

Mike Farnworth – Biography

Mike Farnworth was re-elected as MLA for Port Coquitlam in May 2013. He was first elected as MLA for Port Coquitlam-Burke Mountain in 1991, and re-elected in 1996, 2005 and 2009.

He is the New Democrat Opposition spokesperson for Justice (Public Safety and Solicitor General). Mike also serves as the Opposition Caucus House Leader.

Mike was raised in Port Coquitlam and has lived there for more than 40 years. He earned a bachelor's degree in geography at Simon Fraser University, and was elected to Port Coquitlam city council for three terms in 1983, 1985 and 1990.

As MLA, he served in numerous cabinet positions, including minister of health and minister of municipal affairs and housing.

From 2001 to 2004, Mike worked in Bulgaria, the Balkans and most recently Iraq on democratic governance programs to help build multiparty democracies in former one-party states.