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The Honourable Peter Lougheed, QC - Biography

Peter Lougheed is based in Calgary and is currently counsel to Bennett Jones LLP and Chancellor Emeritus of Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario.

Mr. Lougheed was premier of Alberta for 14 years, and Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta for 20 years, beginning with no seats in the Alberta legislature to having his party hold 75 of the 79 seats. He left public life in 1985 to return to the private sector.

Mr. Lougheed is the chair of a leading Canadian high technology venture capital fund - Quorum Funding Corporation, which is headquartered in Toronto. He is also a director of the following corporations: Bechtel Canada Co, Kern Partners Ltd., Keyera Energy Canada, MEG Energy Corp., Mackenzie Valley Aboriginal Pipeline, Princeton Developments Ltd. and the Trissio Corporation. He is also a member of the Trilateral Commission.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II appointed Mr. Lougheed a member of the Privy Council of Canada in 1982. In January 1987, Mr. Lougheed was named a Companion of the Order of Canada.

In 1986, the Government of Alberta recognized Peter Lougheed's service to the province by naming a park in the Kananaskis area in his honour and the University of Alberta established the Peter Lougheed Scholarships. The multi-cultural centre in northwest Edmonton was also named in his honour for his support of multi-culturalism. In 1987, the new inter-arts building at the Banff Centre was named for Peter Lougheed and his wife Jeanne, and, in 1988 the northeast site of the Calgary General Hospital was named "The Peter Lougheed Centre."

Mr. Lougheed has also received the following honours: Queen's Counsel (1971), Honorary Chief ("Thunderbird") of the Cree (1971), Honorary Chief ("Crop Eared Wolf") of the Blood (1984), Invested into The Alberta Order of Excellence (1989), Honorary Doctor of Laws, St. Francis Xavier University (1983), Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Alberta (1986), Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Calgary (1986), Alumni Achievement Award, Harvard Business School (1986), Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Lethbridge (1988), Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Windsor (1988), Honorary Doctor of Laws, Dalhousie University (1995), Honorary Doctor of Laws, Queen's University (1996), Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Toronto (1997), Shevchenko Memorial Medal (1985), Award of Merit, B'nai B'rith Canada (1987), Legal Humanitarian of the Year Award (1987), Sports Wall of Fame, University of Alberta (1987).

Shortly after leaving political life, Mr. Lougheed became one of the architects of the Canada - United States Free Trade Agreement and became co-chair of the private sector group that sold the merits of the agreement to the Canadian public in 1988.

When he was the premier, Mr. Lougheed worked directly with the Calgary organizing group which secured the 1988 Olympic Winter Games for Calgary, and, after leaving public life, was made honorary chairman of the 1988 Olympic Winter Games Organizing Committee.

Mr. Lougheed co-chaired the Canada - Japan Forum 2000 which was the bilateral task force set up to strengthen the relationship between Japan and Canada. He continued for a number of years on the follow-up working group to implement some of the recommendations of the forum's report.

In part, due to Mr. Lougheed's key involvement in the *Constitution Act* of 1982, he has presided over a number of Canadian constitutional conferences, including the conference sponsored by the Business Council on National Issues in 1996.

Mr. Lougheed received his Bachelor of Arts and Law degrees from the University of Alberta and a Master of Business Administration from the Harvard Business School. The Harvard Business School awarded Mr. Lougheed the coveted Alumni Achievement Award in 1987 in recognition of his public service career. He was called to the Alberta bar in 1955.

