

**Biography for Mr. Leonard Mitzel (PC)
MLA for Cypress-Medicine Hat**

Len Mitzel was elected to his first term as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the constituency of Cypress-Medicine Hat on November 22, 2004. He currently serves as a member of the Private Bills Committee, the Agenda and Priorities Committee, the Standing Committee on Resources and Environment, the Cabinet Policy Committee for Resources and the Environment and the Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing Committee.

Since being elected to the Alberta Legislature he has served on:

- Standing Policy Committee for Health and Community Supports
- Standing Policy Committee for Energy and Sustainable Resource Development
- Standing Committee on Private Bills
- Standing Committee on Legislative Offices
- Chaired the Alberta Rail Crossing Study
- Co-chaired the Ambulance Governance Review Council
- Chaired the Health Facilities Review Committee

Presently Mr. Mitzel also serves on:

- Pacific Northwest Economic Region
- Chairs the Montana/Alberta Bilateral Advisory Council
- Co-chairs the Ambulance Governance Review Council

Mr. Mitzel continues working to raise awareness for a 24-hour border crossing at Wild Horse and recognition for an alternative north-south transportation corridor along the east side of the province. In an effort to increase economic development in southeast Alberta, Mr. Mitzel is working with the unmanned vehicle systems and robotics technology at DRDC at Suffield.

Once out of high school, Mr. Mitzel worked for Alberta Transportation as a surveyor and was promoted through the ranks until he became responsible for two crews primarily focused on preliminary designing and constructing of major highways in southern Alberta before entering the University of Lethbridge as a second-year pre-engineering student.

When his father passed away in 1977, Mr. Mitzel returned home and took over the family farm.

In addition to farming Mr. Mitzel is an active community member, having served as a municipal reeve for 12 years and as health region chair for six years. He has also served on a number of committees and been involved in several organizations and associations.

- President, Zone 1 of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties
- Chair, Provincial Mayors' and Reeves' Association of the AAMD & C
- Co-founder and chair, Mayors' and Reeves' Association of S.E. Alberta
- Chair, Southeast Alberta Water Task Force Committee, which won an Emerald Award for its work on reclaiming abandoned water wells
- Member, Alberta Environment Water for Life Task Force
- Vice-president, Red Coat Trail Association
- Executive member and president, Southeast Alberta Travel and Convention Association
- Director, South East Alberta Water Co-op, which brings quality water by pipeline to most farms and ranches of southeast Alberta

He and his wife, June, are founding members and volunteer as curators for the Etzikom Museum of southeast Alberta and the Historic Windmill Center.

Other interests include music, theatre, hunting, trail riding and golf.