

# Where are They Now?

Frank Hawkins was born in Corner Brook Newfoundland. He received his early education in Toronto, Ontario where he attended Huron Street Public School. He completed High School in Freshwater, Carbonear, Newfoundland and matriculated with Honors. His post-secondary studies were initially at Memorial University of Newfoundland where he obtained a BA in Sociology (1963) and a B.Ed. majoring in English (1964).

Frank's later studies took him to the University of Toronto where he completed his MSW in 1968, with a major in counseling with individuals, and families. He was awarded the Lillian Oliver Prize for excellence in clinical practice, placing first in the graduating class. For a time Frank worked with Ontario's Ministry of Social and Family Services in Kingston and Toronto before joining Memorial's faculty in the development of a fully accredited undergraduate degree in social work – the B.S.W. His interest in social work education led to full time doctoral studies at Tulane University in New Orleans, L.A., where he graduated with a PhD in Social Work in 1979 specializing in social policy and organizational development. This marked a first, with Frank being the first 'native-born' Newfoundlander to receive a doctoral degree in social work.

As President of MUN Radio on campus, he produced a weekly program "University Review" for CBC. A member of MUN's Debating Society, Frank represented the University in inter-collegiate competition in the Atlantic Region. He served on the Executive of the Council of the Students Union and upon graduation received a Gold Merit Award for "Outstanding Contribution to Student Activities".



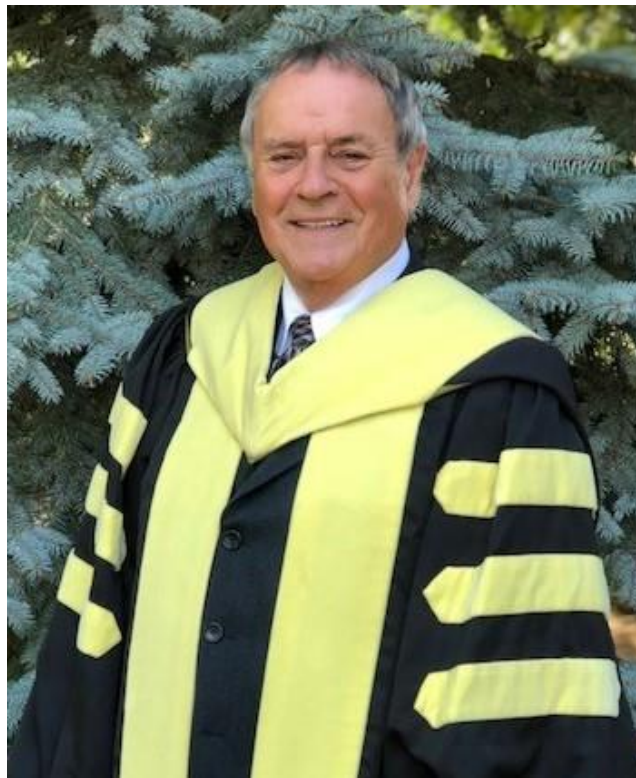
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Over the years Dr. Hawkins served on many boards and committees during the course of his career. His contributions have been recognized at both the local, provincial and national levels. In 1979 the Probation Officers Association of Ontario conferred on him Honorary Membership for his outstanding contributions to the field of probation in that province. Frank served on the Board of Directors of the Community Services Council of Newfoundland & Labrador from 1977 to 1987. He served as President for three years and was awarded Honorary Life Membership for his leadership in social planning and research initiatives.

In 1983 Frank was elected to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of School of Social Work (CASSW), the organization responsible for accrediting social work programs in Canada. He went on to serve a 2-year term as president and represented Canadian Schools on the International Board – International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) in 1987. It was around this time that Frank added to an already full plate. He became Director of MUN's School of Social Work and served a 5-year term (1985-1989) marshaling the university's first-graduate degree program in social work (MSW) through a successful outside national review and accreditation by the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work (CASSW).





Frank's career has crossed three levels of Government in Canada, Ontario's Social & Family Services - Vocational Rehabilitation, Newfoundland & Labrador's Family & Community Services (Social Welfare) and the Government of Canada's - Citizenship and Immigration.

He taught at Memorial University of Newfoundland for thirty years and served as Director of the School of Social Work from 1985 - 1989. During his tenure at Memorial, Frank played a leadership role in the development of Memorial's undergraduate, graduate and PhD programs. He served as Chair of the PhD program from its' inauguration, up until 1999 when he moved to southwestern Ontario, accepting a faculty appointment at the University of Windsor.

Stepping into the position of Director of the School of Social Work, Frank was given a mandate to develop a 5-year Strategic Plan for Social Work, develop and initiate a new MSW degree program, to be reviewed and approved by the Ontario College of Graduate Studies (OCGS), and seek reaccreditation of their three undergraduate programs (CASSW), in 2003.

Having fulfilled this mandate, Frank retired from academia and moved into a part-time private practice in conflict resolution and mental health.