

PETER LOUGHEED

1928-2012

PETER LOUGHEED: LIFE AND TIMES

1952: Married Jeanne Rogers of Camrose; they have four children over the years.

1954: Graduated from Harvard Business School.

1965: Lougheed becomes leader of Alberta Progressive Conservative party at age 36.

1967: Elected to provincial legislature, becomes leader of Opposition.

1971: On Aug. 30, Lougheed puts an end to 36 years of Social Credit rule by winning 49 of 75 seats.

1975: Wins second election, as Tories sweep 69 of 75 seats.

1976: Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund established.

1979: Tories under Lougheed are re-elected, taking 74 of 79 seats.

1980: Trudeau government introduces National Energy Program, triggering battle with Lougheed; Alberta cuts 60,000 barrels a day in oil production every three months.

1982: Tories re-elected to fourth term, giving Lougheed his biggest majority, 75 of 79 seats. Plays key role in negotiations creating Constitution Act.

1985: Lougheed retires from public life, becomes a senior partner in law firm of Bennett Jones Verchere and plunges into community and corporate involvement.

1986: Peter Lougheed Provincial Park named in his honour.

1987: Lougheed receives the Companion of the Order of Canada; new arts building at Banff Centre named for Peter and Jeanne.

1988: New northeast hospital site of Calgary General Hospital named the Peter Lougheed Centre.

1996: Named chancellor of Queen's University.

2011: Celebrates with PC party its 40th consecutive year in power in Alberta.

2012: Lougheed named as Canada's best premier of last 40 years in a survey by the Institute for Research and Public Policy.

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