

Ken Hughes Background – April 11, 2014

Ken Hughes was elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the constituency of Calgary-West in April 2012, and subsequently appointed Minister of Energy. On December 13, 2013 Ken was named Minister of Municipal Affairs until he stepped down on April 7, 2014.

Ken has been married to his wife Denise for the past 24 years and is an active father of three teenagers. He has always treasured taking his children to rowing, football, Rangers club soccer, or going hiking and cross-country skiing.

In 2002, Ken and his wife Denise founded an insurance brokerage that now has 5 locations across Alberta — and with diligence, perseverance, and hard work, and employs 70 Albertans.

Ken holds a B.Sc.(Agriculture) from the University of Alberta. He also has a Master in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University (1981-1983) with a focus on public and corporate finance.

Ken has a distinguished career in which he has often taken on very difficult challenges. This includes serving as the founding chair of Alberta Health Services (2008-2011), chair of the former Headwaters Health Authority (1994-1995) and federal Member of Parliament for the rural riding of Macleod (1988-1993), including appointment as Parliamentary Assistant to the Deputy Prime Minister.

As a true believer of contributing to the local community, Ken has served on numerous boards including the Calgary Counseling Centre, Calgary Stampede and helped establish the Bar U Ranch National Historic Site.

He also helped with Calgary's bid for the 2005 World Expo, was one of the organizing committee members for the World Cups in cross country skiing in 2005 and 2008. In 1987-88, he was a member of Lethbridge College's board of governors.

As part of a group of 37 Albertans Ken and his son, Aidan, climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in August 2011, helping to raise over \$1 million for orthopedic services in Alberta.

Ken has also enjoyed volunteering across the province – just like most other fathers of active young children.

The Hughes family lives in Springbank.

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