



New Brunswick's fifth Ombudsman was born in Fredericton, New Brunswick. She received her secondary education at Cormier High School in Edmundston, and her Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees from the University of New Brunswick.

Ellen King was appointed Ombudsman for the Province of New Brunswick in June 1993. Ms. King came to the position of Ombudsman following an extensive public service career. She taught high school in Moncton for four years before joining the civil service. Ms. King held several positions in the area of adult education with the Department of Advanced Education and Training before accepting to join the Cabinet Secretariat in 1982 as a Policy Analyst. In 1983, she was appointed assistant deputy minister in the Cabinet Secretariat to act as an agent of change within government to improve the economic, social and legal status of women in New Brunswick and to establish a Women's Directorate.

Ms. King was one of four Canadians appointed by the federal government to preside over Canada's first report to the United Nations Committee on the UN Convention For the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women which was presented in Vienna, Austria in 1986. She was also an advisor at First Ministers Conferences on women and economic issues.

In 1988, Ms. King was appointed deputy minister of the Women's Directorate. In that capacity, she played a key role in the implementation of employment and pay equity in the civil service and as chair of an interdepartmental committee which examined the issue of family violence. In 1991, Ms. King was assigned additional responsibilities, including the statistics and economic forecasting agency of the Province and the Province's interest in lotteries as the associate deputy minister of Finance.

As Ombudsman, Ms. King stood for "reasonable and fair treatment of the people by the various levels of government".

Ms. King retired as Ombudsman in January 2004.