

Edmontonians express relief, concern over premier's plan to quit

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Premier Ed Stelmach in 2009 in Edmonton.

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Premier Ed Stelmach's announcement Tuesday that he won't seek re-election came as a surprise to many Edmontonians.

Comments about his time as Alberta leader were mixed.

"He has no legacy in terms of what he did with health and education, especially health.

"He never reached out to help people who had terminal illnesses."

-- Delores Sanderson

"I would give him a C because he cut health, and that affects everybody. He also put some people in wrong positions in his cabinet."

-- Gordon Francey

"He hasn't really done anything of any importance and wasn't really listening to the people."

-- Jeff Mattoon

"He was involved with the oil disasters and let the oilsands off easy for the environmental troubles they caused. It's a good thing he's going."

-- Robert Skakum

"I'm glad he's leaving and it will be interesting to see what happens with the Alberta Party coming into the spotlight."

-- Shannon Lambert

"I'm looking forward to what the Wildrose Party might do. He's done well, but his time has come and it's time for new blood."

-- Allison Radtke

"I don't see any major problems with Alberta. Stelmach handled things in Edmonton very well and hopefully the party picks a good person to replace him."

-- Sarah Karpyschin

"I'd give him an A because he's a good person. Without him, the government might fail."

-- Patricia Campbell

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