Mitzi Dean was elected as MLA for Esquimalt-Metchosin in 2017, and was appointed the Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity in February 2018.

Parliamentary Secretary Dean grew up in southeast England and has spent the last 30 years helping vulnerable people.

Before moving to the Victoria area in 2005, Mitzi Dean served as a national development manager for children’s services with the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the U.K.’s largest child protection charity.

Prior to that, she worked in child protection social work and community-based social services across Great Britain for more than 20 years. She also volunteered at a Romanian orphanage and a transition house in the U.K. providing refuge for women experiencing relationship violence.

Most recently, she served as executive director of the Pacific Centre Family Services Association.

PS Dean lives in Metchosin with her partner and eight-year-old daughter.