

Gary Filmon

Premier of Manitoba

Born in Winnipeg on Aug. 24, 1942, Gary Filmon earned a bachelor of science degree (civil engineering) from the University of Manitoba in 1964 and a master's degree in civil engineering in 1967.

He was a consulting engineer for five years with Underwood McLellan Ltd. and president of Success/Angus Commercial College for the next 11 years.

Starting in 1975, Mr. Filmon was a Winnipeg city councillor for four years. He was first elected to the Manitoba legislative assembly as a Progressive Conservative member in a 1979 byelection. The following month, he was appointed legislative assistant to the Minister of Finance, Energy and Mines.

He held that post until January 1981 when he was sworn into the provincial cabinet as Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Environment, and Minister responsible for the Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation. Re-elected in 1981, 1986, 1988 and 1990 as the member for Tuxedo, Mr. Filmon has been Leader of the Manitoba Progressive Conservative Party since December 1983.

Mr. Filmon became Premier of Manitoba in 1988. His party was returned to office in September 1990 and in April 1995. He is currently serving his third term as Premier. He is Minister of Federal-Provincial Relations, Chairman of the Economic Development Board of Cabinet, and Chairman of the Manitoba Round Table on Environment and Economy.

Mr. Filmon and his wife, Janice, have four children.