



DAVE RODNEY, MLA Calgary Lougheed: “Onward & Upward”!

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* **Thousands of you will soon be able to utilize amazing additional amenities** (including 2 new ice surfaces) at the **SOUTH FISH CREEK RECREATION CENTRE**. Our **provincial contribution of well over \$3.3 Million** (which *Minister Ady & I* were honoured to work hard for) will add to the great planning & fundraising effort by *your illustrious neighbours who have worked on the SFCRA*: Congratulations, Thank-you, & Enjoy!

* **Construction of our 3 brand-new schools is well underway.** *Updates, photos, & to sign up for the e-newsletter:* www.bbppalbertaschools.ca. (Completion date: June 30, 2010)

* If you would like a **congratulatory scroll** (eg: for your high school graduate), please call us!

* Our “*more experienced*” *Calgary-Lougheed citizens* are invited to our **ANNUAL SENIORS TEA** on **June 10, from 10 - 11 AM**. For *location & details*, please **RSVP: 403-238-1212**.

* Thanks to those who attended our **SPRING OPEN HOUSE**: it was very worthwhile!

*** BUDGET SNAPSHOTS:**

- Our **Capital Plan** supports **\$7.2 billion** this year. We will build **roads, health care facilities, schools, other public infrastructure, & environmental initiatives**. *This year's investment is more than double the per-capita average of other provinces, & will support 80,000+ jobs across AB!*
 - **Health & Wellness operating expense increases 4.6%/ \$558 million**. *(42% of the total increase in operating expenses, & includes emergency medical services--transferred from municipalities).*
 - **Education funding increases by 3.2%/ \$165 million** *(reflecting the agreement on teachers' salaries, provincial student enrollment growth of 0.6%, & an increase for the class size initiative).*
 - **Advanced Education & Technology will receive a 3.4% increase overall** *(including a 6% increase in base operating grants to post-secondary institutions).*
 - As a result primarily of low energy prices & other effects of the global recession, government **revenue is forecast to fall by nearly \$4 billion**. Thankfully we have **zero-debt**; & we will draw upon our **Sustainability Fund—\$17 Billion—something no-one else in North America has!** (Alberta's tax advantage also includes leaving over **\$1 Billion worth of Health Care Premiums in the pockets of Albertans & Albertan businesses.**)
 - *The 3.7% increase in operating spending addresses our population growth & inflation. (Priority areas of health, education, advanced education, seniors & children services account for 75% of the operating increase!)*
 - **Taxes remain the lowest in Canada**. *If we had the same tax system as other provinces, AB's & AB businesses would pay up to \$11 Billion more (up to \$5,200 per capita) in taxes.*
 - **8.7% increase for Seniors & Community Supports**: *great news for pioneers, AISH recipients, our developmentally challenged friends, & those in need of affordable supportive living units.*
 - *Budget 2009 was built around government's 4-point plan for economic recovery: **keeping an eye on spending, using savings to protect programs & services for Albertans (while keeping taxes low!), continuing to invest in infrastructure, & promoting our province--on the world stage!***
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MLA Dave Rodney & Minister Blackett extend a \$749,967.00 Cheque to Hull Child & Family Services in Woodlands (Photo: Accent Photography). These funds—matched by Hull—will assist in the development of a new **mental health treatment facility for at-risk youth who are challenged with addictions, abuse, & sever behavioural issues**. Since 1962, Hull has served struggling families, troubled young people, & developmentally affected adults; & they are to be commended for **working miracles for 3000+ people—every day!**

*** For the “LATEST & GREATEST” on CALGARY-LOUGHEED issues:**

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