

The Right Honourable Paul Martin, Founder

The Right Honourable Paul Martin was Prime Minister of Canada from 2003 to 2006 and Minister of Finance from 1993 to 2002.

During his tenure as Minister of Finance, he erased Canada's deficit, subsequently recording five consecutive budget surpluses and set Canada's debt-to-GDP ratio on a steady downward track. During his tenure as Prime Minister, Mr. Martin introduced a ten year plan to improve health care and reduce wait times; signed agreements with the provinces and territories to establish the first national early learning and child care program and created a new financial deal for Canada's municipalities.

Mr. Martin's first act as 21st Prime Minister of Canada was to put in motion the process that led to the 2006 Kelowna Accord—a historic agreement with Indigenous people in Canada that would have eliminated the gaps in education and healthcare for Indigenous Canadians. It was in this context that after leaving politics, Mr. Martin joined with members of his family and others to create Capital for Aboriginal Prosperity and Entrepreneurship (CAPE) Fund, an investment fund investing in Indigenous business and the Martin Family Initiative. MFI has a clear and essential mission: working with Indigenous leaders, governments, and private sector partners, to support K-12 education for Indigenous children, and the wider determinants that influence their educational outcomes, including health and wellbeing.