

Guy C. Boutilier

Minister of Environment
MLA Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo



Guy Boutilier, Alberta Environment's new Minister, was elected to his third term as MLA for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo in the November 2004 provincial election.

He previously served as Minister of Municipal Affairs (since 2001) and Vice-Chair of the Standing Policy Committee (SPC) on Agriculture and Municipal Affairs.

He was first elected to the legislature in March 1997, chairing the SPC on Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection, the Cabinet Committee on Climate Change and the Northern Alberta Development Council.

The Minister brings a combination of academic, private and public service experience to the legislature. He holds a Masters degree in Public Administration from Harvard, a Bachelors degree in Business Administration (St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia) and an Education degree with honours from St. Mary's University in Halifax.

He taught business management courses at Keyano College in Fort McMurray, worked as a financial analyst in the oil industry and lectured at the University of Alberta's School of Business.

Serving on Fort McMurray's city council for 11 years, he was alderman for two terms and two more, as the city's youngest mayor.

With the cooperation of local governments, industry, hospitals, schools and the local college, he formed and chaired the Fort McMurray Stakeholders' Group which collectively examined better ways to serve the region's citizens while reducing the cost of government. The result was the creation of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, Alberta's first rural-urban amalgamation and North America's largest municipality (area: 69,000 square kilometres.)

His awards and distinctions include an International Association of Business Communicators awards for Top Communicator of the Year (1994) and an Award of Excellence from the Board of Directors of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (1995).

Guy 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.

He and his wife Gail live in Fort McMurray.