



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

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*** YOU ARE INVITED to the Annual MLA Dave Rodney Picnic:**
Shannon Terrace, Fish Creek Park; Sat Sept 12, 11am – 1pm
*** Free Spolumbo’s Sausages: * first come first served! ☺**

AB’s Eligible for Free Seasonal Flu Program:

Starting in October, all AB’s 6 months & older will be offered free seasonal influenza vaccine through public health clinics, some physician offices, & certain pharmacists. AB is also working on its plan to immunize AB’s against H1N1 this fall. Visit www.health.alberta.ca * & click on “Health Information”, then “Immunization”; visit www.healthlinkalberta.ca; or call toll-free @ 1-866-408-LINK (5465).

South West Calgary Ring-road Update:

AB negotiated in good faith with the Tsuu Tina First Nation & developed the best possible agreement to suit the needs of *all* AB’s; & this agreement was accepted by the Nation council. However, this past June 30, Tsuu T’ina Nation members voted against the draft agreement; & we have no intention to resume negotiations. From the perspective of the provincial government—as of this summer—this option is no longer on the table. *However, we remain completely committed to the SWCRR; & we are actively moving forward—examining other options—to complete the project on time, & on budget!*

More Health Career Courses Offered to High School Students:



AB high school students can now explore more health services courses under a revised Career & Technology Studies (CTS) program. ***“Paving Health Pathways: A Health Services Strategy”*** is a pilot project that will help Alberta Education validate 60 health services courses such as Medical Sciences, Health Care Aide, Sports Medicine, Pre-Hospital Care, & Early Childhood Assistant. Five new areas of programming--each with a set of course-related pathways--will be phased in province-wide. Select courses will be piloted in the first year, & full implementation/validation will occur in years two & three. The project is supported by \$12 million in funding from the AB gov't.



© All 3 of our Elementary School Projects in Calgary-Lougheed are On Time & On Budget! ©

Good News During Tough Times:

We cannot tax our way out of a recession, & we're not going to do that: **there will be no sales tax, no increase in personal income tax, & no increase in corporate taxes!** We will not abandon our long term goals; & our focus is on *growing* Alberta's economy. We will properly plan for the future & lay the foundations for a strong economic recovery. While other jurisdictions are piling on long-term debt to finance stimulus projects during this recession, **we have no government debt, the most competitive tax system in Canada, & and billions of dollars in savings to see us through these difficult times.** Our fiscal position is an enormous advantage in the current unstable global financial situation; & our goal is to leverage that advantage--to do more with the available dollars, & continue to build the infrastructure we will need for a strong recovery...without handing the bill to the next generation. We will continue to offer a positive, forward-looking vision; & the reliable, responsible government you've come to expect. We will see AB's successfully through this recession: & we will not be derailed, sidetracked or diverted from our long-term goals of securing Alberta's prosperity and a world-class quality of life.

6,000 More Seniors Qualify for Prov Benefits:

This applies to thresholds for AB Seniors Benefits, the Special Needs Assistance for Seniors Program, & the Dental/Optical Assistance for Seniors programs. Call 1-800-642-3853 or visit: www.seniors.alberta.ca to see if this applies to you! ©

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