

R.L. (ROGER) McCALLUM

Roger Lee McCallum was born in Saskatoon and, in 1953, began work with the O.K. Economy retail store chain. In 1955 he moved to the grocery warehouse division of Federated Co-operatives. He was attracted to the traffic and transportation business at Federated and took a pay cut in 1957 to begin his career in transportation/distribution logistics.

He became supervisor working with the warehouses, buyers, logistics processes, car fleet, expanding the private trucking fleet, customs, claims, and developed alliances and friendships with department people, carriers, shippers and receivers, that have lasted to this day.

In 1961 Mr. McCallum became Traffic Manager with Intercontinental Packers, with responsibility for other plants, the private carrier fleet which he expanded, plant delivery fleets, the car and tank car fleets, inter-plant hauls, claims, and customs. In 1975 the sales/order entry system became an added responsibility along with that of management office union negotiator, Western Canada Metric Transportation Committee. Between 1977 and 1979 he served as Corporate Director of Materials Management and then Director of Public Relations and Public Affairs.

In 1979 Mr. McCallum entered the general merchandise common carrier field as General Manager, Ridsdale Transport, and then as partner/CEO of W.C. Hill Transport, hauling mine and speciality products, and petroleum. In 1982 he established McCallum Consultant Services Ltd., serving shippers, carriers, and receivers.

In 1985 Mr. McCallum joined Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation as Senior Physical Distribution Officer and then Manager of the Logistics Advisory Program. This province-wide program advises shippers, carriers, and receivers, in logistics management practices and assists specific clients in realizing on identified deficiencies and potential opportunities. Mr. McCallum's personal efforts as facilitator/co-ordinator helped in the establishment of Container Port of Saskatchewan Corp.

Mr. McCallum has authored magazine articles, has guest written in Canadian Shipper, and has authored and collaborated on material for three manuals currently in circulation. He maintains association with the Canadian Industrial Transportation League, Saskatchewan Trucking Association, Chartered Institute of Transport, Canadian Association of Logistics Management, Saskatoon Traffic Club (Charter Member), and Logistics Council of Canada.

Inducted into the
Saskatchewan Transportation Hall of Fame
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