

Ted Menzies
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance

Born in Claresholm, Alberta, Ted Menzies grew up in the rolling prairies and foothills west of Claresholm on his family's farm.

Since his election to the House of Commons in June 2004, Ted has served as Official Opposition Critic for International Cooperation and Official Opposition Critic for International Trade.

Ted was a sitting member of the Standing Committee for Foreign Affairs and International Trade and Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee on International Trade, Trade Disputes and Investment. Upon his reelection in January 2006, Ted was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Cooperation and was a member of the Standing Committee on International Trade.

In addition to his role as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Cooperation, Ted assumed the additional responsibility of Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade in January 2007.

However, in October 2007, Ted was appointed to a new position and is now Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, and is a sitting member of the Standing Committee on Finance.

Ted came to parliament with a strong background in agriculture, international trade and in dealing with various governments, which provided Ted the opportunity to speak to audiences not only in Canada but also in Australia, Mexico, U.S., and Europe.

Ted and Sandy have operated Section One Farm Ltd., a 5,000 acre farm, near Claresholm, Alberta, for 30 years producing wheat, barley, canola, field peas, lentils, chickpeas and spice crops. Ted was an early adopter of new technologies such as zero-tillage to conserve valuable soil and moisture, global positioning for improved efficiency and hand held computers for record keeping.

Ted and Sandy raised two children Michael and Kari Menzies-Cunningham and have two grandchildren Lucy Patrea and Eamon James Cunningham.