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*** For the "LATEST & GREATEST" on CALGARY-LOUGHEED issues:**
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(which features all of your MLA's speeches in the Legislature)! ☺



Supporting the Duke of Edinburgh Award; Grey Cup Parade 09

HAPPY 2010, EVERYONE!

As your MLA, I will continue to do everything possible to ensure that the new year is the best one yet for our constituency, our city, & our province. If you have any ideas on the most effective & efficient ways to do this, please contact me—anytime!

Southwest Calgary Ring Road Planning Study Underway--FINALLY! ☺

The AB Gov't & the City of Calgary have signed a memorandum of understanding which defines the planning study's scope & sets out each party's roles & responsibilities, while outlining items for future discussion & negotiation. The planning study will examine previous transportation studies of alternate alignments, & look at new options as well. It will examine potential routes, connection points, land requirements, technical issues, & potential environmental/social factors. Timelines for road design & construction will be determined after the planning study is completed. *Focus Corporation* is conducting the study under contract to the AB Gov't, & will complete the work by December 2011. Visit <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/4043.htm> to view the agreement & for

more information about the Calgary ring road. (For MOU Questions & Answers, + Key Messages, please visit: www.daverodney.ca) ***It looks as though the years of lobbying the Premier & Transportation Minister (every month!), asking tough questions in Question Period, & tabling motions in the Legislature are finally paying off! ☺***

AN IDEA FOR YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:

*** Campaign Recognizes Role of Mentors in Children's Lives; Encourages AB's to Volunteer**

Making mentoring a way of life is the goal behind a new awareness campaign that encourages AB's to become actively engaged as mentors for children & youth in their communities. The campaign is part of a three-year initiative to strengthen mentoring activities & supports in the province. The AB Mentoring Partnership, which includes government & community agencies, is working to help build a culture of mentoring in AB by increasing awareness & collaboration, creating innovative mentoring policies, & sharing effective practices. The province-wide multimedia marketing campaign consists of print, online & TV ads showcasing a mentor interacting with a young person. The campaign slogan is "To be a mentor, you don't need superhuman qualities, just human ones," which profiles the fact that adults don't need to be celebrities or superheroes to make a positive & lasting difference in the lives of children & youth. The campaign also reinforces that mentoring doesn't always take a lot of time - as little as an hour a week can make a difference. Mentors are needed throughout the province; & there are currently far more children & youth waiting for a mentor than there are mentors available. In addition to the marketing campaign, AMP is also launching a new website: ABmentors.ca (where AB's can find information about mentoring & how to get involved in their communities). Mentoring organizations can also go to this site for resources to help them in their everyday work.



Launching a Court Preparation Program for Abused Children
