Lynda Haverstock

Born in Swift Current, Saskatchewan to community-minded parents, Dr. Haverstock left high school prematurely and returned to complete Grades 11 and 12 as an adult. She later earned Bachelor of Education and Master of Education degrees in the Education of Exceptional Children, and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.

Dr. Haverstock taught at the University level in both Saskatchewan and New Brunswick. In 1987, she received the Triple 'E' Award of Excellence for her work as a practising psychologist. Earning widespread recognition for establishing innovative education programs for disabled students and chronically truant adolescents, she shifted her focus to farm families in crisis. In addition to delivering hundreds of seminars and workshops, she contributed to journals, magazines, and books, including the handbook, *Fighting the Farm Crisis*, and a book entitled *Safety and Health in Agriculture*. Dr. Haverstock's abiding concern for the quality of life in Saskatchewan saw her enter public life. In 1989, she became the first woman to be elected leader of a political party in the province of Saskatchewan. In 2000, she was installed as Saskatchewan's 19th Lieutenant Governor, a position that she held until August, 2006.

During her tenure, Dr. Haverstock established a legacy of innovative and valuable initiatives, such as the Remote Spay and Neuter Program, which addressed the critical absence of veterinary services in northern Saskatchewan communities. She visited hundreds of schools, sharing with students of all ages insight on the topic of "Why Canada Has a Queen and Why We Should Care!" Committed to First Nations relations, Dr. Haverstock was active in annual Treaty Day celebrations and met frequently with female Elders. Her passion for recognizing the efforts of volunteers, veterans and service men and women contributed to the spirit of many occasions that honoured these selfless Canadians. Dr. Haverstock hosted, attended and addressed hundreds of such events.

Her fervour for the arts was synonymous with her position, as demonstrated by the Lieutenant Governor's Celebration of the Arts programs implemented during Saskatchewan's Centennial in 2005. These initiatives included the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala, broadcast nationally to an audience of more than 1.9 million people; the commissioning of the documentary film "For Love of the Land," by Doug Cuthand and Carol Greyeyes; the Saskatchewan Library and Authors Centennial Tour; and the Lieutenant Governor's Celebration of the Arts Pin, which was presented to 100,000 citizens in recognition of their contributions to the arts. Today, our province's major airports in Regina and Saskatoon are home to two remarkable sculptures created as part of her commitment to encouraging awareness, appreciation, and celebration of Saskatchewan's talented artists in all disciplines.

In May, 2007, Dr. Haverstock's appointment as President/CEO of Tourism Saskatchewan was announced. During her first year in this new role, her dedication to broadening awareness of and respect for Saskatchewan's tourism industry has resulted in advancements on a number of levels. Notable developments included the province's first *Summit on Tourism* in September, 2007; a review of Visitor Reception Centres throughout Saskatchewan; and the first *HOST Saskatchewan* conference, which partnered The Saskatchewan Hotel and Hospitality Association and the

Saskatchewan Outfitters Association with Tourism Saskatchewan, and yielded the largest tourism trade show in the province's history.

For over 25 years, Dr. Haverstock has shared her leadership and expertise with numerous professional and community organizations. She is a member of the National Strategy Council for the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute, as well as the National Committee for the RCMP Heritage Centre. She acts as Advisor to the President of the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies, and serves on the Board of Directors for Shaw Communications.

Dr. Haverstock is a recipient of numerous honours and awards, including the Order of Canada and the Saskatchewan Order of Merit. She has honorary doctorate degrees from the University of Regina, Royal Roads University in Victoria, and Queen's University in Kingston. Additional honours include the Gzowski Award for contributions to literacy, the Paul Harris Fellowship for support of The Rotary Foundation's goals of world peace and international understanding, and an honorary life-membership from the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada in recognition of outstanding public service. She served as Honorary Colonel of 2 Canadian Forces Flying Training School at 15 Wing in Moose Jaw from 2002 to 2005. Dr. Haverstock received the Distinguished Canadian Award in 2007. She is named among the University of Saskatchewan's 100 Alumni of Influence.

She and her husband, Harley Olsen, reside in Regina and have four children and eight grandchildren.