

BIO
Honourable Ronald Liepert

Ron Liepert has been a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta since 2004, for the constituency of Calgary-West. On January 15th, 2010, he was sworn in as Minister of Energy. He had previously served as Minister of Education and Minister of Health and Wellness.

Mr. Liepert was born and raised in Saltcoats, Saskatchewan, where his primary education began in a one-room elementary school. After his senior high schooling, he moved to Alberta, where in 1971 he enrolled in the Columbia School of Broadcasting. His work in media between 1972 and 1980 included covering Royal tours of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Charles.

In 1980, Premier Lougheed offered Mr. Liepert the position of press secretary, which he accepted and served until 1985. As the press secretary, he participated in a number of federal-provincial conferences, and was at the side of the Premier during the Constitutional Accord of 1982 and the energy negotiations of the early 1980s. Mr. Liepert served as the Trade Director of Western U.S. Operations for Alberta Economic Development, from 1986 to 1991.

In 1991, he joined Telus and was involved in the company's negotiations to purchase ED TEL and the BC TEL merger. He also contributed to the rebranding of AGT to TELUS. Mr. Liepert spent 2000 to 2004 running his own public relations/communications consulting business and operating a childcare centre in downtown Calgary.

Returning to his interest in politics, Mr. Liepert sought and won the riding of Calgary-West in 2004. Over the course of his first two years as an MLA he chaired the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund committee and co-chaired the Film Advisory Council.

A former board member of Calgary's Pinebrook Golf Club, Mr. Liepert lists the sport as one of his hobbies, in addition to donating his time to other community endeavours. He has organized a number of sports celebrity dinners and various charitable fundraisers and fundraising campaigns.

He and his wife, Linda, have two adult children.