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WESTAC congratulates the Hon. Wayne Elhard on his appointment as Minister of Highways and Infrastructure for the Government of Saskatchewan.

The new Saskatchewan Party government announced its 18-person cabinet on November 21. Premier Brad Wall named Mr. Wayne Elhard as the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure and Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission and Provincial Secretary. Mr. Elhard is a political veteran, serving the constituents of Cypress Hills (Southwest Saskatchewan) in the provincial legislature over the past 8 years. He was also the first MLA elected under the Saskatchewan Party.

About Mr. Elhard

Prior to his involvement in politics, Wayne Elhard was a partner in a farming operation and worked as a salesman in the farm machinery business for over 20 years. He spent ten years in the electronic media, including advertising sales, announcing and news/public affairs broadcasting at stations in B.C., Alberta, and Texas before moving to Saskatchewan in 1982.

Mr. Elhard also worked as a personnel recruiter for one of Canada's leading recruiting and consulting firms. Based in Edmonton, he worked on behalf of many of the nation's foremost engineering and construction companies, recruiting professional personnel. It was that job which helped form Mr. Elhard's views on the significance of economic growth and the importance of labour mobility.

Mr. Elhard is a Saskatchewan native son, however, he obtained most of his education in Alberta. He graduated from high school in Medicine Hat and obtained a B.A. in history and philosophy from the University of Lethbridge. Mr. Elhard later earned a Master's Degree from Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Mr. Elhard's community involvement includes several years of service on the Economic Development Committee in Eastend, Chairman of Southline Fellowship Inc., and as a member of the organizing board for the Frenchman River Valley Gospel Music Jamboree. He continues to volunteer as a co-emcee for this annual event each June.

Mr. Elhard and his wife, Marilyn, continue to call Eastend home. They have been married for 33 years and have two children. Jonathan and his family live in Red Deer, Alberta, and Brooklyn, just recently graduated from high school, continues to live at home.

Mr. Elhard is proud of the great southwest and looks forward to the opportunity to continue to represent the Cypress Hills constituency in the years to come.

Information culled from (<http://www.gov.sk.ca/cabinet/elhard>)

**SASKATCHEWAN'S NEW CABINET
NAMED NOVEMBER 21, 2007**

Brad Wall –	Premier
Ken Krawetz -	Deputy Premier and Minister of education
Bill Boyd -	Minister of energy and resources and Minister responsible for intergovernmental affairs
Rod Gantefoer -	Minister of finance and government house leader
June Draude -	Minister of First Nations and Metis relations and Minister responsible for northern affairs
Don McMorris -	Minister of health
Wayne Elhard -	Minister of highways and infrastructure and Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission and provincial secretary
Don Morgan -	Minister of justice and attorney general
Dan D'Autremont -	Minister of government services, Minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority and Minister responsible for the Information Technology Office
Bob Bjornerud -	Minister of agriculture and Minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corp.
Lyle Stewart -	Minister of enterprise and innovation
Donna Harpauer -	Minister of social services and deputy government house leader
Ken Cheveldayoff -	Minister of Crown corporations
Nancy Heppner -	Minister of environment
Christine Tell -	Minister of tourism, parks, culture and sport and Minister responsible for the Capital City Commission
Rob Norris -	Minister of advanced education, employment and labour and Minister responsible for immigration.



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