



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

July 6, 2010

Alberta's Auditor General sworn in

Edmonton—Mr. Merwan N. Saher was sworn in today as Alberta's sixth Auditor General.

"Having already served 30 years with the office of the Auditor General of Alberta, Mr. Saher brings a level of experience and knowledge to this position that that will be an asset to the Legislative Assembly and all Albertans, said Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. Mr. Saher's experience and professionalism strengthens the office of the Auditor General."

Mr. Saher's career with the office of the Auditor General of Alberta began in 1980. Having served as Assistant Auditor General since 1996, Mr. Saher has been responsible for the cost-effective delivery of financial attest and systems audits in a portfolio of ministries. He has also represented the office of the Auditor General in the work of the Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors and has served as a member of both the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants Public Sector Accounting Board Task Force on Indicators of Financial Condition and as a member of the Study Group on Accounting Bases Used in Canadian Government Budgeting.

Previously, Mr. Saher served as head of professional practice, where he provided advice on accounting and auditing issues and worked to identify and introduce better audit methodologies and tools.

The Auditor General is a nonpartisan officer of the Legislature, responsible for conducting independent audits of every government of Alberta ministry, department, regulated fund and agency.

The position of Auditor general is appointed by the Lieutenant Governor through an order-in-council following the passage of a motion by the Legislative Assembly, approving the recommendation of the Assembly's all party Auditor General Search Committee.

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