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## **NEW MANITOBA MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION**

Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger announced a new Cabinet November 3, 2009. Hon. Steve Ashton was named Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation. Former Minister Ron Lemieux is now Minister of Local Government.

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### **Steve Ashton**

Steve Ashton was first elected to the Manitoba Legislature in 1981. He was re-elected in the general elections of 1986, 1988, 1990, 1995 and 1999. He was appointed Minister of Highways and Government Services in October, 1999 (later changed to Transportation and Government Services) and Minister responsible for The Gaming Control Act in July, 2000. He was appointed Minister responsible for Emergency Measures in October 2001. In September 2002, Steve was appointed Minister of Conservation and in November 2003, he became the first appointed Minister of Water Stewardship, a department that is solely committed to water issues and is the only department committed to water in Canada. Most recently, in September 2006, Steve was appointed Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister responsible for Emergency Measures.

Steve is a graduate of R.D. Parker Collegiate in Thompson. He received a B.A. (Hon.) in Political Studies at the University of Manitoba and a M.A. in Economics from Lakehead University.

Steve has lived in Thompson since 1967. His wife Hari Dimitrakopoulou-Ashton is a college instructor. He has two children, Niki, the Member of Parliament for Churchill, and Alexander, an instructor with the University College of the North in Thompson.