



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

Woodbine, Woodlands, SW Canyon Meadows, Shaw-Nee Slopes, Evergreen, Millrise, Bridlewood

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> PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL “DAVE RODNEY/MLA PICNIC IN THE PARK”:

Shannon Terrace in Fish Creek Park (> Entrance is @ 130 Ave & 37th St)

Saturday, September 10th, from 11am-1pm (> Free Spolumbo’s & Prizes!)

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FOR ALL OF OUR STUDENTS: > HAVE A SAFE, ENJOYABLE, PRODUCTIVE YEAR! ☺

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Effective September 1: AB’s New Distracted Driving Law

To help AB’s prepare for the most comprehensive legislation of its kind in Canada, our AB Gov’t will run a public education & awareness campaign that will provide the latest information; & advertising will run in newspapers, radio & online. Our new law prohibits the use of hand-held cellphones for talking or texting, the use of other electronic devices, reading, writing, & personal grooming--while driving. Drivers can still use cellphones or radio communication devices--but only if they use them in a hands-free or voice-activated manner. This means the device is not held in the driver's hand, & is activated by voice or a single touch to the device. Drivers may use a hand-held CB or two-way radio when escorting oversized vehicles, contacting one's employer, or when participating in search, rescue & emergency situations (www.transportation.alberta.ca/distracteddriving.htm)

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Effective September 1: AB’s New Minimum Wage

20,000 AB’s wages will rise as our AB gov’t increases the general minimum wage from \$8.80/hr to \$9.40/hr. A new minimum wage of \$9.05 per hour will be introduced for workers who serve alcohol as part of their regular job, recognizing that these employees also earn tips. These are the first changes to minimum wage in AB since April 2009. For more information, call 780-427-3731 or 877-427-3731 (toll-free), or visit employment.alberta.ca/es

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Effective September 1: AB's New Home Inspection Regulation--* Protecting Homebuyers

Our AB Gov't will license & set standards for home inspectors under new rules to protect AB's who rely on an inspection when buying a home. The "Home Inspection Business Regulation" will require all home inspection businesses & individual inspectors to be licensed by the AB Gov't. To qualify for a licence, inspectors must hold a Certified Master Inspector or Registered Home Inspector designation, or have successfully completed training from an educational institution approved by the AB Gov't; & pass a test inspection. Home inspectors, organizations, or industry associations will also have the ability to submit training programs or credentials for assessment by the gov't. AB consumers, home inspectors & the real estate industry have indicated widespread support for regulation during public consultation conducted by the gov't. The regulation also provides additional protection for homebuyers...feel free to contact us for further details including the maximum fine of \$100,000 & up to two years in jail!

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Revolutionary Heart Procedure Now in Calgary

Southern AB's too sick or weak to undergo life saving open-heart surgery now have new hope thanks to a leading-edge cardiac procedure at the Foothills Medical Centre. Transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI) is a less invasive method for replacing diseased aortic valves than traditional open-heart surgery, & offers a lifeline to patients who are not candidates for conventional surgery. For more information, please visit: www.albertahealthservices.ca/5167.asp

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Left: Doorknocking in Calgary-Lougheed—with fabulous, fun volunteers! ☺

Right: This is the new \$60 license plate that Ted Morton and I are proposing... proceeds go to the Robert Bateman "Get to Know your Wild Neighbours" program for youth, & your favourite AB project-based Conservation Program. What are your reaction to this?

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> For the "LATEST & GREATEST" on CALGARY-LOUGHEED issues: since this update must fit on 2 pages (& be submitted a month prior to publishing to meet newsletter deadlines) >> please **call, fax, e-mail, dropby our office, >>> or visit daverodney.ca**

