

**COMMISSION MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES**

Terry Brown of Winnipeg is an owner and partner of Legacy Bowes Group and leads the business advisory practice. Brown advises business entities, Indigenous communities and Indigenous entities on policy initiatives, corporate setups, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions. He currently serves on the BUILD and Mother Earth Recycling boards, is the past chair of the Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce and is a past policy committee member for the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce. He holds a bachelor of commerce and is currently a mentor for MBA students at the University of Manitoba's Asper School of Business.

Mark Frison of Brandon is president and chief executive officer of Assiniboine Community College, where he oversees 3,200 full-time students, 350 full-time employees and a \$46-million operating budget. Frison currently chairs the Brandon Police Board and has served as member of the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency Finance Committee, Manitoba Premier's Economic Advisory Committee – Oil and Gas Task Force and Brandon Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development.

John Daniel (JD) Lees of Steinbach is a former science teacher at Steinbach Regional Secondary School who also taught English overseas. He holds a bachelor of science in zoology and bachelor of arts in political science from the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Janice MacKinnon of Canmore, Alta. served as a Saskatchewan cabinet minister from 1991 to 2001. She is a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and member of the Order of Canada. She holds a PhD and master of arts degree from Queen's University and is an executive fellow at the University of Calgary School of Public Policy and professor of fiscal policy at the University of Saskatchewan School of Public Health. She has authored three books and numerous articles on public policy issues. She served as chair of the Institute for Research on Public Policy board, chair of Canada's Economic Advisory Council, a board member of the Canada West Foundation, a member of the National Task Force on Financial Literacy and is currently the chair of the Ombudservice for Life and Health Insurance.

Clayton Manness of La Salle was elected as member of the legislative assembly for Morris from 1981 to 1995, and served as minister of finance, minister of education and training and government house leader. He holds a master of science in agricultural economics and worked in the grain industry prior to politics. He later chaired Prairie Flax Products Inc. and served as president of Man Agra Capital Inc.

Jill Quilty of Thompson is a lawyer with Law North Law Corporation and practises criminal, divorce and family law. She previously worked as an instructor and co-ordinator at College of the North Atlantic in Newfoundland and Labrador. She holds a juris doctorate from Dalhousie University's Schulich School of Law and a master of education from Mount Saint Vincent University. She has volunteered with the Juniper Centre in Thompson and served as a member of the Truth and Reconciliation Academic Working Group, the Ad Hoc Response Committee for Gender Discrimination and the Indigenous, Black and Mi'kmaq Standing Committee.

Laurel Repski of Winnipeg served as vice-president (human resources, sustainability and audit) at the University of Winnipeg from 2006 to 2018. She previously served as vice-president (human resources) of the Canadian Wheat Board from 2000 to 2006. She holds a certificate in human resource management from the University of Manitoba and has completed numerous related professional and leadership development programs. Her community involvement includes serving as a director for the All Charities Campaign, serving on the board of directors for the Manitoba Children's Museum, and serving as chair and a member of the executive of Manitoba Theatre for Young People.

Denis Robert of St. Adolphe is a retired principal with 32 years' experience in Manitoba schools. He spent the final 23 years of his career at Collège Béliveau, one of Canada's first French immersion schools. He owned and operated Les serres Robert Greenhouses, volunteered with the 2017 Canada Games, Meals on Wheels and Winnipeg Harvest, and carried out humanitarian work with Red River Mission (Rivière Rouge) in Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Malawi and Peru.

Ian Wishart was first elected as the member of the legislative assembly for Portage la Prairie in 2011, and appointed to cabinet as minister of education and training from 2016 to 2018. Wishart holds a bachelor of science in agriculture from the University of Manitoba, worked as a cattle producer, and served as president and vice-president of Keystone Agricultural Producers, on the Canadian Federation of Agriculture executive and the Manitoba Crop Insurance Board and Manitoba Water Council. He received the Agri Food Award of Excellence for his environmental work on the Alternate Land Use Services (ALUS) program and has volunteered with several boards including the Portage Fair, Delta Agricultural Conservation Co-op and Centennial Community Club.

**Manitoba's Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education**  
An Independent Review of the Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education System  
Terms of Reference

**Mandate**

The commission will carry out an independent review of the kindergarten to Grade 12 education system to improve outcomes for students, ensure long-term sustainability and enhance public confidence. The commission will:

- propose a renewed vision for kindergarten to Grade 12 education;
- make bold recommendations to ignite change within existing systems, structures and programs which inspire excellence in teaching and learning; and
- consider the continuum of early learning, post-secondary education and labour market needs as part of an integrated lifelong learning approach.

The review will be informed through extensive and transparent public consultations, supported by research and learn from best practices. The commission will seek the input of students, parents, educators, school boards, academics, Indigenous organizations, la francophonie, municipal councils, professional organizations, the business community and members of the public.

**Areas of Focus**

- Long-term vision – What should the goals and purpose of kindergarten to Grade 12 education be in a rapidly changing world?
- Student learning – What are the conditions required to achieve excellence in student achievement and outcomes in Manitoba?
- Teaching – How can teachers and school leaders become most effective?
- Accountability for student learning – How can the education system develop a stronger sense of shared accountability for student learning?
- Governance – What type of governance structures are needed to create a co-ordinated and relevant education system?
- Funding – What actions are required to ensure that the education system is sustainable and provides equitable learning opportunities for all children and youth?

## **Deliverables and timelines**

The preparatory work of the commission began in December 2018. Public engagement activities are anticipated to begin in early 2019. The commission is to submit a final report to the minister in February 2020. The report will include key findings and recommendations and is to be released publicly in March 2020.