



Biography of the Honourable Colin Hansen

M L A for Vancouver-Quilchena
Minister of Finance
Minister responsible for the Olympics

Colin Hansen was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in 1996 to serve the constituency of Vancouver-Quilchena. He was re-elected in the general elections of 2001 and 2005.

Mr Hansen was appointed Minister of Finance and Minister responsible for the Olympics on 23 June 2008. He previously served as Minister of Economic Development and Minister responsible for the Asia-Pacific Initiative and the Olympics (2005–8); Minister of Finance (2004–5); and Minister of Health Services (2001–4). Between 1996 and 2001, he served as health critic for the Official Opposition, as well as the critic for employment and investment, and for labour. He currently serves on the Treasury Board, the Agenda Development Committee, and the Government Caucus Committee of Natural Resources and the Economy.

Before his election to the legislature, Mr Hansen and his wife, Laura, ran a small business in Vancouver. He also served as vice-president of finance and administration for the Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada. He has also been involved in a number of community organizations, having held such positions as director for the Vancouver-Yokohama Sister Society and chair of the Vancouver Museum board of trustees.

Mr Hansen was born in 1952 and raised on Vancouver Island, where he attended public school in Port Alberni, Victoria, and Courtenay. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science in 1975.

Mr Hansen and his wife have two children, and have lived in the Dunbar area of Vancouver since 1980.