

MITCH MURPHY

Kensington, Prince Edward Island

Nominated as: Active Director, Atlantic Region

Mitch Murphy B.A. B.Ed. M.Ed.

Mitch was a Minister in the Government of Prince Edward Island from 1996-2007. From 1998 to 2007 he had responsibility for harness racing. During this period the provincial government, in partnership with the harness racing community, had many important initiatives:

The creation of an industry wide plan, From Surviving to Striving that identified key steps in moving forward.

Infrastructure investments were made at the Charlottetown Driving Park and to the surface of the Summerside Raceway.

Matinee Tracks across the province received upgrades.

New stake programs including the Lady Slipper and Joe O'Brien were added to the racing calendar.

The creation of a management group to oversee harness racing.

The hosting of a leg of the World Driving Championship.

Stable funding for the purse pool account.

An increase in the number of horses and horsepeople.

Mitch played an important role in increasing the public profile and highlighting the economic importance of the industry in PEI and beyond. Mitch has received several recognitions for his efforts, including the Cam Fella Award from Standardbred Canada.

In seeking election as an active director, Mitch feels his background and experience will be beneficial to Standardbred Canada in bringing the issues of the PEI harness racing community to the table and helping shape the national body to deal with ongoing concerns and future opportunities.