

New post set for Tory MPP

Bud Gregory, Mississauga East Progressive Conservative MPP, has been promoted to parliamentary assistant to Robert Welch, Ontario's deputy premier and minister of culture and recreation, in the latest provincial cabinet shuffle.

First elected to Queen's Park in 1975, Gregory had worked until now as the Tory's deputy whip. He takes over the new posting from Nick Leluk, member for York West, who had asked to be relieved of the position.

Gregory met with Welch Thursday to discuss his new job in the ministry. "He wants me to take over responsibility for three or four ministry programs," he told The Times on Monday. "Exactly what those programs are haven't been decided yet."

Welch told Gregory that he also wants help in his party duties as house leader for the Progressive Conservatives.

Gregory was delighted with the appointment. It will mean less time with his family, but he insisted that his constituency work would not suffer. "They won't be neglected. I'll just have to get more help."

The base salary for members of the provincial legislature is \$17,500 a year, plus an expense allowance of \$7,500. As a parliamentary assistant, Gregory will receive an additional \$5,000.

Before his election to the legislature two years

ago, Gregory was a Mississauga city councillor. At that time, he served as chairman of the recreation and community centre committee.

The ministry handles the Wintario and Provincial lottery-grant programs and administers grants to community centres, libraries and other recreational and cultural facilities.

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