



The Fellowship Programme

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Jody Thomas retired in 2024 after more than 40 years of public service. Her career began at age 17 in the Royal Canadian Navy and included senior leadership roles at Passport Canada and the Canadian Coast Guard.

In 2015, Jody became the first woman appointed Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard. She subsequently served as Deputy Minister of National Defence from 2017 to 2022 and as National Security and Intelligence Advisor to the Prime Minister from 2022 to 2024.

Named as a top 100 women in Canada, Jody received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Royal Roads University in 2022

Today, Jody is a Senior Advisor with Counsel Public Affairs and serves on several boards.