

Al Dyregrov

Al graduated with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering in 1955 followed by a Master of Science in Soils and Foundations in 1957 from the University of Manitoba. His early career was with the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority in Montreal and the Federal Department of Public Works in Banff on construction of highways in the western Canadian National Parks. He returned to Winnipeg in 1960 where he joined UMA Engineering. He was initially responsible for geotechnical studies primarily on municipal engineering projects such as wastewater and water treatment facilities and bridges and latterly was Director of Engineering for the Manitoba Branch.

In 1971 he opened an office for Hardy Associates Ltd. (now AMEC) and returned to consulting geotechnical engineering. In 1984 Neil Burgess and Al formed their own firm as Dyregrov and Burgess and in 1989 Al ventured off on his own. The scope of projects for which he has provided geotechnical input during the decades of practice expanded from municipal projects to included buildings and other structures. Most of the major structures built in downtown Winnipeg since 1971 have been touched by his expertise, including the Trizec development, Portage Place, the MTS Centre, the TD Tower and the Provencher Paired Bridges Project. Outside of Winnipeg they include the Churchill Townsite Development, the Inco Thompson Open Pit Mine, the Brandon Simplot Fertilizer plant, and McCain's Potato Processing plant in Portage la Prairie.

Al served on the Consulting Engineers Committee and the Safety in Engineering Practice Committee of APEGM, and was one of the founders of the Winnipeg Geotechnical Society. In 1989 he was recognized for his service to local and national geotechnical communities by the Canadian Geotechnical Society, was named a Honorary Life Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers in 1997 and in 1999 was honored to be named a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada. In 2006 he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement award by the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies of Manitoba.

Al retired in 2013 after 57 years of service but remains active and engaged in the Winnipeg community.