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## **Biography:** Minister Andrew Younger, Nova Scotia Department of Energy

Andrew was first elected as the MLA for Dartmouth East in June 2009. He was re-elected in 2013, and on October 22, 2013 was sworn in as a member of the Nova Scotia Executive Council. He serves as Minister of Energy, Minister for Communications Nova Scotia, and Minister Responsible for Part 1 of the Gaming Control Act. He is a member of the Issues and Legislation committees of cabinet.

Andrew grew up in Dartmouth East. He attended Bel Ayr and Brookhouse Elementary Schools, Ellenvale Junior High School, and Prince Andrew High School. Andrew earned a Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology and Political Science from Dalhousie University, and a Bachelor of Journalism from the University of King's College. He is a fellow of the Robert Thompson Eastern Leadership Academy at the Fels Institute School of Government of the University of Pennsylvania.

Prior to provincial politics, Andrew won two municipal elections and served five years on Halifax Regional Council. He chaired the municipality's Energy & Underground Services Committee, Harbour East Community Council, and the Cultural Advisory Committee. Andrew was a leader in work to enhance Shubie Park, re-open the Fairbanks Centre, and see the East Dartmouth Community Centre constructed.

In 2013, Andrew was recently named a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International in recognition of his volunteer work in our community and internationally. Andrew has been involved with many community organizations including the Jeux de l'Acadie organizing committee, the Maritime Fiddle Festival, the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank, Brookhouse School Advisory Committee, Michael Wallace Community Playground planning committee, Writers In The Schools, Dalhousie University's Faculty of Science Excellence Teaching Committee, and the East Dartmouth Recreation Centre Society. Over the years Andrew has volunteered in many other ways as well, in schools, at local paddling clubs, and with environmental and aid organizations.

Before entering politics, Andrew operated a successful business. With his business proudly based in Nova Scotia Andrew served small and large clients all over the world. Andrew also assisted with development projects in West Africa, including a women's micro-credit program in eastern Niger and an AIDS education project in the Gambia. In 2011, Andrew recently published a book to benefit the work of the Shubenacadie Canal Commission.