



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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### ASSEMBLY TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ON NOVEMBER 17

*EDMONTON* – The Legislative Assembly will welcome four new Members on November 17, when the Third Session of the 28th Legislature opens.

“To serve as a Member of Alberta’s Legislative Assembly is both an honour and a privilege. Since Alberta’s first by-election in 1906, 104 Members have been elected to our Assembly in by-elections,” said Speaker Gene Zwozdesky. “To date, only 829 Members have been elected and sworn-in to serve Albertans in our province’s more than 100-year history. It is a role steeped in tradition and founded on respect for each other and for those whom we serve.”

Prior to the afternoon Opening Ceremony, Premier Jim Prentice, Member-Elect for Calgary-Foothills, Minister Stephen Mandel, Member-Elect for Edmonton-Whitemud, Minister Gordon Dirks, Member-Elect for Calgary-Elbow and Mr. Mike Ellis, Member-Elect for Calgary-West, will be sworn-in as Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

The swearing-in ceremony of the new Members will take place at 9 a.m. on November 17 in the Carillon Room at the Alberta Legislature. Later that afternoon the four new Members will be presented to the Legislative Assembly during the Opening Day ceremonies. The Opening Day ceremonies will begin at 3 p.m. with the Speech From the Throne by His Honour, The Honourable Donald S. Ethell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta. The entire program will be broadcast live on CTV Two and streamed at [assembly.ab.ca](http://assembly.ab.ca). The online video archive will be accessible the next day.

The regular business of the Assembly will begin November 18, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. Albertans can stay informed about important provincial issues by watching the Assembly’s proceedings in person, on television or online. The daily Routine, including Oral Question Period, is broadcast live on CTV Two Monday to Thursday beginning at 1:30 p.m. The entire gavel-to-gavel proceedings are accessible online.

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