

ONWARD & UPWARD!

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MLA Dave Rodney Opened This Fall's International Lawmakers Association Conference in Calgary

*** Open Invitations:**

*** Please let me know if you have any feedback regarding any subject of provincial jurisdiction that you are interested in <including the Royalty Review—and/or our Upcoming Provincial Budget!>;** let me know if you have any questions, or if you wish to express your opinion--*I truly appreciate your input, & it's my job to represent YOUR views!*

*** Until December 14—“The Mature Workers Discussion Documentation & Consultation Survey”** is awaiting your input via www.alberta.ca (in the section entitled “Participate in Public Consultations”). Mature workers are a **growing, valuable resource** in our province, & this is a wonderful opportunity for over 1/3 of the workforce to be innovative in human resources planning & retention. (The plan is to create employment policies & practices to retain older workers in the labor pool & keep Alberta strong!).

*** If you did not receive the October 2007 “Premier’s Report to Albertans”,** *let us know--we'll deliver one right away!*

Recent Developments/Highlights:

> Working on a desirable outcome to the **Shawnee Golf Course situation (!)** with the **Shawnee-Evergreen Community Association**

> **Meeting with hundreds of constituents & numerous groups—on all sorts of issues** (but especially on the **Oil Royalty Review!**)--& *advocating for your needs* (as **Chair of Calgary Caucus!**)—*which keeps me extremely busy!*

> As a member of the “**Cabinet Policy Committee on Community Services**”, I have been *assisting with planning next year's budgets for health, education, children's services, seniors, supports for the disabled, tourism, parks, recreation, and culture.*

> I have been meeting every week with the “**Standing Committee on Public Accounts**”, *to examine previous budgets of various government entities.*

> It's been a pleasure to work on the “**Alberta Community Spirit Program**”, which will result in fabulous opportunities for charities & non-profit organizations. *Please let me know if you would like a copy of the final report—which will indicate how your favourite group may benefit!*

> My work with the “**Strategic Tourism Marketing Council**” continues: Tourism is Alberta's #4 industry, & I would like to see that position improve.

> As **Chair of the “Standing Committee on Legislative Offices”**, *I have been dealing with issues involving the auditor-general, ethics commissioner, ombudsman, freedom of information & privacy commissioner, and elections officer.*



MLA Dave Rodney Cuts the Ribbon with President Irene Lewis at SAIT's New High Tech Lab

GREAT NEWS!

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

- > **Top-notch Talent Tapped for AB Investment Mgt's Board of Directors**
- > **Province to Create a 10-year Plan to End Homelessness—New Secretariat Will Work Closely with AB's Municipalities** (The Government's affordable housing strategy will lead to the development of more than 11,000 units over the next five years. *Further details:* www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca)
- > **New Website Shares Parenting Experiences** with hopes to attract more Foster Parents in Alberta: www.FosterCareAlberta.ca
- > **\$26 Million Investment Helps Contracted Agencies Hire & Retain Staff** (Children & Youth, Adults with Developmental Disabilities, & Other Vulnerable Albertans)
- > **AB's Commitment to Quality Child Care Reaffirmed in Consultation:** Feedback will be used to Develop Provincial Child Care Standards
- > **Business Leader to Chair Mt Royal College Board of Governors**
- > **Enhanced Optometry Program Reaches More Albertans & Improves Access to Services**
- > **AB Immigrants Encouraged to Reach for Their Full Potential in Their Chosen Professions**
- > **Increase in Traffic Collisions & Injuries:** Driver Responsibility Key to AB's "Traffic Safety Plan"
- > **U of C Veterinary Faculty Program Approved** by the AB Minister of Advanced Education & Technology
- > **Initiatives Support AB's Health Workforce Strategy:** Improving Opportunities for Internationally-trained nurses, rehabilitation medicine students & staff
- > **New workforce strategy helps address worker shortages:** Key Industry Assoc's & Labour Groups Hammer Out Action Plan (For "A Workforce Strategy for Alberta's Construction Industry", visit: www.employment.alberta.ca)
- > **New Dispute Resolution Course Now Online:** www.employment.alberta.ca/employmentstandards
- > AB urges Feds' Support on **Violent Crime Bill**
- > **Albertans to Benefit from Enhanced & Expanded FASD Services**
- > Gov't Launches **Inaugural Week to Promote Responsible Gambling**
- > **"Too Good to Waste":** Gov't Introduces New Waste Mgt Strategy
- > **AB Opens First Air Monitoring Station Powered by Wind & Sun**
- > **AB & BC Review Pension Standards**
- > Gov't invests **\$30 Million to Help Albertans Age in Their Communities**
- > Albertans encouraged to learn more about their **\$16.3 Billion Heritage Fund**

For the "LATEST & GREATEST" on CALGARY-LOUGHEED issues:

* Since this article (of limited space) must be submitted a month prior to publishing, please access the most timely & in-depth information--

1. Directly (call, visit, fax, e-mail, or drop by!). or via

2. or via: www.daverodney.ca



Assisting Santa @ the Mustard Seed; & with Rabbi Matusof @ the Annual Lighting of the Menorah

