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MLA Dave Rodney Inspecting the South Calgary Health Campus (SE of Deerfoot & Hwy 22X)

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**THE SOUTH CALGARY HEALTH CAMPUS--THE LARGEST FACILITY OF IT'S KIND--IS:
UNDER CONSTRUCTION, UNDER BUDGET, & SET TO OPEN...ON TIME...NEXT YEAR!**

I had the opportunity to tour this state of the art facility recently; & I can tell you that it is by far the most advanced structure of it's kind that I have ever seen. **It is designed from the ground up with innovation & the latest technology to create a world-class centre which will help redefine the way health care is delivered.** I firmly believe that once you see this building for yourself, you will be assured that your well-earned tax dollars are being well utilized!

It is planned to open with **298 beds & bed equivalents, plus 200,000 outpatient visits.** This partnership between AB Health Services & the AB Gov't (which is providing **\$1.31 billion** for the initial phase), will include: * **Emergency Services, * Critical Care, * Surgery, * Pediatrics, * Maternal/Neonatal Care, * Mental Health Services, * General Medical Services, * Clinical Neurosciences, * & Cardiac Sciences.**

The South Health Campus Citizen Advisory Team (CAT), which is made up of patients, family members & citizens, has been partnering with planners & leaders--since 2008--to ensure public input into the new hospital development. Citizen Advisory Team members have: * Shared stories of patient & family experiences with the health system, * Reviewed & provided recommendations on schematic & detail hospital designs, * Participated in hospital room mock-up simulation exercises, * Established four patient & family centred care commitments for the campus, * Provided feedback on wayfinding (getting around the campus), landscaping & naming of different areas of the campus, * Provided input to visiting policies & practices, * & Reviewed waiting room experiences & design.

There are still opportunities to provide input into the planning of the South Health Campus.

Some of the upcoming citizen engagement agenda items will include: * Patient & family centred care policies, staff practices, training & communications, * Family presence practices & patient

visiting policy, * Waiting Room design, * Wayfinding strategies & signage (getting around the campus), * Outdoor spaces, landscaping & gardens, * Community partnerships & interactions, * Out-patient care process re-design from a patient perspective, * Planning input from a patient, family & citizen perspective for medical services, parking, information technology on the campus, Community Resource Centre...& many others.

TO GET INVOLVED, please call 4039431160 or visit:

citizen.engagement@albertahealthservices.ca; albertahealthservices.ca/2210.asp

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AB Provides More Housing Options for Calgary Seniors

Our more experienced citizens who require affordable rent, have special needs, or are homeless, will find a safe & affordable place to call home in a mixed-housing development--thanks in part to your AB Gov't. The province is providing \$6.5 million in grants to the Bethany Care Society, to help develop 50 units. 42 will be below market rental units for seniors (including 5 wheelchair accessible units), & 8 are for the homeless. (This project supports the AB goal to create 11,000 affordable housing units by 2012. To date, funding has been committed to more than 9,000 affordable housing units.) For more, please visit: www.housing.alberta.ca.

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A. MLA Dave Rodney as a Celebrity Chef Cook-off at the Minister's Conference on Wellness (* Our AB Gov't Pledged over \$20 Million for Wellness Programs in Schools & Communities)

B. MLA Dave Rodney with intrepid Albertans Ruth & Clyde Elford

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since this update must fit on 2 pages (& be submitted a month prior to publishing to meet newsletter deadlines) >> please **call, fax, e-mail, drop by our office, >>> or visit daverodney.ca**

