

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry/Alberta Environment and Parks

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Alberta Agriculture and Forestry supports the growth, diversification and sustainability of Alberta's agriculture and forest industries.

Devin Dreesen was appointed [Minister of Agriculture and Forestry](#) on April 30, 2019.



Minister Dreesen was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in a by-election on July 12, 2018 as the MLA for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake. He was re-elected on April 16, 2019.

Dreesen is a fifth-generation local farm owner and Albertan. Farming near Pine Lake, he has a long record of community service. He is a director of the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association, serves as a board member on the Crossroads Agricultural Society, and as a volunteer at the Pine Lake Country Fair.

Devin Dreesen was appointed as Alberta's Minister of Agriculture and Forestry on April 30, 2019. He has a wealth of previous experience working on this file during his time in Ottawa where he was a policy advisor to Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz from 2008 to 2015, advocating for Canadian agriculture trade, improved rural infrastructure support, and leading the effort to end the Canadian Wheat Board monopoly. Dreesen will apply this experience, as well as his own farming history to serve Alberta's agricultural community and ensure that Alberta's farmers continue to make a significant contribution to the provincial economy.

As Minister, Dreesen hopes to continue this work, seeking to restore and improve market access for our forestry and agriculture products, and to attract investment in order to bring jobs back to Alberta.
<https://www.alberta.ca/devin-dreesen-bio.aspx>

Alberta Environment and Parks supports environmental conservation and protection, sustainable economic prosperity, quality of life and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Jason Nixon was appointed [Minister of Environment and Parks](#) and House Leader on April 30, 2019.



Minister Nixon was first elected as the Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the constituency of Rimbey–Rocky Mountain House–Sundre on May 5, 2015. He was re-elected on April 16, 2019.

Prior to serving in the Legislative Assembly, Nixon spent over 25 years volunteering and working for one of Alberta's most respected not-for-profit organizations, The Mustard Seed, including serving as Executive Director of the organization between 2006 and 2011. He has also been an entrepreneur, owning and operating a consulting business for several years.

Nixon graduated with honours from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology's School of Business. He was born and raised in Alberta and lives in west-central Alberta with his wife Tiffany. They are the proud parents of Markus and twins Austin and Chyanne.

Mr. Nixon had the privilege of serving as the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition in the Alberta Legislative Assembly from October 2017 to January 2018. He has held other notable positions within the Assembly, including Official Opposition House Leader, Chief Opposition Whip, a variety of Shadow Minister roles, and he has served as a member of several legislative standing committees.

Jason Nixon was appointed as Alberta's Minister of Environment and Parks as well as Government House Leader on April 30, 2019. He will bring his substantial legislative record to his portfolio, as he works to restore confidence in the consultation process which was bungled several times, most notably with the Bighorn.

<https://www.alberta.ca/jason-nixon-bio.aspx>

For more information on both ministries please see: <https://www.alberta.ca/index.aspx>