

**Biography for Mr. David Coutts (PC)  
MLA for Livingstone-Macleod**



David Coutts has served as Member of the Legislative Assembly for Livingstone-Macleod since June 15, 1993. After being elected to a fourth term in November 2004, he was appointed Alberta's Minister of Sustainable Resource Development on November 22, 2004, a position which he held until December 2006. He is currently a member of the Legislative Offices Committee, the Personal Information Protection Act Review Committee, the Standing Committee on Government Services and the Cabinet Policy Committee on Government Services.

Mr. Coutts served also as Minister of Government Services. He oversaw the introduction of several major pieces of legislation, including the Personal Information Protection Act, which safeguards the privacy of Albertans in the private sector; the Residential Tenancies Act, which provides a more flexible relationship between landlords and tenants; and the Real Estate Act, which keeps pace with new developments in the real estate sector.

Under Minister Coutts' direction, the provincial driver's licence program was also redesigned to address issues of global instability and the international rise in identity-related crime.

Mr. Coutts is currently a member of the Cabinet Policy Committee on Government Services and is chair of the Alberta Members to the Delegate Council of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region.

Mr. Coutts has also served on the following committees:

- Chair, Co-ordinating Committee on Special Places 2000
- Past president, Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER)
- Member, Special Standing Committee on Members' Services
- Chair, Legislative Review Committee on Recreational Corridors
- Chair, Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing
- Member, standing policy committees on Community Services, Economic Stability, Natural Resources, Sustainable Development, and Environmental Protection, Justice and Government Services
- Member, select standing committees on Public Accounts and Private Bills
- Member, Standing Policy Committee on Energy and Sustainable Development

Mr. Coutts has also participated in a number of special projects, including as

- Member, Task Force on Young Offenders
- Member, Forest Conservation Strategy Task Force
- Co-chair, Wind Power Task Force
- Member, Lottery Review Committee

Mr. Coutts was born and raised in Fort Macleod, where he and his wife, Phyllis, proudly continue to make their home. He is a longtime volunteer who devotes many hours toward community activities and organizations, including as a current member of the advisory

boards of Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump and Crowsnest Pass Historical Corridor. In recognition of his efforts Mr. Coutts was named Citizen of the Year by the Fort Macleod and District Chamber of Commerce (1998) and was awarded Rotary International's prestigious Paul Harris Award.