

Chief Darcy M. Bear

Throughout his tenure as Chief of the Whitecap Dakota First Nation, Darcy Bear has played a key role in the development of his community and in doing so has become a source of positivity, pride and confidence for those around him.

As Chief he has worked to bring greater fiscal accountability and responsibility to his community. Working with his council he has led the development of numerous projects to improve the quality of life for his community members including the construction of a modern water and sewer infrastructure, a new elementary school, a new health centre, over 100 new housing units, paved roads, high-speed internet access, expanded natural gas capacity, three-phase power and telecommunications.

Chief Bear was instrumental in developing a self-governing land code which created a business friendly environment on Whitecap Dakota lands, complete with a land tenure system, commercial infrastructure and property tax bylaw. This led to the development of the Dakota Dunes Resort, the Dakota Dunes Golf Links and the Dakota Dunes Casino, an 80,000 square foot, \$65 million casino and entertainment complex. This development has brought over 600 jobs to the community and surrounding area.

His achievements have not only improved the quality of life within the Whitecap Dakota First Nation but have improved the economic, social and cultural well being of our province as a whole. He has strengthened relationships with surrounding communities, through tourism partnerships, and agreements with Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services, the Saskatoon Board of Education, the Saskatoon Tribal Council, municipal, provincial and federal governments. A proud achievement of working in partnership is the designation of Highway 219 running through the Whitecap community as the Chief Whitecap Trail tourism corridor.

His commitment to the Whitecap Dakota First Nation has led to positive community development and increased self determination throughout Saskatchewan and across Canada.

Chief Bear is a recipient of the Commemorative Medal for the Centennial of Saskatchewan in 2005, was named one of the “Ten Most Influential People” by Saskatchewan Business Magazine and was awarded the CANDO “Economic Developer of the Year” in 2006.

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Whitecap Dakota First Nation

Joseph L. Bourgault

Entrepreneur and inventor, President of F.P. Bourgault Tillage Tools Ltd., Joseph Bourgault has been instrumental in founding and growing F.P. Bourgault Tillage Tools Ltd. into a global tillage and seeding tools manufacturing business.

Mr. Bourgault's drive for innovation and business acumen over the past 36 years has contributed to the creation of hundreds of jobs and economic opportunities in the community of St. Brieux and throughout our province.

A visionary, he invented and patented the first Bourgault 40-foot Floating Hitch 5 Row Series Multi-Purpose Cultivator-Air Seeder, the Side Draft Eliminator Technology and he invented and brought to market the Parallel Wing Sweep after observing problems and limitations of the tillage and seeding equipment, sweeps and knives.

The focus of his entrepreneurial spirit has always been to find innovative ways for producers to do business. As President of Solar West, he has integrated new environmentally friendly technologies such as solar and wind power into traditional farming techniques to improve animal health and to reduce the contamination of groundwater.

Passionate about the environment he has worked in many areas for its protection and conservation. As chair of the Lenore Lake Environmental Protection Committee his companies have donated more than \$20,000 to research salinity and fresh water fish and for the protection of the Lenore Lake.

He is the co-founder and President of the Lifewise Health Centre, a centre that provides certified organic produce, organic groceries, meats, supplements and information on alternate healthcare options, all the while creating jobs, services and reliable health information.

Founder of St. Brieux Realty Inc., which emphasizes community growth and development, he was instrumental in developing new residential neighbourhoods, addressing a serious housing shortage while also bringing affordable housing to the community. He has personally donated thousands of dollars to various community projects as well as land to the Town of St. Brieux for a recreational site.

In 2003 Mr. Bourgault received the 2003 Saskatchewan Citizen's Planners Award from the Saskatchewan Association of Community Planners.

Dr. Edward F.G. Busse

Cardiac surgeon Dr. Edward Busse has had a tremendous impact on the health and welfare of his patients, improving the lives of thousands of residents and establishing a centre of medical excellence in Saskatchewan.

Dr. Busse played a major role in creation of the Plains Health Centre in Regina and was instrumental in the development of the centre's cardiac, thoracic and vascular surgical programs. Under his guidance these programs were created with a high standard of excellence, staffed with qualified personnel and served as a means for educating medical students in southern Saskatchewan.

A highly skilled surgeon, Dr. Busse is known for his ability to break down complex concepts and ideas making him an ideal teacher with a gift for making people feel comfortable and engaged, whether patients or students.

Dr. Busse remains actively involved in cardiac research, specifically in the area of cardiac rhythm, and has been involved in numerous studies, articles and conventions, contributing directly to the growing body of knowledge on cardiac health. He has remained heavily involved in the research and development of pacemaker technology on a clinical basis as well as developing non-invasive techniques and an instrument to measure blood flow to the coronary arteries and has written over 40 articles on the subject.

