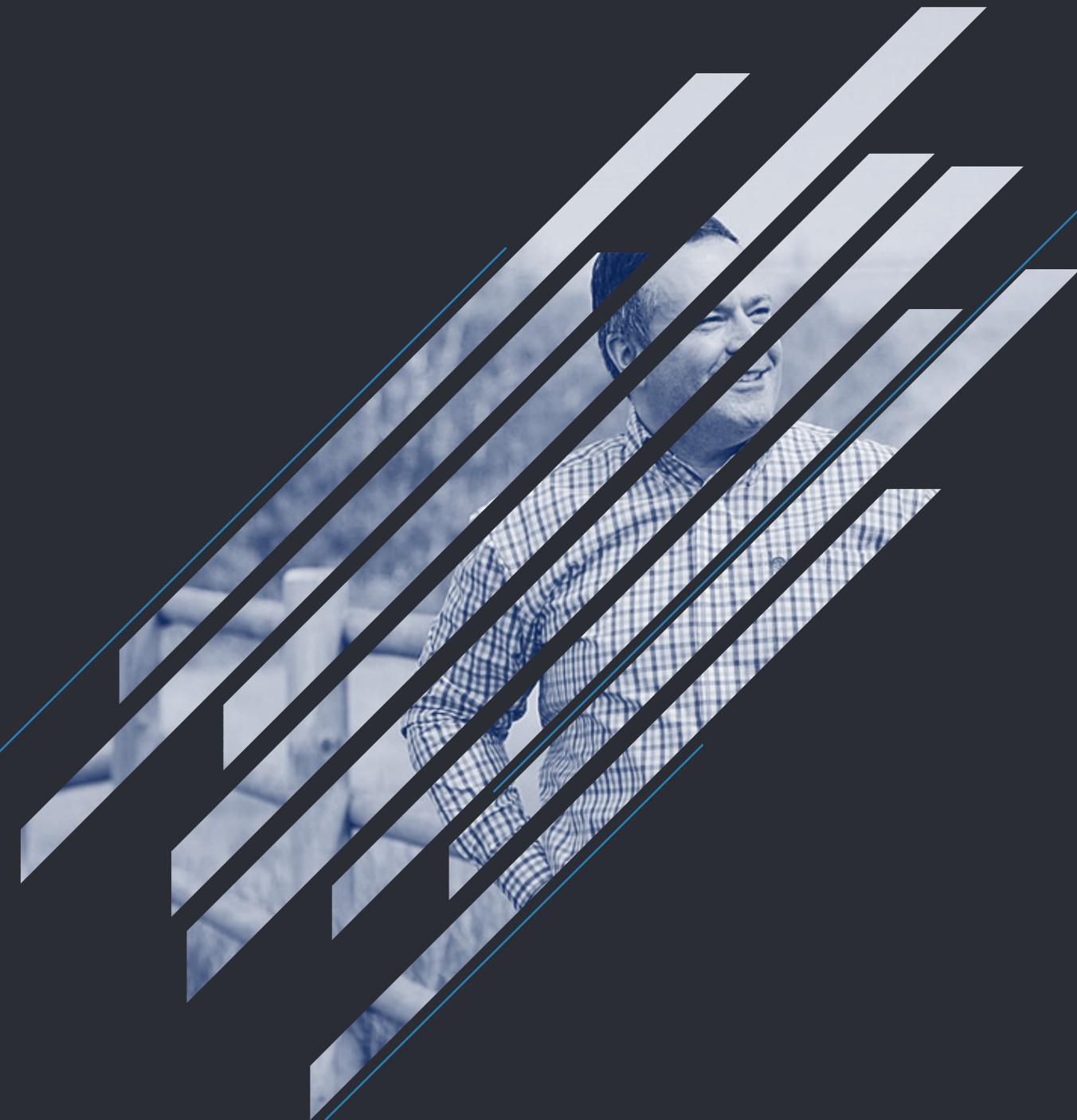


# TEAM KENNEY

## YOUR ALBERTA CABINET

**SUMMA**  
STRATEGIES





*Jason Kenney was sworn in yesterday as Alberta's 18th premier and immediately unveiled his new cabinet. Among the ministers named are a surprisingly high number of political rookies. Two-thirds of the Premier's cabinet are new to the Alberta Legislature including ministers in the key portfolios of Finance, Energy, Education and Health. While this shows a great deal of confidence in the calibre of people that Kenney managed to attract to government, it may also mean that decision-making – and least in the short-term – will be centralized in the Premier's Office. The new ministers met immediately after the swearing-in and their first act was to proclaim Bill C-12, the so-called "turn off the taps law" aimed at British Columbia. This decision likely sets the tone for what's to come.*

# JASON KENNEY

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## PREMIER & MINISTER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Jason Kenney returned to Alberta politics to *unite the right* and win the 2019 provincial election. He has vowed to fight economic decline in the province and the new federal carbon taxes.

### Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Create a Premier's Council comprised of vocational education leaders, trades unions, and other stakeholders to meet regularly with the Premier and relevant ministers to advance vocational education as a government priority.
- Hold a referendum on removing equalization from the Constitution Act on October 18, 2021.



Constituency: Calgary-Lougheed

# DOUG SCHWEITZER

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## MINISTER OF JUSTICE & SOLICITOR GENERAL

Minister Schweitzer is a partner at an Alberta law firm, where he specialized in restructuring and bankruptcy law. He previously served as Vice Chair of the Calgary Drug Treatment Court.

### Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Challenge the constitutionality of the federal carbon backstop.
- File a constitutional challenge against Bill C-69.
- Amend the Gaming, Liquor, and Cannabis Act (s.89) to give municipalities more flexibility to permit responsible adults to drink alcohol in parks, street festivals etc.
- Establish a dedicated Opioid Enforcement Team within the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT).
- Expand Drug Treatment Courts.
- Call on the federal government to restore mandatory minimum sentences for drug traffickers.



First elected: April 2019

Constituency: Calgary-Elbow

# TYLER SHANDRO

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## MINISTER OF HEALTH

