

Roy Romanow

Premier of Saskatchewan

Roy Romanow was born and educated in Saskatoon. He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan, where he earned arts and law degrees.

Mr. Romanow was first elected to the Saskatchewan legislature in 1967 and was re-elected in 1971, 1975, 1978, 1986 and 1991 and 1995.

Between 1971 and 1982, Mr. Romanow was Deputy Premier in the New Democratic Party government of Saskatchewan. He served also as Attorney General and introduced several justice reforms including a provincial legal aid plan, the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, the Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, and the provincial Ombudsman's Office.

In 1979, Mr. Romanow was appointed Saskatchewan's first Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. He was one of the key players in the federal-provincial negotiations that resulted in the November 1981 Constitutional Accord.

After re-election in October 1986, Mr. Romanow served as Opposition House Leader for the New Democratic Party caucus. He was also caucus spokesperson on federal-provincial affairs and on economic development and trade issues.

In 1987, Mr. Romanow was acclaimed Leader of the Saskatchewan New Democratic Party. After leading his party to victory in the October 1991 general election, he became Premier in November 1991. Mr. Romanow's government was re-elected on June 21, 1995.