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Pearl Calahasen, the longest-serving woman in the Alberta Legislature with a tenure spanning over 23 years, made history as the first Métis woman elected in the province. Pearl dedicated her life to advocating for Indigenous causes, especially education and children's rights. Her contributions include developing Indigenous language programs, adult education, curriculum design, and policy formulation. Her work has significantly impacted Métis community engagement, economic development, and human rights initiatives.

**"I always wanted to be involved in the Indigenous languages and ensure that students and communities can revive their language. Without language you can't deal with culture and you really don't know who you are."**

*-The South Peace News, 2016*

