

Association of Professional Engineers

of the

Province of Manitoba

Merit Award

to

HONOURABLE GARY ALBERT FILMON

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Gary Filmon received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Manitoba in 1964 and his Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1967. He then served as a consulting engineer for five years with Underwood McLellan Ltd., before moving on to spend 11 years as president of Success/Angus Commercial College.

In 1975, Gary Filmon was elected as a Winnipeg city councillor. On Council, he served as chairman of the Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Community Committee, as chairman of the Committee on Works and Operations, as a member of the Executive Policy Committee, and as a member of the city's official delegation to the provincial government.

In 1979, Gary was first elected to the Manitoba Legislature. Within a month, he had been appointed Legislative Assistant to the Minister of Finance and Energy and Mines, a role in which he served for 15 months before being sworn into the provincial cabinet. In 1981, he became Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Environment, and he assumed responsibility for the Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation.

In 1983, Gary became leader of the Manitoba Progressive Conservative Party, and in 1988, he became Premier of Manitoba.

As a registered professional engineer, Gary has brought a unique perspective to the government of our province. In particular, he has provided leadership for the engineering profession in an area where engineers have a special role to play – that of sustainable development. Gary has a strong commitment to developing and implementing a sustainable development strategy, and currently serves as Chair of the Round Table on the Environment and Economy.

In 1989, Gary Filmon challenged the Association of Professional Engineers to consider its contribution to the protection of our environment for future generations. In response the Association prepared a Position Paper on Sustainable Development.

Gary Filmon has long been committed to his community. Among his many involvements in the community, he has served as President of the University of Manitoba Alumni Association, President of the Association of Canadian Career Colleges, member of the Senate of the University of Manitoba, Director of the Administrative Management Society, Director of the Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club and Director of the Red River Exhibition Board.

Gary and his wife, Janice, have four children: Allison, David, Gregg and Susanna.

In awarding the Merit Award to Gary Filmon, the Association acknowledges his unique support and challenge to the engineering profession, his community involvement and his outstanding public service.

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