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Cabinet veteran Ron Stevens announces his resignation

Premier Stelmach praises Deputy Premier for his dedicated service to Albertans

Edmonton... Deputy Premier Ron Stevens, the Minister for International and Intergovernmental Relations, has informed the Premier he is resigning from Cabinet and as the Member of the Legislature for Calgary-Glenmore to pursue other career options. The resignations are effective immediately.

“Ron has been a good friend and stalwart colleague, and I have greatly valued his sound advice and solid judgement,” said Premier Ed Stelmach. “As an MLA and minister he has worked tirelessly on behalf of his province, his city and his constituents. I wish him well in the future, and I have no doubt he will continue to find success and fulfillment in whatever path he chooses to follow.”

First elected to the Legislature in 1997, Mr. Stevens has previously served as Minister of Justice and Attorney General and Minister of Gaming, responsible for the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission and the Alberta lottery fund. He was sworn in as Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations on March 12, 2008. In addition to his duties as MLA, Deputy Premier and Minister, he served as a member of Treasury Board, the Agenda and Priorities Committee and the Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing Committee.

Prior to becoming an MLA, Mr. Stevens practised law with a major Calgary law firm. He was appointed Queens Counsel in 1996. Active for many years in community affairs in Calgary, he has served as president of the Palliser Bayview Pumphill Community Association, director of the Federation of Calgary Communities, director and vice-chair of the Calgary Housing Authority, and director of Community Mediation Calgary Society. Born in Empress, Alberta in 1949, he obtained his postsecondary education at the University of Calgary (bachelor of arts, political science, 1971) and at the University of Alberta (bachelor of laws, 1975).

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