

Gail McCabe ONDP BIO

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University professor Gail McCabe, 61, a Streetsville resident for 28 years, is the New Democratic Party MPP candidate in Mississauga-Streetsville. McCabe, who ran as an NDP candidate in the 1998 federal and 1999 provincial elections, has a long record of volunteer work in Mississauga, ranging from editing The Meadowvale World community newspaper through much of the 1980s, to an active role in Distress Line Peel, to helping organize a French immersion day camp in Peel. Her research interests include refugees, immigration and work related to older workers, foreign domestic workers and family caregivers.

Born in Toronto, McCabe graduated with a commercial diploma, and worked for years in the print trade. In 1995, while caring for her father through a terminal illness, she enrolled in full-time studies at York University, attaining a PhD in Sociology in 2004. McCabe has taught at Brock, and Wilfrid Laurier Universities as well as Humber College. She is now an academic advisor and professor in the Faculty of Arts at York. She is also a registered member of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers with a private counselling practice for aging, educational, bereavement, and end-of-life issues.

As an MPP, McCabe will work towards improving homecare supports for elderly people living alone and for family caregivers. Poverty and homelessness are also key concerns for McCabe, a member of Peel Poverty Action Group. “We need to invest in affordable housing and supportive housing for people who need it,” she says. “We must look at the needs not just of the homeless, but at the many people who are just one rent payment away from homelessness.” As a long time trade union activist, McCabe wants to see the minimum wage for all workers in Ontario raised to \$10/hr right now as well as employment insurance benefits for workers who have paid into the fund. As an educator, McCabe supports One School System offering a broad based education that will prepare

Ontario's students to live, work and participate fully in our multicultural society as well as the global village.

Married in 1968 to high school sweetheart Paul, an A&P Store manager, the couple's three children attended Streetsville High. Daughters Randi, a clinical psychologist and Katie, a social worker, are employed at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton; after a lengthy stint as a professional hockey player, son Tony now lives and works in Streetsville as a financial analyst while studying for the Certified Management Accountant designation.