

Katrine Conroy was elected as the MLA for Kootenay West in 2009 and re-elected in 2013 and 2017. She served as MLA for West Kootenay-Boundary from 2005 until the riding boundaries were re-drawn. She is the Minister of Children and Family Development. Minister Conroy served as the Official Opposition spokesperson for Interior Economic Development, Columbia Power and Columbia River Treaty. Successful in both community and career endeavors, Minister Conroy has enjoyed careers as one of B.C.'s first female power engineers, as an early childhood educator, administrator and college instructor, and as a small business person. Minister Conroy has worked and volunteered in her community as the executive director of Kootenay Family Place, instructor at Selkirk College; co-chair of the Castlegar and District Social Planning Council, treasurer of the Regional District of Central Kootenay Community Futures Board and founding board member of the Community Social Services Employers Association. With her husband, Ed, Minister Conroy lives in Pass Creek where they run a successful ranch breeding prize-winning Polled Hereford cattle. Together they have raised four children, and have nine grandchildren.