Minister Shandro is a practicing lawyer who has previously served as a member of the National Parole Board, the Municipal Government Board and the University of Calgary Senate, among others. After the 2013 flood, he was appointed to the Disaster Recovery Committee.

### **Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio**

- Reduce surgical wait times to four months by replicating the Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative (SSI).
- Invest \$100 million to implement a Mental Health and Addiction Strategy.
- Consult on the location of existing supervised consumption sites.
- Conduct an Alberta Health Services Performance Review to identify administrative savings.



First elected: April 2019  
Constituency: Calgary-Acadia

# RIC MCIVER

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## MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION

Minister McIver has considerable experience in the Alberta legislature. He previously held cabinet portfolios for Transportation, Infrastructure and Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour. He also previously served three terms on Calgary's City Council.

### Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Continue growth of transportation infrastructure (Alberta has led the country in transit infrastructure investment).
- Make use of P3s for procurement of capital projects.
- Release an annual Government of Alberta Infrastructure Report.
- Work with the federal government and airport authorities to expand air transport agreements to get more flights to AB from tourist source countries.



First elected: April 2012  
Constituency: Calgary-Hays

# TANYA FIR

MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
TRADE & TOURISM

Minister Fir previously worked as a Human Resources Advisor in Alberta's Oil and Gas Industry. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce with a concentration in Management of Organizations and Human Resources from the University of Calgary.

## Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Use the “Turn off the Taps” legislation should provinces, including British Columbia, continue to obstruct the construction of pipelines.
- Fight for an end to interprovincial barriers to free trade.
- Reorient Travel Alberta towards more private sector funding, and develop a 10 year Tourism Strategy.
- Meet a target to double tourism spending in AB to \$20B by 2030.



First elected: April 2019  
Constituency: Calgary-Peigan

# ADRIANA LAGRANGE

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## MINISTER OF EDUCATION

Minister Lagrange previously served as a Trustee of the Red Deer Catholic Regional School Division. Her background and education is in assisting individuals with physical and mental disabilities.

### Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Proclaim the Education Act (2012), taking effect on September 1, 2019.
- Introduce a Choice in Education Act and facilitate the creation and operation of new charter schools.
- Prioritize infrastructure funds for schools and health care infrastructure.
- Testing Changes: Bring back the Grade 3 Provincial Achievement Test; Return to a 50/50 split between Diploma and school grades for Grade 12; Implement language and math assessments for students in grades 1-3.
- Focus on excellence in outcomes: introduce teacher testing; require that teachers take courses in the subjects they will one day teach in schools.



First elected: April 2019  
Constituency: Red Deer North

# TRAVIS TOEWS

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## MINISTER OF TREASURY BOARD & FINANCE

Minister Toews is a Diamond Jubilee Award Winner for his contributions to Agriculture and Trade. He has a background in business and holds CPA and CMA designations. He has served on the boards of the Alberta Beef Producers and Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance.

### Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Maintain operating spending at current levels as part of a realistic plan to balance the budget by 2022/23 without compromising core services.
- Subject any future carbon tax to the Alberta Taxpayer Protection Act which requires all sales taxes to be voted on in a referendum.



First elected: April 2019  
Constituency: Grande Prairie-Wapiti

# JASON NIXON

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## MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & PARKS

Minister Nixon previously held the position of Official Opposition Whip as well as a variety of Shadow Minister roles. Before being elected, he spent 25 years working and volunteering for a poverty and homelessness reduction not-for-profit called “The Mustard Seed”.

### Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Repeal Carbon Tax Act.
- Bring in a new Technology Innovation and Emissions Reductions (TIER) regime for large industrial emitters and reduce the compliance price from \$30/tonne to \$20/tonne.
- Require large final emitters (LFEs) in the electricity sector to meet a “good-as-best-gas” performance standard.
- End costly subsidies after the Renewable Energy Program's round 3.



First elected: May 2015  
Constituency: Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

# DEVIN DREESHEN

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MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE &  
FORESTRY

Minister Dreeshen is a fifth generation local farm owner. From 2008 to 2015, he served as a policy advisor to Federal Minister of Agriculture Gerry Ritz in Ottawa.

## Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Ensure that forest companies have long-term access to a sustainable fibre supply with our Forest Jobs Guarantee.
- Offset federal or court-ordered policies that inhibit access to fibre with access to an equal or larger area for forestry in the same region.
- Reverse NDP reductions in the fight against the mountain pine beetle by increasing funding.
- Immediately form a Caribou Range Task Force to review the Alberta Caribou Draft Plan.
- Introduce the Farm Freedom and Safety Act (FFSA), which will relax labour and wage regulations on small farms.



First elected: July 2018  
Constituency: Innisfail-Sylvan Lake

# SONYA SAVAGE

MINISTER OF ENERGY & DEPUTY  
HOUSE LEADER

Minister Savage has a Master of Laws in Environment and Energy. She practiced law before becoming a lobbyist for the oil and gas industry. She last served as the Senior Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs at the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association.

## Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Jobs. Economy. Pipelines.
- Extend the Petrochemical Diversification Program royalty tax credit model.
- Appoint a new Board of Directors to the Alberta Energy Regulator that will focus on improving approval times and cutting red tape; streamline and expedite AER review process and performance.
- Review and implement key recommendations of the 2018 Roadmap to Recovery (aka the Kvile Panel).



First elected: April 2019  
Constituency: Calgary-North West

# RAJAN SAWHNEY

MINISTER OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL  
SERVICES

Minister Sawhney holds a degree in Economics and Political Science as well as an MBA. She worked in the oil patch for over 20 years doing economics and business development. She received the Community Builder Award from the YWCA for Canada 150.

## Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Work across Ministries to develop an Alberta Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking.
- Commit \$5M in new funding to combat sexual assault and provide services to survivors of sexual violence.
- Create a \$20M Civil Society Fund supported by the AB Lotteries Fund to support innovative cost-shared programs delivered by community groups.



