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# Election of the Speaker of the House of Commons

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Earlier today, Members of the House of Commons elected the Honourable Greg Fergus as Speaker of the House of Commons. He is the first Black Speaker since Confederation.

## About the Speaker

The Honourable Greg Fergus has been serving the people of Hull-Aylmer in Parliament since October 2015. He has been Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Treasury Board and to the Minister of Health. He was a member of the Standing Committee on Health and the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics. He is also one of the Directors of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association.

He is very committed to the Black community, to which he has always shown unwavering support. He founded and co-chaired the Parliamentary Black Caucus for six years.

Mr. Fergus holds a Bachelor of Social Sciences from the University of Ottawa, and a Bachelor of International Relations from Carleton University. He has also undertaken graduate studies in international relations. During his time as a student, he served as a House of Commons page, part of the 1988–1989 cohort.

He and his wife, Julie, are the proud parents of three adult children and doting grandparents to two grandchildren.

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