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Constituents & Royalty at the Woodcreek/Hull Stampede Breakfast

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**As a member of the Board of Directors of “the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth”--
& as your MLA--I hope you have a super Stampede...and a safe, happy summer! ☺**

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Outdoor Enthusiasts Gain New Trails “in our backyard”: Fish Creek Provincial Park

A new recreation trail system at is providing increased enjoyment for outdoor enthusiasts while helping the environment. *The project is a partnership with the governments of Canada & AB, the National Trails Coalition, & the Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society.* The single track trail system spans over 14 kilometres--from Shannon Terrace to MacLeod Trail--& is accessible for hiking, mountain biking, cross country skiing & snowshoeing. The new trails, along with public education & outreach by parks staff & volunteers, are part of an ecologically sustainable solution to damage caused by undesignated trail use in the park. New signage & five new kiosks in the park display a map, park rules & mountain bike etiquette. For much more, please visit www.fish-creek.org & www.friendsoffishcreek.org

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AB Introduces Unique Distracted Driving Legislation

Traffic congestion, longer commutes, & a hectic lifestyle are just a few of the factors that can cause driver distraction. Combined with the temptations of modern technology, the desire to stay connected to the office at all times, & a false sense of security, multi-tasking behind the wheel

becomes an alluring trap. Numerous studies indicate at least 20 - 30 % of all collisions involve driver distraction; & distracted drivers are three times more likely to be involved in a collision than attentive drivers. *To counteract this, our AB Gov't has introduced some of the most comprehensive distracted driving legislation in Canada.* Bill 16, “the Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving) Amendment Act 2010”, proposes a ban on the use of hand-held cell phones & activities such as texting, reading, writing, & personal grooming; & it also sets restrictions on using other electronic devices while driving. The Bill proposes a fine of \$172, with no demerit points. (Although a distracted driver could also face additional charges if they commit other violations such as running a red light or making an improper lane change. Bill 16 will also complement the current driving without due care & attention law—a serious offence with a fine of \$402 & six demerit points— by giving law enforcement agencies more flexibility in dealing with a wider range of behaviours.) However, Bill 16 would allow the use of hands-free phones; & radio communications such as CB radios could still be used for commercial purposes & search & rescue services. (Obviously, drivers could utilize hand-held devices to contact emergency services; & this legislation would not affect the official duties of emergency service personnel including enforcement, fire & medical services.) *The proposed legislation is expected to be debated in the legislature this fall; this will give the public & traffic safety stakeholders an opportunity to view Bill 16 & provide comments & feedback.* Visit www.transportation.alberta.ca for more information & in the meantime, *please feel free to let me know if you are in favour—or against—this legislation.*



Presenting Awards at the recent STARS Air Ambulance Annual Event

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

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(which features all of your MLA’s speeches in the Legislature)! ☺