First elected: April 2019  
Constituency: Calgary-North East

# JOSEPHINE PON

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## MINISTER OF SENIORS & HOUSING

Minister Pon previously worked at Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) as an International Trade Consultant and in the Prairie division of the Assisted Housing Department. She was also the Vice-President of the Taste of Asia Group, where she managed five restaurants.

### Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Reduce red tape burdens on home builders.
- Expand use of mixed-income housing.
- Use the Affordable Supportive Living Initiative (ASLI) to build long-term care beds and encourage more home care options.
- Ensure affordable housing plans include specialized housing for seniors.
- Maintain all seniors benefits.



First elected: April 2019  
Constituency: Calgary-Beddington

# REBECCA SHULZ

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## MINISTER OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Minister Shulz is a communications professional with a Master's Degree from Johns Hopkins University. She is a wife and mother to two children.

### Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Work across Ministries to develop an Alberta Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking.
- Increase funding to Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT), who deal with children's exploitation (and specifically, double funding for the Integrated Child Exploitation Unit).
- Restore funding to the Wellness Resiliency and Partnerships Program to support children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.
- Increase access to supports for Indigenous families who have children with disabilities.



First elected: April 2019  
Constituency: Calgary-Shaw

# RICK WILSON

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## MINISTER OF INDIGENOUS RELATIONS

Minister Wilson was a County Councillor with the County of Wetaskiwin for 15 years before being elected to the Alberta legislature. He also previously served as the Chairman of Crossroads Regional Health Authority and the Western Canadian Agriculture Debt Review Board, amongst others. His family farm has been in operation for more than 100 years.

### Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Support legal action for pro-resource groups in Indigenous communities.
- Advocate for a federal Aboriginal consult process that provides timelines and legal certainty for project proponents.
- Work with federal government to streamline how Indigenous people access key services.



First elected: April 2019  
Constituency: Maskwacis-Wetaskiwin

# DEMETRIOS NICOLAIDES

## MINISTER OF ADVANCED EDUCATION

Minister Nicolaides is an accredited mediator and has a PhD in the field of conflict resolution and arbitration. He specializes in ethnic-nationalist conflict. He was the head of the Calgary office for a national communication-consulting firm where he coached senior business leaders.

### Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Reduce provincial red tape on universities and colleges.
- Measure labour market outcomes of post-secondary programs.
- Establish intellectual property framework for R&D from Alberta's universities and colleges.
- Increase support for Trades including dedicating \$1 million for scholarships, supporting CAREERS: Next Generation, Skills Canada Alberta and Women Building Futures, reforming teaching certifications and creating a Premiers Council.



First elected: April 2019  
Constituency: Calgary-Bow

# LEELA AHEER

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**MINISTER CULTURE, MULTICULTURALISM  
& STATUS OF WOMEN**

First elected in 2015, Minister Aheer had the chance to gain experience as the Opposition Critic for Children's Services and Status of Women before taking on her cabinet role. She is an entrepreneur who has also worked as an arts and language teacher.

## **Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio**

- Work across Ministries to develop an Alberta Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking.
- Pass an Alberta version of “Clare’s Law” to ensure that people at risk of domestic violence may have fuller awareness of a partner’s history of domestic violence or violent acts.
- Incentivize media production in rural areas.
- Convert the AB Screen-Based production grant into a tax credit.
- Continue funding support for arts and cultural organizations.
- Grow Alberta cultural industries by \$1.5B over the next 10 years.



First elected: May 2015  
Constituency: Chestermere-Strathmore

# JASON COPPING

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## MINISTER OF LABOUR & IMMIGRATION

Minister Copping spent his career working as a consultant on labour relations, training clients and providing dispute resolution services. He was a member of the Alberta Labour Relations Board. He has a Master of Industrial Relations degree from Queen's University and an LLM with a specialization in labour and employment law.

### Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Enact a Job Creation Tax Cut to reduce the general income tax rate on businesses.
- Immediately launch consultations to develop the Alberta Advantage Immigration Strategy.
- Create a Foreign Graduate Startup Visa Program.
- Create streams within the Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program.
- Introduce a Youth Job Creation Wage of \$13.00.
- Appoint a Minimum Wage Expert Panel.



