



# BIOGRAPHIES OF NEW CABINET MINISTERS

## **Doyle Piwniuk**

Doyle Piwniuk has been an MLA since 2014 and has been a strong voice for Turtle Mountain, serving as deputy speaker of the legislature for several years.

A graduate of Red River College, Piwniuk worked as a pension fund accountant before moving to Virden to become a business partner at a local insurance firm. He has acquired several professional designations during his career, including certified financial planner (CFP), elder planning counselor (EPC) and the Insurance Institute of Canada Branch 'manager' designation.

Piwniuk has been an active volunteer with Virden community groups, having served as chair of the Virden Employment Skills Centre, president of the Virden-Wallace Economic Development Corporation, treasurer of the Virden Kinsmen Club and a member of the Wallace Fire Department.

Piwniuk and his wife Michelle have two children and reside near Virden.

#### **Andrew Smith**

Andrew Smith was first elected as an MLA in 2016.

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Smith graduated from the University of Manitoba and quickly began a career in business development and marketing in the environmental sector before serving as political staff to a Manitoba member of parliament.

Being an active member of the sport and recreation community in his youth, he has a passion for athletic programming. Smith has served as the legislative assistant to the minister of sport, culture and heritage since 2017. As an MLA, he has immersed himself in the many diverse cultural communities and organizations in his constituency.

He lives in Sage Creek with his spouse and son.

### **Scott Johnston**

Scott Johnston was first elected as an MLA in 2016.

He is a former chairperson of the St. James-Assiniboia School Board and was a school trustee for 25 years who served as chair of various board committees including the education and finance committees. Johnston enjoyed a successful career in the private sector, serving as

president of a brokerage firm for Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Johnston spends time in his constituency coaching and managing youth sports.

As an MLA, Johnston has served as the legislative assistant for the minister of finance and as the special envoy for military affairs. He and his wife Karen are lifelong residents of Assiniboia and have three children.

#### Eileen Clarke

Eileen Clarke was elected as the MLA for Agassiz in 2016 She has previously served as minister of Indigenous and municipal relations, and minister of Indigenous and northern relations.

Clarke became a business owner and manager at age 18, growing a local jewelry, gift and flower shop. She served her community as member of the local chamber of commerce and held multiple executive positions including president during her more than 35 years volunteering with the chamber. In 1998, she received the Manitoba Women Entrepreneur of the Year Impact on the Local Economy award.

Clarke was appointed mayor of Gladstone in 2006. During her eight years as mayor, she was an active member of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities as urban midwestern director and served as vice-president in 2010.

Clarke has spent time volunteering with her passion of improving care for Manitoban elders, working with Age Friendly Manitoba since it was founded in 2008.

Clarke is a lifelong resident of Gladstone where she and her husband Bob still reside. They have two children and are proud grandparents.