



DAVID DORWARD
MLA for Edmonton-Goldbar

One-on-One With the Government – Fort Saskatchewan

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About the Speaker

David Dorward was elected as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Edmonton-Gold Bar on April 23, 2012 and currently serves as Deputy Government Whip. On May 8, 2012, Premier Alison Redford named Mr. Dorward a member of Alberta's Treasury Board. In addition, he is also a member of the following committees:

- Standing Committee on Public Accounts (deputy chair)
- Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund
- Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future

He previously served as deputy chair of the Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee and as a member of the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services. As well he is on the Excellence in Teaching Task Force and the Results Based Budgeting Challenge Panel.

Mr. Dorward has lived in Edmonton-Gold Bar for more than 50 years. He attended Avonmore, Donnan and Bonnie Doon schools. He is a graduate of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and the University of Alberta, and was recognized by NAIT as one of its top 50 graduates of the last 50 years.

An experienced Chartered Accountant and Certified Management Accountant, Mr. Dorward founded his own company, Dorward & Company Chartered Accountants LLP in 1994. In 2009 his company was a finalist for the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Owner of the Year Award.

Throughout his life Mr. Dorward has contributed to his community in many ways. He has served on numerous local and provincial boards, including the Edmonton Epilepsy Association, Basketball Alberta and the Children's Ability Fund. He founded Edmonton's Saville Community Sports Centre (GO Centre), the largest community and sport centre of its type in North America. As well he serves as president of the Edmonton Grads Basketball Centre, the group that operates basketball programming at the GO Centre. In addition to coaching youth basketball for more than 12 years, he organized the basketball program for many Edmonton-Gold Bar communities. Mr. Dorward has also served as a United Way director of finance and administration.

In 2009 he received an honorable mention for the Alberta Outstanding Community Leader Award, presented by the then Lieutenant Governor, Norman Kwong. Mr. Dorward and his wife, Janice, are proud to call Edmonton-Gold Bar home. They have four children and 13 grandchildren.