First elected: April 2019  
Constituency: Calgary-Varsity

# KELECHI (KAYCEE) MADU

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## MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Minister Madu has a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Lagos and was called to the Bar in Nigeria. Madu was a senior technical advisor to the Government of Alberta and in 2009, he was awarded the Premier's Award of Excellence.

### Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Maintain dollars promised to municipalities for 2019-20, as well as the multi-year agreement in Bill 32 Charters for Calgary / Edmonton.
- Maintain infrastructure commitments in capital plan such as LRT extensions in Calgary and Edmonton.
- Allow municipalities to offer property tax incentives to attract investment and development.
- Improve local government financial reporting by preparing an annual Alberta Municipalities Measurement Index.



# PRASAD PANDA

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## MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE

Minister Panda is a mechanical engineer who was first elected in a 2015 by-election. During the previous provincial government, Panda was critic for energy and also served as critic for economic development and trade. He was a member of various committees over the last four years.

### Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Maintain existing Alberta Capital Plan for 2019-2023.
- Pass the *Alberta Infrastructure Act*.
- Make use of alternative financing and P3s for procurement and construction management.
- Prepare and release an annual Infrastructure Report to update on progress in meeting five year Capital Plan commitments.
- Prepare a 20 year Strategic Capital Plan for the province.



First elected: September 2015  
Constituency: Calgary-Edgemont

# GRANT HUNTER

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## ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF RED TAPE

Minister Hunter has a BSc. in Economics and Political Science and a Master's of Business Administration. As an experienced Alberta politician, Hunter has served on the Committee on Public Accounts, Alberta Economic Futures, and as Deputy Whip of the party. He was first elected in 2015.

### Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Pass a Red Tape Reduction Act to measure, report, and reduce the province's regulatory decisions to be made.
- Implement a "One-In / One-Out" rule requiring ministries to identify at least one offsetting regulation for every new regulation created.
- Create a Red Tape Challenge Website at StopRedTape.ca to replicate the United Kingdom's successful Red Tape Challenge by crowdsourcing input from businesses, organisations, and the public on which regulations should be improved, kept, or scrapped.



First elected: May 2015  
Constituency: Taber-Warner

# DALE NALLY

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## ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF NATURAL GAS

Minister Nally holds significant private-sector experience managing business units that generate between \$50 million and \$80 million in revenue. He was a co-chair of Diversity Edmonton, an organization that focused on hiring people with disabilities into the private sector. He also holds a Master's Degree in Education.

### Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio

- Alongside the Minister of Energy, implement recommendations of the 2018 Kvisle Panel.
- Streamline project approvals to increase pace of activity. Work with producers, NEB, and TransCanada to evaluate changes to regulations and policies.
- Work with TransCanada and others to reduce price volatility and lower shipper tolls on major natural gas pipeline systems.
- Work with industry to facilitate infrastructure for LNG projects.



First elected: April 2019  
Constituency: Morinville-St. Albert

# JASON LUAN

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**ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF MENTAL  
HEALTH & ADDICTIONS**

Minister Luan has a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Calgary and received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 for community services. He served in the Alberta Legislature starting in 2012 before losing his seat in the 2015 provincial election.

## **Platform Commitments Linked to Portfolio**

- Invest \$40 million over four years to launch an Opioid Response Strategy that expands support for opioid treatment centres to deal with wait times and increase access, including additional detox beds, mobile detox programs, and funding a new Virtual Opioid Dependency Program.
- Expand home care to support those who identify addiction and mental health as a concern.
- Expand community programming, including developing mental health court models.



# NATE GLUBISH

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MINISTER OF SERVICE ALBERTA

Minister Glubish has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Saskatchewan. Before his nomination as a UCP candidate, Glubish worked for Vancouver-based Yaletown Partners to facilitate foreign investment in Alberta technology companies.



First elected: April 2019  
Constituency: Strathcona-Sherwood Park



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