



Gil McGowan, President Alberta Federation of Labour

In 2017, Gil McGowan was re-elected to a record seventh term as president of the Alberta Federation of Labour (AFL), Alberta's largest union advocacy organization, representing more than 175,000 workers in both the public and private sectors.

McGowan, a father of three, has presided over a period of substantial growth for the AFL and has been instrumental in putting many important issues forward for public discussion in Alberta. He has led public discussion and policy changes on resource development, reform of the temporary foreign worker program, climate change and green jobs, a \$15 minimum wage, pension reform, reforms to the labour code and employment standards, and reforms to occupational health and safety and WCB legislation.

Gil has been instrumental in coordinating the AFL's political action campaigns, including the campaign that helped elect Alberta's first NDP government in May 2015. That same year, Gil was named one of Alberta's 50 most influential people. In addition to his position with the AFL, Gil also sits on the CLC's Canadian Council and was Co-Chair of the Energy Diversification Advisory Committee (EDAC), a special committee established by the Alberta government to make recommendation about how to add more value to Alberta's energy resources. He has recently been appointed to the Federal Just Transition Task Force to support transition strategies for workers and communities affected by the phase out of coal fired electricity across Canada.

