



*Celebrating Peter Lougheed's
Leadership Legacy*

September 26, 2019 | Peter Lougheed Hall

Welcome from Lois Harder

Our gathering this afternoon fits into this broad mandate, as an opportunity to share stories of the inspired leadership of the College's namesake. The idea for the event came from George de Rappard, who first contacted me about a year ago. As a close colleague of Premier Lougheed's throughout his premiership, George made a compelling case for the importance of gathering stories from that era to share with PLLC students and to collect for posterity. We also called in Oryssia Lennie to help us brainstorm an event, and thus you find yourselves assembled today.



Click [here](#) to view the video of Lois's introduction.



Pamela Lougheed-Stack

Dad's leadership qualities and values were intricately woven together. He lived his life day in and day out according to the values he held dear. And the value most dear to him – his vision – was to build strong, vibrant communities. This vision began to take shape when he was just a boy playing on sports teams, and as he would tell all of you, 365 days a year. His role as a team player and of course, as a natural leader, opened his eyes to the value of being part of a team. A team that brings together the strengths and talents of all the players to work toward a common goal, and then you can accomplish so much more than an individual can. And I see so many people around the room who have been those team players in all kinds of facets. So it's great to see you here and I can't wait to hear your stories.

A photograph of Pamela Lougheed-Stack, a woman with shoulder-length brown hair, smiling and speaking. She is wearing a blue and black patterned dress and a name tag that reads "Pamela Lougheed-Stack". She is standing in front of a green backdrop with the University of Alberta logo and the text "UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA".

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A photograph of a modern building with a large glass facade and a ramp. The building is surrounded by landscaping, including several young trees supported by stakes and a concrete walkway. The image is in grayscale.

Click [here](#) to view the video of Pamela's speech.



Jim Horsman

Peter has always said that his motto was “teamwork.” And that was true. I point out the thorough process that I just mentioned because that was a key element of Peter’s leadership style. “Be prepared” was a Boy Scout’s motto. But that also could have been his. He was prepared himself and if you weren’t prepared, he let you know it.

Click [here](#) to view the video of Jim’s speech.






Ron Ghitter

It was hard to say no to that man. And a lot of other very influential people who never ever thought of running in political life met those same piercing blue eyes and all of a sudden... I have in my office a picture of all the MLAs that were elected the first time around in '71 and I look at them and I say "What a marvelous selection of individuals did Peter bring together as he travelled the province – municipal councillors, business people, doctors, lawyers, the whole gambit. And to sit in our caucus meetings with that array of talent, was an amazing experience.

Click [here](#) to view the video of Ron's speech.

A photograph of Ron Ghitter, an older man with glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket over a blue shirt and a dark sweater. He is speaking into a microphone at a wooden podium. The podium has a sign that reads "IVERSITY OF ALBERTA" and "NFERENCE CENTRE". The background is a plain wall with a green panel on the right.

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Oryssia Lennie

One of the things I always remember – I was a junior public servant at the time – he wanted everybody’s opinion. He asked for everybody’s opinion and he had a marvelous ability to ask for your opinion and he made you feel as though it really mattered. I remember being utterly astounded that he would ask me for my opinion back in 1971 when I was a very junior public servant. But I always felt that that opinion was welcome. And he did that with everybody.

Click [here](#) to view the video of Oryssia’s speech.



George de Rappard

One of the key things I found in working with Mr. Lougheed was I never had to hold back of what my thoughts were. Because he never wanted to hear what I thought he wanted to hear. And I think too many people in life do that. Whether you were right, wrong or whatever, he put it in his computer, in his gathering of information, his networking, to make decisions. He'd bring it up at caucus, he'd bring it up at cabinet. He had a network of business people, he had a network of friends that he would talk to. And that would all go in to his decision making. So it made it easy – I won't say I worked *for* him – because he always made me feel like I was working *with* him. And he always made you feel like you were working for some sort of a cause. And that cause was because of his vision. And he truly was a visionary.

