

# Ken Macintosh to stand down from Holyrood next year

**Presiding Officer and Labour MSP for the West Scotland Region, Ken Macintosh, has announced today that he will not stand in next year's Scottish Parliamentary election.**

*The Presiding Officer, RtHon Ken Macintosh MSP has announced that he will be standing down as an MSP at the end of the current parliamentary session [pic.twitter.com/Bkp613oga6](https://pic.twitter.com/Bkp613oga6)*

*– Scottish Parliament (@ScotParl) [September 22, 2020](#)*

Scottish Labour leader, Richard Leonard, said: “Ken has been a great servant of the Scottish Labour Party, the Parliament and most important of all, the people.

“An ardent supporter of devolution, and a member of the Parliament since 1999 his unstinting efforts as a Labour front bencher and over the last four years as the Presiding Officer have consistently made the case for the Parliament as a power for change. He is a kind and decent man with a strong sense of his own values. The Scottish Labour Party wishes him, Claire and the family well.”



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Presiding Officer, Ken Macintosh with Joanne Lamont MSP and Clare Haughey MSP outside the Algonquin Hotel at the New York City Tartan Day Parade 2018 PHOTO Martin P McAdam  
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