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## **NEW SASKATCHEWAN MINISTER OF HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall announced a major cabinet shuffle on May 29, 2009, appointing Hon. James Reiter as the Minister of Highways and Transportation and Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company. Former Minister of Highways and Transportation Hon. Wayne Elhard will continue as Cypress Hills' MLA. Details on all cabinet postings are available from:

<http://www.gov.sk.ca/cabinet/9>

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### **Hon. Jim Reiter**

Jim Reiter was the long time administrator for the Rural Municipalities of Marriott and Pleasant Valley.

Professionally, Mr. Reiter has extensive experience in municipal governance. He has served as Director, Vice-President, and President of the Rural Municipal Administrators' Association (RMAA), as well as Executive Director. He has held numerous committee appointments for the RMAA including: Disciplinary (Chair), Board of Examiners, Board of Reference, and Salary Negotiations (Chair).

Mr. Reiter was a Director on the Board of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) from 1998 to 2003. He represented SARM on various committees including: Audit Committee, Wilkinson Foundation, Lt. Governor's Award Committee, and the Municipal/Provincial Roundtable.

Mr. Reiter has also served as Chairman of the Municipal Employees' Pension Plan.

Among his educational accomplishments is a Senior Certificate in Local Government Administration from the University of Regina. He also served six years on the U of R Senate.

Mr. Reiter was first elected as the MLA for Rosetown-Elrose in the 2007 provincial election. Following the formation of a Saskatchewan Party government, Premier Brad Wall asked Mr. Reiter to serve as the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Education, Property Tax Initiative. His report formed the basis for the largest education property tax cut in a single year in the province's history. Mr. Reiter was a member of the caucus' Standing Policy Committee on Crowns and Central Agencies and was also a member of the legislature's Standing Committee on Crowns and Central Agencies, as well as the committee on Public Accounts.