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## ***ONWARD & UPWARD!***

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***MLA Dave Rodney and Friends announce:  
Calgary is the 2008 JUNO Awards Host City!***

As we begin our **spring session of the Alberta Legislature**, *I encourage you to contact me regarding any subject of provincial jurisdiction that you are concerned about.* Please let us know if you have any **questions**, or if you simply wish to express your **opinion**. **We really appreciate your feedback!**

As “**Calgary Caucus Chair**” and “**Chair of Legislative Offices**”, *I expect I will be able to further our causes here in SW Calgary even more than before.* **I will continue to work diligently with Premier Ed Stelmach and my honourable colleagues** on issues that affect us across the province, while focusing on concerns in our riding, including the **SW Ring Road, new schools, the new South Calgary hospital, Fish Creek Park Improvements, Seniors’ benefits**, and much more. I have also been asked to serve on the **International Governance Office Advisory Committee**, so I look forward to working as your representative on an even wider scale as well.

### **What are the Key Initiatives of Our Provincial Government--in the next 12 Months?**

1. Establish a lobbyist & contractor registry
2. Establish a governance review
3. Meet with opposition leaders to discuss the process for democratic reform
4. Establish a housing task force to develop a plan to increase the availability of affordable housing
5. Develop a “made-in-Alberta” immigration strategy
6. Continue to implement a comprehensive labour strategy
7. Develop a long-term capital plan
8. Respond to the recommendations from the Oil ‘Sands Ministerial Strategy
9. Establish a new Institute for Agriculture, Forestry, and the Environment

10. Continue the development of a land use framework
11. Update Alberta's climate change plan
12. Develop a comprehensive energy strategy
13. Improve supports and services to persons with disabilities
14. Implement health care productivity reforms and long-term sustainability initiatives
15. Establish an all party MLA committee on a Community Spirit Program
16. Conduct a royalty review
17. Lead a Financial Investment and Planning Commission
18. Respond to the recommendations of the Ministerial Council on Sustainability
19. Build on the initiatives to increase access, affordability, and quality in post-secondary education
20. Establish a Value-Added and Technology Commercialization Task Force
21. Establish a Policing and Safe Community Task Force

**Please contact us if you would like more information on the following:**

- Investment income lifts Alberta's surplus to \$7 Billion
- Health regions receive \$8 Million to improve Immunization Delivery
- STEP program helps address AB's labour shortage
- \$30 Million approved for new affordable housing projects
- \$9.6 Million to assist Alberta farm water supply project
- AB Geological Survey Releases Coal Bed Methane Water Study
- Expert panel to examine AB's royalty regime
- \$396 Million (over 3 years) for Fort McMurray helps meet urgent needs brought on by oil sands growth
- NE Calgary ring road construction starts this spring: P3 will complete project 2 years early
- AB boosts student loan system: medical residents, students with families receive increased financial support

**Important Contact Information for Parents:**

- \* AB Centennial Education Savings Plan: 1-866-515-2237, [www.advancededucation.gov.ab.ca/aces](http://www.advancededucation.gov.ab.ca/aces)
- \* Registered Education Savings Plan: 1-800-O-CANADA
- \* Canada Education Savings Grant: 1-888-276-3624



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