



DAVE RODNEY, MLA Calgary Lougheed: "Onward & Upward"!

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HRH Prince Edward with the Rodney Family, *promoting the Duke of Edinburgh Awards:*

"Excellence in Community Work/Academics/Adventure"

Campus Alberta Welcomes Mount Royal University ☺:

As many of you are aware, I have been one of many who have been fighting for "MRU"--for many years; & we very pleased! The term "university" recognizes the high level of programming that students receive and assists students in making a smoother transition to higher learning in graduate programming. MRU offers diplomas, certificates, applied degrees, and baccalaureate degrees including Nursing, BA in Criminal Justice, BA (7 majors), Science (4 majors), Business Administration (4 majors), Communications (3 majors), & Computer Information Systems. (www.mountroyal.ca)

U of C Veterinary State of the Art Facility Opens:

This gives AB a unique advantage in food security & protecting animal & human health (www.vet.ucalgary.ca)

New Outreach Programs Keep Youth in School:

A key initiative under AB's High School Completion Framework which aims to increase high school completion rates across the province, these programs focus on: personalized learning, successful transitions, collaborative partnerships, positive connections, & tracking progress. (<http://education.alberta.ca/departments/ipr/highschoolcompletion.aspx>)

Friendly Reminder/* Upcoming Weed & Feed Ban:

Starting January 1, there will be a province-wide ban on fertilizer-herbicide combination products which are applied to an entire lawn surface, resulting in the over-application of the 2,4-D (& an excess of the chemical in waterways downstream of urban areas at higher concentrations than

found in rural areas.) The ban is aligned with the provincial Water for Life strategy, & reinforces AB's commitment to protect & enhance our environment. Visit our [Pesticide Management Sales website \(http://environment.alberta.ca/2215.html\)](http://environment.alberta.ca/2215.html) or contact your local garden retailer about other weed control options.

Ministry of Health Changes Update:

* Over the past decade, health spending has increased 180% in AB, & yet: we still have long waits for important surgeries, we're not making the most efficient use of hospital beds, & emergency room line-ups are getting longer - not shorter.

* Just over a year ago we introduced a new, slimmed-down health administration model to cut down on costly duplication, & we're starting to see improvements:

* Added funding for midwives and provided funding for more addictions treatment beds.

* Added new drugs to our benefit plans to treat cancer and rare diseases.

* Introduced 'patient navigators' to help with heart disease access tests, treatments & follow up care.

* Introduced a new Pharmaceutical Strategy to increase drug coverage.

* EMS is now part of the provincial health care system to improve efficiency & patient care.

* Health Care accounts for over 20% of our provincial budget.

* Health spending in AB has increased an average of 10%--every year-- in the past 5 years alone.

* Alberta Health Services current spending is nearly \$11 billion annually \$30 million per day

* In an average day, Alberta Health Services provides:

27,000 hours of home care

Advice to 3,600 people over the phone through Health Link

AB Health Care Facilities

102 Acute Care Hospitals

6,800 Acute Care Hospital beds

18,000 Long Term Care & Supportive Living Beds/Spaces

7 Urgent Care Centres

* It also admits 1,000 people into a hospital for care and treatment,

Treats 5,300 people who receive care at an Emergency Department

(& an additional 450 people who receive care at an Urgent Care Centre)

...+ it Responds to 760 emergency calls through EMS

& Delivers 140 babies!

* **Note: the new AB & BC joint purchasing agreement will reduce health care costs by \$3/4 - \$1 Billion**

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@ the Millrise Rink, hoping for a few warm days before Hockey Season Starts!” 😊
