



Ralph Klein

Through his more than 30 years in public service, Mr. Klein has built the knowledge and relationships that will enable him to provide unique insights to Canadian and international matters affecting Teilhard Technologies (dba Shopplex.com Corporation).

Professional Experience

- Mr. Klein was elected leader of the Progressive Conservative Party on December 5, 1992 in the first one member/one vote leadership race held in Alberta. He was sworn in as Alberta's 12th premier on December 14 of that year.
- As premier, Mr. Klein revamped and opened up the government's decision-making process, downsized government, balanced the budget and spearheaded a drive to develop the climate for private sector job creation. During his tenure, Alberta became the first debt-free province in Canada.
- Mr. Klein was elected MLA for Calgary-Elbow March 20, 1989 and on April 14, 1989 was appointed Minister of Environment. In that portfolio, Mr. Klein oversaw the development of the *Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, acknowledged as one of the most progressive environmental laws in Canada.
- Since becoming premier in 1992, Mr. Klein also served as Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs (1993) and Minister of Economic Development and Tourism (1994).

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Professional Experience (cont'd)

- On October 15, 1980 Ralph Klein was elected Calgary's 32nd mayor, one of only two mayors born in the city. Re-elected in 1983 and 1986 with among the largest pluralities in the city's history, Mr. Klein's major accomplishments included the 1988 Olympic Winter Games, Calgary's Light Rail Transit System and protection of the Bow River.
- From 1969 - 1980, he was the senior civic affairs reporter with CFCN Television and Radio.
- From 1963 to 1969 Mr. Klein pursued a public relations career with the Alberta Division of the Red Cross and the United Way of Calgary and District.

Professional and Community Activities

- Executive Professor of Public Policy at the University of Alberta School of Business
- Senior Fellow of the Fraser Institute
- Mentor and Patron, Manning Centre for Building Democracy
- Honorary Presidency of cInéMAGINE, a non-profit provincial organization dedicated to the promotion & development of French language among Francophones & Francophiles
- Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C.
- Advisor in developing government strategies for CNIB
- Honourary Patron of the Edmonton Humane Society
- First Executive in Residence and inaugural occupant of Ralph Klein Endowed Chair at Mount Royal College
- Order of St. John – 1986
- Inducted into the Olympic Order – 1998
- Calgary Herald selected him as Calgarian of the Decade – 1992
- Governor General's Award – 1993
- Became the second Caucasian person in history to be adopted into the Siksika (Blackfoot) Nation and was given the name Otskoipiiksi (Bluebird)
- Named Man of the Year by the International Young Entrepreneurs Organization - 1994
- Awarded the Colin M. Brown Freedom Medal by the National Citizens' Coalition - 1994
- Named B'nai B'rith's Citizen of the Year - 1994

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- Named Calgary's Outstanding Citizen of the Century - 1995
- Blood Tribe made Ralph Klein an honorary chief in the Kainai Chieftainship - 1996