



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

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- * *MLA Dave Rodney with Prime Minister Stephen Harper during last year’s Stampede*
- * *Delivering a Childhood Services Grant for Constituents Archana, Manish, & Friends*

*** Have a Safe, Happy Stampede (& Summer) Everyone! ☺**

*** SAVE THE DATE— Saturday, September 12, 2009: 11 AM – 1 PM**

MLA DAVE RODNEY’S ANNUAL “FREE FAMILY PICNIC IN THE PARK”!

*** Budget Highlights:**

- **\$23.2 Billion over 3 Years to Build Health Facilities, Schools, & Roads**
(includes carbon capture & storage + GreenTRIP)
- Health, Education, Advanced Education, Seniors & Children Svc’s: **75% of Increase**
- **Taxes Remain Lowest in Canada**

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- **This past spring session:** Longest Session in History, Most Legislation in a Sitting
- **Your MLA’s Speeches** on Bills, QP Questions, & Member Statements
- **AB’s Invited to Shape the Future of Education:**

<http://inspiringeducation.alberta.ca>

- **9,449 New Child Care Spaces + 1,100 New Staff**
 - **\$2.1 Million Increase for Foster Parents & Kinship Givers**
 - **39% Increase in Public Library Funding**
 - **91 Family Violence & Bullying Projects Benefit:** familyviolence.alberta.ca
 - **New Specialized Website for AB Students with Vision Loss:** Vision.alberta.ca
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- At-risk Youth Benefit: **Additional Funding to Youth Shelters**
- Province Endorses **10-year Provincial Plan to End Homelessness**
- AB Invests in the **Largest Habitat for Humanity Partnership in Canada**
- **Reserve Online @ 25 Provincial Campgrounds:** Reserve.AlbertaParks.ca
- 6.5 million tonnes of **GHG reductions** in AB = removing 1.3 million vehicles!
- **Milk Product Containers Refund Now Available**
- Province Outlines **Long-term Development Plan for AB's Oil Sands**
- **AB Occupational Health & Safety Code Compliance Deadline:**
<http://employment.alberta.ca/whs-ohs> or www.qp.alberta.ca
- **AB Strengthens Supports for Seniors & Persons with Disabilities:**
seniors.alberta.ca

Our AB gov't will invest nearly \$2 billion to provide increased benefits & helping more individuals in need. The maximum monthly benefit for low-income seniors through the AB Seniors Benefit (ASB) program will increase \$40 to \$280 for single seniors & \$60 to \$420 for senior couples. The qualifying income thresholds for the ASB are also increasing to \$24,000 for single seniors & \$39,000 for senior couples (effective July 1). Approximately 6,000 additional seniors are expected be eligible. Low-income AB's with disabilities will also receive increased support. AISH was increased \$100/month in April, raising the maximum monthly income benefit to \$1,188. The increased program funding will also accommodate an expected growth in the number of AB's receiving AISH. A budget increase of 5.8% for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) will help contracted agencies recruit & retain staff. The increased funding will also assist more clients & improve support for those with complex needs. Seniors & persons with disabilities will also benefit from \$50 million allocated to provide more supportive living units across AB. This funding is expected to help build 450 more units, which supports AB's Continuing Care Strategy to allow more AB's to age in the right place. Low-income seniors & persons with disabilities will also continue to be assisted through successful ongoing programs such as Aids to Daily Living, & Public Guardian Services. Overall, the 2009 budget for Seniors & Community Supports is increasing by \$108 million.

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