Dr. Busse is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; American College of Surgeons; Canadian Cardiovascular Society; Society of Thoracic Surgeons; Canadian Society of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons and the North American Society of Pacing and Electrophysiology.

Dr. Edward Busse

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Qualicum Beach, British Columbia

Ronald Carson

As a self-made man, visionary and generous businessman, Ronald Carson embodies the true spirit of the prairie entrepreneur; valuing the development, safety and well-being of his employees and community as much, if not more, than that of his company.

As the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Carson Energy Services (CES), he is largely responsible for CES' expansion over the years to include 12 locations in three prairie provinces with over 1,200 employees.

Mr. Carson has been a leader in the field of construction and in the innovative use of carbon dioxide to enhance crude oil recovery and continues to seek out new and innovative environmental solutions, creating the environmental standard for this industry. He has also set the industry standard for safety; promoting safety programs and providing good working conditions for his employees.

He is a philanthropist, giving generously to community and local church projects and fundraising campaigns. Among his endeavors to support his community, his industry, his employees, he provides financial support to local amateur sporting events and local artists. He also supports local health care facilities, including supplementing the availability of emergency care required by the energy services industry. He supported the development of the First Nations White Bear and Kenosee Lake Golf Courses through the donation of equipment.

CES has been named in Saskatchewan's Top 100 Companies by Saskatchewan Business Magazine four years in a row (2008 to 2011). Mr. Carson was recognized as the Ernst & Young 2009 Prairies Region Entrepreneur of the Year for energy services and the Oilman of the Year in 1997.

Ronald Carson

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Lampman

Malcolm Jenkins

In the community of Prince Albert few have made such an impact socially, economically and culturally as Malcolm Jenkins.

With the personal motto of “let’s build it for the kids,” Mr. Jenkins has been instrumental in the development of many projects for the benefit of the entire community such as the Broadway North Theatre Company, the Performing Arts Warehouse, the Kinsmen Skateboard Park and the Alfred Jenkins Field House.

He was also a key figure in the construction of the E.A. Rawlinson Centre for the Arts raising over \$4.2 million dollars in less than two months for the project. Since then the centre has become a focal point of the community and is used for over 275 events annually.

Mr. Jenkins has also shown a dedication to the health and welfare of his fellow citizens including supporting numerous events and activities for the Victoria Hospital Foundation leading the way for the purchase of much needed medical equipment.

He served as honorary chair of the 2011 Relay for Life in Prince Albert for the Canadian Cancer Society. In 2010 he offered to match all funds raised, personally contributing \$328,000 to the event.

He has consistently played a leadership role and is committed to improving cultural and recreational development, not only in Prince Albert but throughout Saskatchewan.

Mr. Jenkins is a recipient of the Commemorative Medal for the Centennial of Saskatchewan in 2005.

Malcolm Jenkins

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Prince Albert

Courtney Milne *posthumous*

Throughout his personal and professional life Courtney Milne served as an advocate for Saskatchewan, drawing attention to the beauty of the prairie landscape and how the land is a powerful influence on the human spirit.

A world renowned landscape photographer, Mr. Milne's work was published in thirteen books and more than 200 essays on the art of photography. His artistic vision was "to reveal life's unfolding mystery ~~ not to try to solve it." He celebrated the distinctive nature of the prairie in his earliest work, and then spent decades photographing sacred places around the globe. In the last ten years of his life he returned to focus once again on his beloved prairie, and in particular on one pool of water on his acreage near Saskatoon.

Selections from Mr. Milne's professional library of 550,000 images have been featured in international presentations such as UNESCO's World Heritage Committee, the United Nations Earth Summit and travelling exhibit, *To Care for the Earth*, and the Worldwide Fund for Nature. He contributed images to many philanthropic endeavours including the Saskatchewan Abilities Council, Canadian Save the Children, and the Nature Conservancy of Canada. His work is featured in museums and galleries across Canada.

His book, *Saskatchewan, The Luminous Landscape* was presented to the Queen and other dignitaries during the province's centennial celebrations. Images from the book were also donated to the Saskatchewan Encyclopedia Centennial project and the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala.

Mr. Milne also created and gifted a permanent online collection of iconic Saskatchewan landscape images titled *Coolsapes*, as an education tool for the schools of the province.

Mr. Milne received many awards including the Gold Medal for Distinction in Canadian Photography, two Agfa Special Achievement Awards, and an Honourary Master of Arts from the Professional Photographers of Canada. In 2005 he received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Regina, the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Arts Pin, and the Commemorative Medal for the Centennial of Saskatchewan. In 2009 he was named as one of *100 Alumni of Influence* by the College of Arts and Science at the University of Saskatchewan.

Dr. Karim W. Nasser

A true philanthropist, Dr. Karim Nasser has been an advocate and patron of post-secondary education in Saskatchewan, with a firm belief that through education and community involvement our province will continue to grow and flourish.

