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BIOGRAPHIES OF NEW CABINET MINISTERS

Janice Morley-Lecomte

Janice Morley-Lecomte has been the MLA for Seine River since being elected in April 2016.

Morley-Lecomte began her advocacy career as a volunteer supporting Manitoba Child and Family Services with outreach, support and providing a voice for families within the community. Morley-Lecomte furthered her advocacy by becoming a counsellor at a domestic violence shelter for women and children leaving abusive homes. She assisted and provided comfort to victims of diverse backgrounds including Indigenous women and recent immigrants.

Morley-Lecomte and her husband Henry have lived and raised their family in Seine River for the past 30 years.

James Teitsma

James Teitsma has been the MLA for Radisson since being elected in April 2016.

Active in the community, Teitsma works hard helping constituents and listening to their concerns. Teitsma is a lifelong Manitoban who has lived and been an active community member in the Radisson constituency for over 20 years.

He is the youngest of six children and grew up in the family home across the street from the CN Transcona Shops. He and his wife Joanne have been married for 19 years and are the proud parents of six children, and share in their family's love for sports including hockey, basketball and cycling. Teitsma also enjoys playing piano whenever he gets the chance.

Ibrahim (Obby) Khan

Obby Khan has been the MLA for Fort Whyte since being elected in March 2022.

A graduate of Simon Fraser University, Ibrahim (Obby) Khan is renowned for his illustrious nine-year CFL career with the Ottawa Renegades, Winnipeg Blue Bombers and Calgary Stampeders. During his seven years with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, Khan was a three-time recipient of the Cal Murphy Heart of a Legend Award, an honour awarded to the player who best demonstrates outstanding sportsmanship and dedication to the CFL and community.

After retiring from football in 2013, he opened three local businesses including Shawarma Khan, a halal shawarma restaurant that has since grown to four locations.

Khan is the first Muslim Canadian elected to the Manitoba legislature, and now becomes the first Muslim Canadian to serve in Manitoba's cabinet.

Kevin Klein

Kevin Klein has been the MLA for Kirkfield Park since being elected in December 2022.

Klein spent over 15 years as a senior executive for three of Canada's most recognized companies including his time as publisher and CEO of the *Winnipeg Sun* and as a divisional president for MTS responsible for the creation of a new digital division.

He was recognized as a finalist for Canada's Top 40 under 40 and for the creation of a business/community-funded K-9 unit for a police service in Ontario where he was the chair of the community division. Klein served as the councillor for Charleswood-Tuxedo-Westwood in Winnipeg from 2018 to 2022.

Klein is a proud Métis Canadian and continues to explore, working with Elders in Manitoba to research his connections to Indigenous community. This exploration has heightened his desire to work with Indigenous communities. Klein and his wife, Heather, are the proud parents of six children and three grandchildren.