

Russell MacLellan

Premier of Nova Scotia

Born in Halifax in 1940, Russell MacLellan grew up and still lives in Sydney, Nova Scotia. He was educated at Sydney Academy, the University of King's College and Dalhousie University.

In 1968, Mr. MacLellan became executive assistant to the president and vice president of the Cape Breton Development Corporation. From 1971 to 1973, he was legal counsel and assistant secretary of the Sydney Steel Corporation. In 1973, he entered private law practice in Sydney.

Mr. MacLellan was elected to the House of Commons in 1979 and was re-elected in 1980, 1984, 1988 and 1993. He represented the Nova Scotia riding of Cape Breton-The Sydneys. He served as parliamentary secretary to the ministers of Mines, Regional Industrial Expansion, Health and Welfare, and Justice, and as party critic for Energy, Justice, and Consumer and Corporate Affairs. He also served as chair of the Atlantic Liberal caucus and served on several parliamentary committees.

Mr. MacLellan won the leadership of Nova Scotia's Liberal party on July 12, 1997. He was sworn in as the province's 24th Premier on July 18, 1997.

Mr. MacLellan and his wife, Clare, have two children.