

Frank McKenna
Premier of New Brunswick

Frank McKenna was born in Apohaqui, New Brunswick, on Jan. 19, 1948. He holds a bachelor of arts from St. Francis Xavier University and studied political science at Queen's University. A Lord Beaverbrook Scholar, he studied law at the University of New Brunswick. Upon graduation, he joined a Chatham law firm and specialized in trial law.

Mr. McKenna was first elected to the legislative assembly in 1982, representing Chatham riding. He was re-elected in 1987, 1991 and 1995. In 1985, he was chosen leader of the Liberal Party of New Brunswick and led the party to victory in 1987, winning every seat in the legislature. His government was re-elected on September 23, 1991 and September 11, 1995.

Premier McKenna won the Vanier Award in 1988. In 1993, the Economic Developers' Association of Canada named him Economic Developer of the Year. In May 1994, he was presented with the Canadian Advanced Technology Association award of distinction for public sector leadership in the development and application of advanced technology in Canada.

Premier McKenna and his wife, Julie, have three children.