Chancellor (2007 -2012)

Pamela served as Chancellor of one of Canada's leading comprehensive universities and research institutions, the University of Guelph.

2002 to 2006

CANADIAN CONSULATE

Consul General

The Prime Minister of Canada appointed Pamela to the position of Consul General of Canada after 9/11. She served a four year term during one of the most challenging times in the relationship between the two nations.

1995 to 2002

PAMELA WALLIN PRODUCTIONS

President, Pamela Wallin Productions

Pamela built her own production company, invested in a studio production facility and created, produced and hosted live, one hour nightly national interview programs. She launched two ground-breaking Internet projects working in partnership with the national newspaper The Globe and Mail and Chapters, then the largest national book chain. Pamela hosted the Canadian edition of Who Wants to be a Millionaire, gaining the highest ratings ever for a Canadian network production, during the time, she authored three books based on her own life and her experiences as a reporter and television interviewer.

1990 to 1993

Co-anchor CBC-TV

In 1992, Pamela became the first Canadian woman to co-anchor the nightly national television newscast, Prime Time News.

1980 to 1990

CTV

Parliamentary Bureau Chief (1985-1990)

CTV Ottawa Bureau Chief, CTV Week-end News Anchor, Host Question Period and Chief National Correspondent. As Ottawa Bureau Chief, Pamela ran an operation of 30 reporters and crew, and reported, on air, as the network's Chief national correspondent, and continued to regularly host the morning show, Canada AM; she also produced and hosted the program Question Period and regularly anchored the week-end national news and co-anchored with Lloyd Roberstson all election and special network coverage.

Co-Host, Canada AM (1980-1985)

Recruited by the country's largest television network to co-Host the morning show. In addition, she reported from

international hot spots including the Mid-East, Central America, and was one of the few female correspondents who covered the Falklands War and covered other major stories such as economic summits, royal visits, etc. Pamela also conducted the annual year end interviews with Canada's prime ministers.

1978 to 1980

TORONTO STAR

Reporter, Ottawa Bureau

Recruited by the country's largest newspaper for their Parliamentary Bureau, focusing on political coverage and there began guesting on CTV's Question Period (see above).

1974 to 1978

CBC RADIO

Host and Producer (75-78)

Regina/Ottawa morning news and current affairs programs nightly national radio show As It Happens and the weekly news program Sunday Morning. Involved covering federal politics, election and leadership campaigns and international breaking news. Pamela was senior political producer for As It Happens. Also served as researcher and producer for Sunday Morning producing feature interviews and documentaries on leading political and literary figures. Pamela was first hired by the public broadcaster to host an open-line radio show. She went on to produce the three hour morning show before moving to the nation's capital to produce the morning show there, while also providing on-air reporting during that time.

1973 to 1974

Human Resources Development Agency

Community Social Worker and social worker at the Prince Albert Penitentiary

Recruited out of university to become a government agency social worker in a maximum security penitentiary working with native prisoners and their families on work projects enabling inmates to help support families.