

**Biography for Mr. Dave Rodney (PC)**  
**Contact Information**

**MLA for Calgary-Lougheed**



Dave Rodney was elected to his second term as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the constituency of Calgary-Lougheed on March 3, 2008.

Mr. Rodney's activity is focused on his constituency and his government work has taken him across Canada, the U.S., Europe, and beyond.

In addition to his duties as MLA, he currently serves as parliamentary assistant for Sustainable Resource Development. He is also a member of the following committees:

- Alberta Energy Representative: Council of State Governments-USA West & USA Midwest
- Cabinet Policy on Energy
- Standing Committee on Energy
- Treasury Board
- Public Accounts

In addition, Mr. Rodney has also served on the following Committees and commissions:

- Agenda and Priorities Committee
- Cabinet Policy Committee on Community Services
- Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (chair)
- Calgary caucus (chair)
- Standing Committee on Legislative Offices (chair)
- Standing Committee on Community Services (chair)
- International Development and Governance Advisory
- Cabinet Policy Committee on Managing Growth Pressures
- Charitable Casino Funds Re-distribution
- Community Spirit Program
- Provincial Grants Review
- Legislature Grounds Renewal
- Special Standing Committee on Members' Services
- Southern Alberta Liaison to the Canadian Armed Forces
- Calgary Stampede Board of Directors
- Robert Bateman's "Get To Know Your Wild Neighbours"
- Strategic Tourism Marketing Council
- National Public Health Goals Re-evaluation

Other past committee work includes:

- Futures Summit
- Youth parliament and model United Nations
- Mayor's committee charter member: Turn Off the Violence and Peace Heroes

Mr. Rodney's Legislature motions for the spring 2010 session:

Be it resolved the Legislative Assembly urge the government:

1. To reach an agreement with applicable levels of government regarding the south west portion of the Calgary ring road in 2010, with construction to begin in 2011.

2. To introduce hands-free mobile device legislation in order to reduce the instances of distracted driving.

In the Assembly Mr. Rodney has sponsored the following bills:

- *Bill 201: Smoke-free Places Act, 2005*
- *Bill 21: Hotel Room Tax (Tourism Levy) Amendment Act, 2005*
- *Bill PR1: Burns Memorial Trust Amendment Act, 2006*
- *Bill 5: Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2007*
- *Bill 13: Access to the Future Amendment Act, 2007*
- *Bill 42: Insurance Amendment Act, 2007*
- *Bill 206: Alberta Personal Income Tax (Physical Activity Credit) Amendment Act, 2008 (awaiting proclamation)*
- *Bill 216: Alberta Outdoors weekend Act, 2009 (1st reading)*

Mr. Rodney's accomplishments, education and work history:

- The first Canadian to have reached the summit of Mount Everest twice
- International keynote speaker and workshop facilitator, world-wide adventure guide
- Founder/President/CEO of SpiritQuest Enterprises Inc., incorporated 1997
- Over 20 documentaries and books, including work with National Geographic, BBC and Oprah Winfrey
- A bachelor of arts with distinction (1987) and bachelor of education after degree (1988), University of Saskatchewan
- MRE with distinction, Newman college in Edmonton
- Thirteen years as an educator and administrator in Canada, Nepal and the West Indies
- Three terms as an Employment and Immigration Canada placement officer
- Cofounder of the Top of the World Society for Children with his wife, Jennifer

Mr. Rodney has been awarded many honours, including;

- Presidential Who's Who of Leaders and Executives, 2011
- Honourary Chair: Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Honourary Chair: KidSport Calgary
- 100 Alumni of Influence, University of Saskatchewan, 2007
- Listed in Alberta's 50 Most Influential People, *Alberta Venture Magazine*, 2005
- Humanitarian of the Year, University of Saskatchewan, 2004
- Houston WorldFest Awards gold medallion for best biodocumentary, *Back to Everest The Dave Rodney Story*, 2004
- Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for community service, 2002
- Rodney Ridge has been dedicated in his hometown (2002), where he is also in the Sports Hall of Fame
- Top 40 under 40, *Calgary Magazine*, 2001
- International award-winning business/education/media/public web program *Adventure Everest Online '97*
- Special achievement award, city of Calgary, 1997
- Pan-Canadian and Reader's Digest national teacher of the year nominee (1990s)

He lives with his wife, Jennifer, their two sons, and their puppy, MacGyver.