

## **Daniel Vandal. MP** (b. 1960): Métis Politician

Dan Vandal was elected as a Member of Parliament for the St. Boniface riding in Manitoba in 2015. Dan Vandal was born April 18, 1960, the youngest of eight children.

From 1995, Dan Vandal represented the ward of St. Boniface as a Winnipeg City Councillor for all but two years. In 1998, Mr. Vandal was appointed as a member of the Executive Policy Committee as Chairperson of Protection and Community Services, he held that position for 2 years. In 2000 Mr. Vandal was appointed Chairperson of Planning, Property and Development on November 5th, 2003, in addition to Councillor Vandal's duties as Chairperson of Property and Development. In 2003, he was appointed as Deputy Mayor for the City of Winnipeg and subsequently ran unsuccessfully for Mayor of Winnipeg in 2004. He briefly served as acting mayor of Winnipeg following Glen Murray's resignation.

Prior to his election as City Councillor, Mr. Vandal was employed as a Social Worker for New Directions for Children, the Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre and at Shaughnessy School. Both agencies are geared towards working with and for young people.

Prior to attending the University of Manitoba to obtain his degree in Social Work, Mr. Vandal was a professional boxer for 5 years. In 1983 Mr. Vandal was ranked #1 in middleweight in Canada. In 1984, Vandal fought Alex Hilton for the Canadian title in front of 18,000 fans at the Montreal Forum. Dan Vandal currently resides in the historic St. Boniface with his wife Brigitte Léger and their four children.

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