

Meryl Whittaker

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Meryl Whittaker is the Deputy Minister of Culture & Tourism with the Government of Alberta, a portfolio that includes heritage sites and museums, cultural industries, community development, tourism, sports and recreation, the arts and the francophone secretariat. Meryl has been with the Government of Alberta since 2015, previously holding positions as the Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal Assessment & Grants and Chair of the Municipal Government Board, both in the Municipal Affairs Department. Prior to joining the Government, Meryl was the President & Chief Executive Officer of the Alberta Local Authorities Pension Plan Corp. where she worked for 15 years. Earlier in her career, she held strategic planning and legal positions with the City of Edmonton and with private sector law firms in Edmonton.

Meryl is a lawyer and has been a practicing member of the Alberta Law Society since 1988. She holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Laws, and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Alberta. She is also a graduate of the Ivey School of Business Senior Public Sector Leadership Program and the Institute of Corporate Directors' Directors Education Program and holds an ICD.D designation.

Meryl is dedicated to giving back to the community of Edmonton where she has resided for over 30 years. She is a past Board member of the YWCA of Edmonton, and the Boys & Girls Club Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton and has been a foster parent for the Edmonton Humane Society. Meryl now divides her time between Edmonton and Canmore AB, where her husband is the Fire Chief.