Dr. Nasser has donated in excess of \$13 million to the University of Saskatchewan which has been channeled towards the College of Engineering, the Gordon Oakes-Red Bear Student Centre, the College Quarter student housing project, the Edward School of Business and annual scholarships, providing financial assistance annually to over 200 students in need. A man of incredible generosity, he has made substantial donations to the Museum of Antiquities; each of Saskatoon's three hospitals, and both the University of Saskatchewan Library and the Saskatoon Public Library. Committed to his community, he has invested in a major project at River Landing.

Internationally recognized as an expert in the field of concrete, he holds several patents and donates the royalties to the University of Saskatchewan.

Throughout his career as a professor of civil engineering, Dr. Nasser has served on several boards and organizations including Chair of the Board for the Saskatoon Convalescent Home, President of the Canadian Club, as commissioner for the review of the Saskatchewan Crown Corporations, and as director of the Saskatchewan Pavilion at Expo 1986. He was a member of the Science Council of Canada from 1985-91, the Saskatoon Airport Authority, the Saskatoon Club, the University of Saskatchewan Faculty Club, and the Saskatoon Tennis and Badminton Club.

Dr. Nasser is a recipient of the Commemorative Medal of the 125th Anniversary of Canada in 1992. In 1973, Dr. Nasser received the Wason Medal from the American Concrete Institute; the Prime of Life Achievement Award from the University of Saskatchewan Retirees Association in 2010; and the Engineering Achievement Award and the Brian Eckle Distinguished Service Award from the Professional Engineers of Saskatchewan in 1985 and 2011.

Dr. Karim W. Nasser

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Saskatoon

Shirley Schneider

Shirley Schneider has spent her career improving the lives and well being of students and youth in Saskatchewan.

She was the driving force in founding the Special Tutorial Class at Balfour Collegiate in 1972, which focuses on providing individualized teaching and mentorship to students who became pregnant. Since then the program has positively influenced the lives of more than 3,000 young women and has become the longest continuously operating program of its kind in Canada.

Ms. Schneider founded the Mackenzie Infant Care Centre in 1986, which continues to provide childcare for young mothers who are pursuing their education to this day.

After 30 years working in the Public School System, she was seconded to the Department of Health, Child and Youth Services to spearhead the issue of youth suicide. She was instrumental in the development of the Adolescent Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program, which became an integral part of training for educators, police forces, and counsellors in Saskatchewan

Ms. Schneider is the founder of Queen City Collegiate, an independent international high school that welcomes students from all around the world who are looking to study in Canada, providing guidance, counselling and mentorship to hundreds of students and their families.

Her work has enriched, empowered and redirected the lives of thousands of the province's youth, especially single mothers and young women. She has built bridges between cultures, and has tirelessly worked to bring attention and understanding to the issues of youth depression, stress and suicide.

Ms. Schneider is a recipient of the Commemorative Medal for the Centennial of Saskatchewan in 2005 and the Commemorative Medal of the 125th Anniversary of Canada in 1992. In 1982, she received the Regina YWCA Women's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Education and in January 2011, the Balfour Special Tutorial Program was re-named the "Shirley Schneider Support Centre."

Shirley Schneider

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Regina

Ruth Smillie

Ruth Smillie has brought new life to Regina's Globe Theatre and in doing so has opened up the world of theatre and the arts to a new generation of young people in Saskatchewan.

She is an extremely dedicated and passionate advocate for the arts, who has made outstanding contributions to the life and fabric of the community, not only in Saskatchewan but across Canada.

Under her stewardship as chief executive officer and artistic director, Globe Theatre has grown its annual operating budget of \$1.2 million with an audience of 30,000 people a year to a \$3.3 million budget with annual attendance of between 50,000 to 60,000 patrons. The theatre is now recognized as one of the top theatre companies in the country according to the Canada Council for the Arts.

She has worked to engage and grow the artistic community in Regina through the creation of several programs and events including the Lanterns on the Lake Festival, an outdoor celebration of the arts, the Globe Theatre School and Conservatory as well as the Shumiatcher Sandbox Series, which gives a platform to emerging Saskatchewan artists and encourages experimental theatre.

She has served as a member of the board of directors for the Professional Association of Canadian Theatres, she was the founding Artistic Director of Persephone Youth Theatre, she was the Artistic Director of Catalyst Theatre in Edmonton for ten years and was a Visiting Fellow with King Alfred's College in Winchester, England.

Ms. Smillie is a recipient of the Commemorative Medal for the Centennial of Saskatchewan in 2005, the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002, the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Award in 2000, the YWCA Women of Distinction Arts Award in 2004, and was named as one of the top ten Women of Influence by SaskBusiness Magazine in 2008.

Ruth Smillie

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Regina