

Mike Harcourt
Premier of British Columbia

Mike Harcourt was born in Edmonton, Alberta, on Jan. 6, 1943. He has a degree in law from the University of British Columbia.

Beginning as a Vancouver alderman in 1973, Mr. Harcourt capped an extensive career in civic politics with three successive terms as mayor of Vancouver. During that time, he was a director of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and he represented Vancouver on various boards and commissions.

Before entering politics, Mr. Harcourt was a lawyer and community activist in Vancouver. He is a founding member of the Vancouver Community Legal Assistance Society, and he has served in several other civic organizations.

Leader of the British Columbia New Democratic Party since April 1987, Mr. Harcourt represents the riding of Vancouver-Mount Pleasant. He became premier on Nov. 5, 1991.

Premier Harcourt is married with one son.