

Biography for Honourable Guy Boutilier (PC)
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MLA for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo



Minister of Environment

Guy Boutilier was elected to his third term as the MLA for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo on November 22, 2004. On November 25, he was sworn in as Alberta's Minister of Environment. During the 25th Legislature, he served as Alberta's Minister of Municipal Affairs and as Vice-Chair of the Standing Policy Committee (SPC) on Agriculture and Municipal Affairs.

After his first election to the provincial legislature on March 11, 1997, Guy chaired the SPC on Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection. He also chaired the Cabinet Committee on Climate Change and the Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC).

Guy brings a combination of academic, private and public service experience to the legislature. His academic accomplishments include a Masters degree in Public Administration from Harvard University in Cambridge-Boston, Massachusetts. He holds a Bachelors degree in Business Administration from St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, and an Education degree with honours from St. Mary's University in Halifax.

For eight years Guy was a college instructor teaching business management courses at Keyano College in Fort McMurray. He has also worked as a financial analyst in the oil industry and lectured at the University of Alberta's School of Business.

Guy was a member of Fort McMurray's City Council for 11 years, serving two terms as an Alderman and two terms as Fort McMurray's youngest Mayor. The most significant accomplishment of his tenure as Mayor was to examine the makeup of municipal government and determine how it could be improved. With the cooperation of local governments, industry, hospitals, schools and the college, Guy formed and chaired the Fort McMurray Stakeholders' Group. Collectively, the group examined better ways to serve the region's citizens while reducing the cost of government. The end result was Alberta's first rural-urban amalgamation into the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, the largest municipality in North America spanning 69,000 square kilometres.

Guy has received a number of awards and distinctions. In 1994, the International Association of Business Communicators selected him as the "Top Communicator of the Year." He also received the 1995 Award of Excellence from the Board of Directors of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association in Alberta.

Guy has been extremely active in the community having served on numerous boards and commissions. He is a member of the Oil Sands Rotary Club, the Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, the Fort McMurray Shrine Club and Chair of the Fort McMurray Diabetes Association. In his spare time he enjoys coaching minor league sports. Recently, his hockey team won the international championship at the Quebec World PeeWee AA Hockey

Tournament.

Guy and his wife Gail reside in Fort McMurray.