New cabinet team will focus on listening to Albertans and meeting their priorities, says Premier Stelmach

Size of cabinet reduced from 24 to 18

Edmonton... Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach has announced his Cabinet team with a pledge that ministers will listen to, and meet, Albertans' priorities.

"I expect each Cabinet member to be out from behind their desks, listening to what is truly important for their ministries," said Stelmach. "Our goal is to do what is right for our province and for all Albertans."

Premier Stelmach's cabinet is reduced in size from 24 to 18 ministers, reflecting what he heard from Albertans during his leadership campaign. "The people of this province told me they wanted more effective government, not more of it," he said.

The Premier said he expects Cabinet members will come together as a coordinated, productive team governing with integrity and transparency. The team's additional priorities will be to manage growth pressures, improve Albertans' quality of life, build a stronger Alberta, and provide safe and secure communities.

"This talented team of experienced and new members has strong representation from across the province," said Stelmach. "We'll be getting down to work immediately to ensure we deliver solid results in the areas that matter most to Albertans."

New members of the Cabinet team include: Lloyd Snelgrove, Vermilion-Lloydminster; Mel Knight, Grande Prairie-Smoky; Ray Danyluk, Lac La Biche-St. Paul; Ron Liepert, Calgary West; Janis Tarchuk, Banff-Cochrane; George Groeneveld, Highwood; Ted Morton, Foothills-Rocky View; Fred Lindsay, Stony Plain; and, Hector Goudreau, Dunvegan-Central Peace.

Returning to the Cabinet table are: Doug Horner, Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert; Iris Evans, Sherwood Park; Dave Hancock, Edmonton-Whitemud; Rob Renner, Medicine Hat; Lyle Oberg, Strathmore-Brooks; Luke Ouellette, Innisfail-Sylvan Lake; Ron Stevens, Calgary-Glenmore; Greg Melchin, Calgary-North West; and, Guy Boutilier, Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo.

Backgrounders:

List of Cabinet members, in order of precedence, and list of committee members.

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**Premier Stelmach's Cabinet team in order of precedence**

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**Government committee membership**

Edmonton... Membership of the Government of Alberta's Treasury Board, Agenda and Priorities
Committee, and Legislative Review Committee was announced by Premier Ed Stelmach. The Premier also announced chairs of the government's four cabinet policy committees.

**Agenda and Priorities Committee**

**Ed Stelmach**
- Chair (Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville)

**Doug Horner**
- Vice-Chair (Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert)

**Lloyd Snelgrove**
(Vermilion-Lloydminster)

**Mel Knight**
(Grande Prairie-Smoky)

**Dave Hancock**
(Edmonton-Whitemud)

**Ted Morton**
(Foothills-Rocky View)

**Carol Haley**
(Airdrie-Chestermere)

**Len Mitzel**
(Cypress-Medicine Hat)

**Ray Prins**
(Lacombe-Ponoka)

**Treasury Board**

**Lloyd Snelgrove**
- Chair (Vermilion-Lloydminster)

**Ed Stelmach**
- Vice Chair (Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville)

**Doug Horner**
(Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert)

**Rob Renner**
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**Greg Melchin**
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**Carol Haley**
(Airdrie-Chestermere)

**Victor Doerksen**
(Red Deer-South)
Cindy Ady  
(Calgary-Shaw)  
George Rogers  
(Leduc-Beaumont-Devon)  
Ty Lund  
(Rocky Mountain House)  
Hung Pham  
(Calgary-Montrose)  

Cabinet Policy Committees  
Community Services - Chair: Mary-Anne Jablonski (Red Deer-North)  
Government Services - Chair: Wayne Cao (Calgary-Fort)  
Managing Growth Pressures - Chair: Yvonne Fritz (Calgary-Cross)  
Resources and the Environment - Chair: Ivan Strang (West Yellowhead)  

Legislative Review Committee  
Ron Stevens,  
Chair (Calgary-Glenmore)  
Dave Hancock,  
Vice-Chair (Edmonton-Whitemud)  
Mary-Anne Jablonski  
(Red Deer-North)  
Wayne Cao  
(Calgary-Fort)  
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