

Light at the End of his Tunnel: A Tribute to Paul Theodore Hellyer

His Legacy Will Live

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“That’s the one precept every religion has in common. The Golden Rule...None of us practice it. And if we did, a miracle would happen. Joy and justice would be inter-twined in our journeys! And the world we create because we’re writing our own history.

“Then, and then only, will there be light at the end of the tunnel!”

– Paul Hellyer (From his last presentation to Winnipeg. Oct 20, 2016) [1]

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Warm. Friendly. Courageous as hell. Gentle as a warm summer breeze.



Those are the thoughts I have of **Paul Hellyer** from his last visit to Winnipeg now more than five years ago. He left me and a crowd of well over a hundred people engaged in spite of not having particularly dynamic oratorical skills. Such were the power of the man, his ideas and the urgency with which he learned and taught his ideas to major cities all across the country.

Hellyer was a high profile federal cabinet minister in the 60s. He ran for the leadership of both the Liberal and the Progressive Conservative parties. In the late 90s he founded and led the Canadian Action Party. [2]

Mr. Hellyer was a Canadian nationalist and a political campaigner. He was notable essentially for his critiques of the Free Trade Agreements, beginning with the Canada-US Free Trade Agreement in the 1980s. **But he was also a fervent believer in the Bank of Canada remaining a public bank**, and remaining the prime lender at low or no rates of interest for major government projects as it was before that focus was removed by **Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau** in 1974. [3]

In spite of all his accomplishments, and him also being the longest serving member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, this author can personally attest to the complete lack of interest of a local visit by this man now past his 93rd birthday.[4]

Paul Hellyer has authored fifteen separate books including [*Agenda, a Plan for Action*](#) (1971), [*Funny Money: A common sense alternative to mainline economics*](#) (1994), [*One Big Party: To Keep Canada Independent*](#) (2003), [*The Money Mafia: A World in Crisis*](#) (2014), and [*Liberation! The Economics of Hope*](#) (2020)

And now, sadly, as Christmas approaches, **Paul Hellyer** will not be joining Winnipeggers, or anyone, to greet the holiday season. His long and exciting life came to a close on August 8 of this year.

To mark the passage of a dear member of the Canadian community, and a good friend, we present this tribute in audio made up of the voices of a number of individuals who knew his record and met him. We also include a brief message of his own from an excerpt of our last full interview with him in 2016.

As a bonus, we include on this page a copy of his talk in Winnipeg.

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Notes:

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MndOxRLBg0&t=109s>
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4. "Current Chronological List of Members of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada". Privy Council Office. Archived from the original on February 15, 2016. Retrieved June 17, 2013.

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