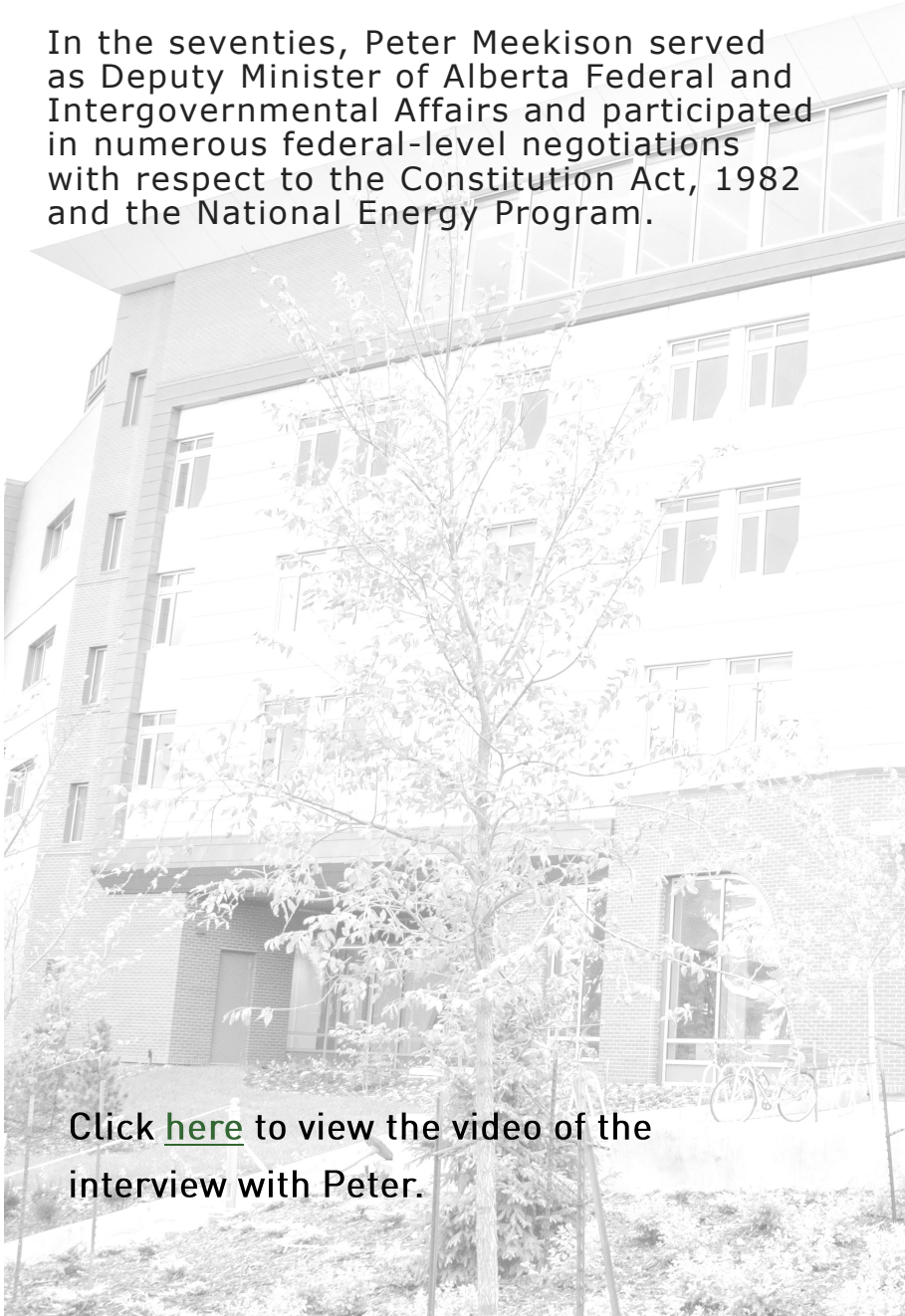
Click [here](#) to view the video of George's speech.





Dr. J. Peter Meekison

In the seventies, Peter Meekison served as Deputy Minister of Alberta Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs and participated in numerous federal-level negotiations with respect to the Constitution Act, 1982 and the National Energy Program.



Click [here](#) to view the video of the interview with Peter.







From left to right: Patricia Paradis, Glen Acorn, Annalise Acorn, John Acorn



From left to right: Pamela Lougheed-Stack, Dave Turpin, Stephen Lougheed



From left to right: Bob Giffin, Kim Wheaton



From left to right: Ron Ghitler, Glen Acorn





From left to right: Mary O'Neill, Joseph Doucet, Frank Calder



From left to right: George de Rappard, Doug Cameron



From left to right: Lois Harder, John Hunszinger



From left to right: George de Rappard, Catherine Keill (hidden), Mary O'Neill, Janice Johnston, Yvette McWatt, Brenton Harding



From left to right: Roberta Giffin, Bob Giffin, John Bowman, Jim Horsman, Alyssa Mae Domingo



