



## Special Announcement

December 23, 2014

### **New Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation – Government of Manitoba**

Premier Greg Selinger appointed Hon. Ron Kostyshyn as Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation and Minister Responsible for Emergency Measures. Minister Kostyshyn also serves as the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, a post he has held since January 2012.

Hon. Steve Ashton resigned from Cabinet to pursue leadership of the Manitoba NDP.

WESTAC congratulates Minister Kostyshyn and looks forward to working with him.

For more information:

<http://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?archive=&item=33597>

### **Hon. Ron Kostyshyn Biography**

Mr. Ron Kostyshyn was elected as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Swan River on October 4, 2011. He was appointed Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives on January 13, 2012 under Premier Greg Selinger.

Born and raised in rural Manitoba, he knows that a strong rural economy is key to Manitoba's success. He graduated from Ethelbert High School in 1974, where his children also attended. For the past 26 years, Hon. Ron Kostyshyn has worked on the family farm consisting of a cow/calf operation, as well as a forage and grain production.

He has served as Reeve of the RM of Mossey River and on council for two decades. He has also served on various boards including the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Manitoba Conservation Commission, Intermountain Conservation District, Ethelbert District Veterinary Board, Farm Stewardship Association of Manitoba, and the Ethelbert Curling Club and Skating Rink. In December 2011 Ron was presented with the Conservation District CD Builder Award.

The Minister and his wife Judy have been married for 35 years and reside in the Ethelbert area. They have 2 daughters who are both married and one of their greatest joys in life is spending time with their first grandson.

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