

PALMER, CHRIS, self employed; b. 4 October 1968 in Summerside, son of Norma Palmer; m. 10 June 2000 to Kyla Campbell and they have two children, Logan Robert and Sydney Norma.

Palmer, a Liberal, was elected to the Legislative Assembly in the 17 October 2016 by-election for District 21 Summerside-Wilmot following the resignation of Janice Sherry†. He has served on standing committees dealing with the Public Accounts, education and economic development, health and wellness, and on the Cabinet policy review committee. He was elected vice-chair of the Public Accounts committee on 8 November 2017. On 10 January 2018, Palmer was named Minister of Economic Development and Tourism following a Cabinet shuffle.

Raised in Summerside, Palmer attended Borden Elementary School before attending Summerside Intermediate and Three Oaks Senior High School. In 1991, he graduated from UPEI with a Bachelor of Business Administration, and again in 2010 with a Master of Business Administration. Prior to his time in the Legislative Assembly, Palmer owned and operated companies in the IT sector and in the accommodation, manufacturing and property development sectors. He has also done some work in business development consulting.

Palmer has been an active volunteer in his community for a number of years. He has served as vice-president of Downtown Summerside for four years, treasurer of the Summerside Dolphins Swim Club for four years and vice-president of Tourism Summerside for five years.

Palmer resides in Summerside with his wife and children. Kyla was born on 15 October 1968 in Summerside. She is the daughter of Robert Campbell and Rowena Harvey.

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PERRY, JOHN “HAL,” property development officer; b. 18 November 1965 in Alberton, son of John W. Perry and Irma Harper; m. 2 September 1994 to Brenda Eileen Pedersen of Tignish, and they have two sons, John “Jack” Gunnar and Benjamin Roy; Roman Catholic.

Perry, a Liberal, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly as a Progressive Conservative in the 3 October 2011 general election for District 27 Tignish-Palmer Road. He was re-elected in the 4 May 2015 general election as a Liberal MLA after crossing the floor to join the Liberal Government. While serving as an opposition member, Perry was Leader of the Opposition from 30 January 2013 until 11 February 2013 and opposition whip from October 2011 until January 2013. After crossing the floor, he was appointed Minister of Education, Early Learning and Culture on 21 May 2015 under the leadership of Premier H. Wade MacLauchlan† until he was replaced by Doug Currie† on 7 January 2016 following a Cabinet shuffle. He served as the vice-chair of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC).

Perry has sat as a member on a number of standing committees dealing with agriculture, environment, energy and forestry; education and innovation; health, social development and seniors; fisheries, transportation and rural development; the standing committee on Public Accounts; infrastructure and energy; and communities, land and environment. He also serves as chair of the standing committee on agriculture and fisheries.

Raised in Tignish, Perry attended primary school at Tignish Elementary before attending M.E. Callaghan and Westisle Composite High Schools. In 1986, he graduated from Holland College in Charlottetown with a diploma in construction technology. He also attended the University of New Brunswick. Prior to his time in the Legislative Assembly, Perry was employed as a Property

Development Officer with the Prince Edward Island Department of Environment, Energy and Forestry.

He has served as president of the PEI 4-H Council for 17 years, Leader of the Tignish 4-H Club, and president and track and field coach for 10 years with Special Olympics PEI. He has also served as a volunteer with the Tignish Irish Moss Festival for over 30 years. Perry has been past-chair of the Tignish Silver Fox Winter Carnival, past-president of the Tignish Home and School Association, past-president of the M.E. Callaghan Junior High Home and School Association and past-director with the PEI Home and School Federation. He is presently the secretary of the PEI Association of Exhibitions.

Perry is a relative of Stanislaus Perry*, who was first elected in 1854 for Prince County, 2nd District, under the banner of the liberal party, led by George Coles*.

Perry and his wife, Brenda, currently reside in Tignish with their two sons. Brenda was born on 2 April 1970 in Alberton. She is the daughter of Roy Pedersen and Vivian McPhee.

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