From left to right: Pamela Lougheed-Stack, Bob Giffin, Ron Ghitler



From left to right: Michele Shea, Roberta Giffin



From left to right: Mary O'Neill, Jim Horsman



From left to right: Lois Harder, Patricia Paradis



From left to right: Catherine Keill, Bob Giffin



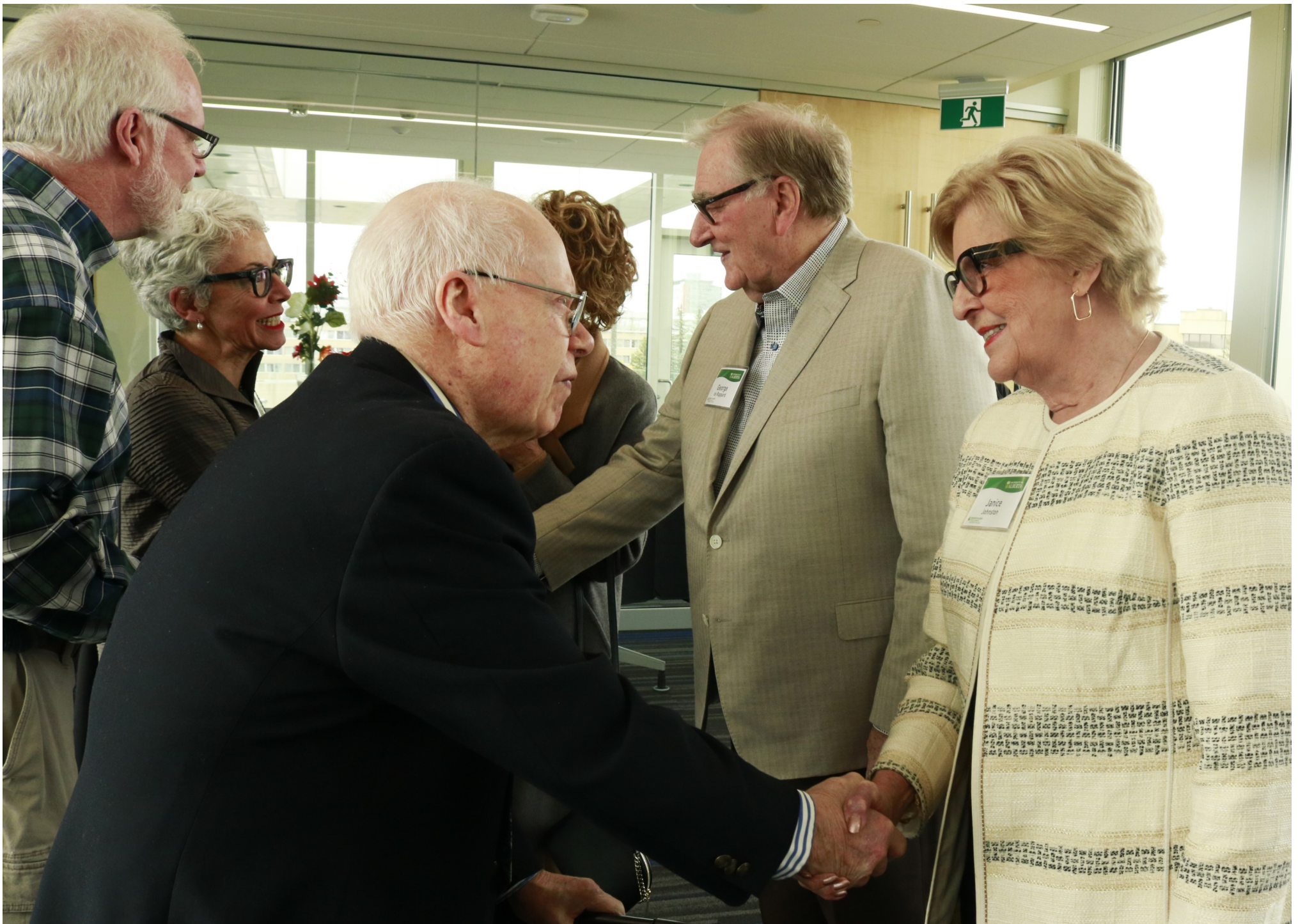
From left to right: Roberta Giffin, Bob Giffin



From left to right: Glen Acorn, Nancy MacBeth



From left to right: Glen Acorn, Nancy MacBeth, George de Rappard



From left to right: John Acorn, Patricia Paradis, Glen Acorn, Nancy MacBeth (hidden), George de Rappard, Janice Johnston



From left to right: John Hunszinger, Ron Ghitter, Mary O'Neill



From left to right: Nancy MacBeth, Bob Giffin, Roberta Giffin



From left to right: Bob Giffin, Nancy MacBeth, Kim Wheaton, Roberta Giffin



John Acorn



From left to right: Vanessa Miller, Maite Gonzalez-Latorre, Michele Shea, Alyssa Mae Domingo



From left to right: Annalise Acorn, Pamela Lougheed-Stack, John Acorn, Kim Wheaton



From left to right: Brenton Harding, Nancy MacBeth



Frank Calder



From left to right: Doug Cameron, Joseph Doucet, Ron Ghitter



From left to right: Les Young, Ron Gitter



Lois Harder



From left to right: Kim Wheaton, George de Rappard, Catherine Keill, Mary O'Neill, Janice Johnston, Nancy MacBeth, Brenton Harding

Edgar Peter Lougheed

1928—2012

As premier of Alberta, the Honourable Peter Lougheed's capacity to attract and inspire creative and productive teams and communities; to imagine a future that differed from the present; and to translate plans and vision into reality characterized by his power as a leader. His passionate defence of the province's interests and his visionary thinking set the province on the path to long term economic, cultural and social success.

