

Roy Romanow

Premier of Saskatchewan

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

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

Between 1971 and 1982, Roy Romanow was the deputy premier in the New Democratic Party government of Saskatchewan. He served also as attorney general and introduced several justice system 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 which resulted in the November 1981 Constitutional Accord. In 1984, he co-authored *Canada Notwithstanding*, a book on those negotiations.

After re-election in October 1986, Mr. Romanow was 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 on Nov. 1, 1991.