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**2016 CANADIAN INLAND PORTS  
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**Hon. Blaine Pedersen  
Minister of Infrastructure  
Government of Manitoba**

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The Honourable Blaine Pedersen was elected as the MLA for Midland in 2007 and re-elected in 2011 and 2016. He was appointed Minister of Infrastructure and minister responsible for Emergency Measures in May 2016. With more than 30 years farming experience in cattle and grain operations, Pedersen is an active member of his community, serving in many livestock organizations and groups such as Kinsmen, Toastmasters, 4-H program and a local housing corporation. He and his wife Dianne have three children and five grandchildren.