

JIM DEANE

Jim Deane is a life-long resident of Saskatchewan, raised and educated in Regina. Jim recently retired as the Chief Executive Officer of Access Communications Co-operative Limited. Access Communications is a not-for-profit, community-owned co-operative providing telecommunications services, including local community TV channels, to 235 Saskatchewan communities and 200,000 sq. km. of rural Saskatchewan.



Jim is a long-time co-operative supporter having worked in the co-operative sector for over 40 years. He is currently the Chair of the Board of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Association (SCA). As Chair, Jim has been a strong advocate of the co-operative sector to stakeholders including governments at all levels. Jim, in particular, has been an advocate of the Community Clinic health care delivery model.

Jim has extensive board and governance experience. Currently, he is Chair of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program in Saskatchewan and is a national director of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for Canada.

Jim currently also serves on the boards of the Better Business Bureau of Saskatchewan, the Canadian Communications Systems Alliance (CCSA), and the Cable Public Affairs Channel (CPAC). Jim has also previously chaired boards of directors with the following organizations:

- Regina Chamber of Commerce
- Canadian Council of Better Business Bureaus
- Better Business Bureau of Saskatchewan
- Canadian Communications Systems Alliance
- Regina Bonspiel Association
- Wheat City Curling and Recreation Co-operative

Jim believes passionately in giving back to the community where we live and work. Jim was the impetus behind both the Access Communications Labour Day Show N Shine, and the Access Communications Children's Fund TV Bingo. These initiatives have contributed over \$2 million to worthy organizations since 2007. In his spare time, Jim volunteers with the Collectors Car Club of Saskatchewan and the WA WA Shriners.