



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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Alberta's Chief Electoral Officer sworn in

Edmonton—Today, Olaf Brian Fjeldheim was sworn in as Alberta's sixth Chief Electoral Officer.

"Mr. Fjeldheim is not new to this role, bringing more than two decades of electoral experience with him, including seven years as chief electoral officer, said Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. It is this experience and strong roots to the community that will guide Albertans and Members of this Assembly through the electoral process."

Fjeldheim has extensive experience with Alberta's electoral process having served as Alberta's Chief Electoral Officer from October 1998 until November of 2005 when he retired from his position to pursue other opportunities. Following his retirement from Elections Alberta he worked as an elections observer in British Guyana; conducted a systems audit for Elections Ontario during their last provincial election and, most recently, worked as an advisor to the Election Complaints Commission in Afghanistan.

Fjeldheim also has experience in the public education system, having taught Grades 5 to 12 before serving five years as the regional manager for Lakeland College.

The Chief Electoral Officer is a non-partisan Officer of the Legislature, responsible for a variety of duties under the *Election Act*, *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*.

The position of Chief Electoral Officer is appointed by the Lieutenant Governor through an order-in-council following the passage of a motion by the Legislative Assembly.

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