

## **Building Dedication Policy Honours Former Premiers Backgrounder**

The Government of Saskatchewan has announced the dedication of four provincial landmarks in honour of former Saskatchewan Premiers. The naming of these landmarks follows recommendations made by former Lieutenant-Governor Gordon Barnhart. Under the new policy, buildings or landmarks not already named after a person can be named after former Premiers, with the exception of the immediate past Premier.

The following buildings and geographic features now bear the following names:

### **Allan Blakeney Adult Campus**

- The Allan Blakeney Adult Campus has been serving young adult students since 2005.
- It officially opened in its new location in the former Wascana School in Regina in the fall of 2017.
- It offers programming including day and evening courses and a variety of programs to enhance post-secondary education and career/employment opportunities for adults aged 18-21 who have not completed high school.
- In 2015-16, the campus had 750 students.

### **W. Ross Thatcher Building**

- The W. Ross Thatcher Building is the main building at the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Moose Jaw Campus.
- In 2015-16, there were 1,986 students enrolled at the Moose Jaw Campus, with 1,880 registered as full-time students.
- Training offered at this campus includes business, construction, mining, energy and manufacturing, hospitality and tourism, information and communications technology, and transportation.
- The facility received a provincial BOMA Earth Award in 2017 in the industrial office category for excellence in sustainable commercial building management. This award is presented to buildings that rate the highest on indoor air quality, energy and water conservation, and a host of other environmental best practices.

### **Grant Devine Lake and Dam**

- Through former Premier Grant Devine's vision and dedication, this major water retention and diversion project came to fruition between 1988 and 1994.
- Today, it provides water for the Saskatchewan portion of the Souris River Basin and supplies water to the Shand Power station near Estevan.
- It also provides flood protection and irrigation for this area of the province, as well as protection for Minot, North Dakota lying downstream.
- Grant Devine Lake provides opportunities for recreational uses such as boating and fishing.

### **Roy Romanow Provincial Laboratory**

- This state-of-the-art facility opened in 2010, and is located at Innovation Place, adjacent to the University of Regina.

- It was opened to meet Saskatchewan's future needs by improving disease testing capability and speeding up intervention in the event of a public health crisis.
- It offers services such as testing for and monitoring environmental specimens (such as well-water samples), food-borne illnesses, communicable diseases and influenza. Neonatal screening programs are also provided by the laboratory, as are biosafety and biohazard spill response programs.