

Association of Professional Engineers

of the

Province of Manitoba

Merit Award

to

Douglas Robert Grimes

B.Eng.C.E., M.Sc.C.E., P.Eng.

Douglas Robert Grimes graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree in Civil Engineering from McGill University in 1954. He subsequently lectured in Civil Engineering at the Royal Military College and simultaneously attained his Master's degree at Queen's University in 1956.

Doug served as a Bridge Engineer with Public Works Canada for three years after graduation and was involved in the design of the first snow sheds in the Rocky Mountains on the Trans-Canada Highway. He moved to Winnipeg in 1959 to join Underwood, McLellan and Associates and embark on his career in the consulting engineering field.

In 1962, Doug joined W.L. Wardrop and Associates (later Wardrop Engineering Inc.) as Manager of Structural Engineering, and subsequently, Manager of Civil Engineering activities. In 1972, he became Manager of Engineering for the Manitoba Division, responsible for all engineering activities carried out within the firm's head office. Doug was involved in several outstanding engineering works, including Place D'Accueil at Expo 67, the Pembina Jubilee Traffic Interchange in Winnipeg, and the Leaf Rapids Townsite development. From 1975 to 1987, Doug was Vice-President, overseeing all areas of Wardrop's operations, including Saskatchewan and Alberta, and all services to industrial and public-works clients. Doug attained his present position of President of Wardrop Engineering in 1987. Since that time, Wardrop has diversified, expanded and prospered under his leadership.

Doug's exceptionally strong commitment to the profession is demonstrated by his uninterrupted committee service to APEM from 1962 to the present. Doug was President of the Association in 1975, a councillor for five years, and a member of 12 different committees over the years. In addition to his personal service, Doug's leadership by example has created a strong tradition of professional service: two other Wardrop employees have served as President after him. In honour of his unwavering service to the profession and his professionalism, Doug was presented with the Canadian Engineers' Meritorious Award for Professional Service in 1993 by the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers.

Community service is another important part of Doug's contribution to society. He has been active in community affairs through the United Way, the Riverside Lions Club, the Winnipeg Boys and Girls Club and the Manitoba Community Services Council, as well as his local church and the Norberry Community Club. One of his many achievements in community service was securing long-term financial resources for the Winnipeg Boys and Girls Club to ensure its future.

Doug and his wife, Liz, have three sons: Bruce, Michael and Douglas; and a daughter: Wendy.

In awarding the Merit Award to Doug Grimes P.Eng., the Association recognizes his outstanding contributions to both the engineering profession and the community.

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