



## **ONWARD & UPWARD!**

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**As we begin 2007, Albertans lead the country in virtually every economic category:** we have the lowest unemployment rate, pay the lowest overall provincial taxes, and enjoy the highest personal disposable income per capita in the country. **While all of this progress is impressive on many levels, it also brings with it a host of growing pains and difficult choices;** so we must be vigilant if we are to continue to improve the well-being of our families, our province, and our country. **I personally invite you to be extremely active in our efforts to make Calgary-Lougheed, Alberta, and Canada the best they can be.**

**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 (& other health facilities), Fish Creek Park challenges, Seniors' benefits,** and much more.

**As we prepare for the 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 any opinion. Tell us what we are doing well; and what you would like to see changed. Let's build the strongest, most caring Alberta--together!*

#### **Premier Stelmach's "New Alberta Agenda":**

**"To govern with Integrity & Transparency, Manage Growth Pressures, Improve Albertans' Quality of Life, Build a Stronger Alberta, and Provide Safe & Secure Communities."**

For much more, please visit: <http://premier.alberta.ca/>

#### **AB Consumers Save on Natural Gas**

**The average AB residential consumer saved around \$35 on their January bill.** Most of the million eligible homes and businesses will have their rebate automatically applied as a credit. Rebate amounts increase as the price of natural gas rises, with the maximum cost to most AB consumers capped at \$8.76/GJ. More than \$1.1 billion in benefits have been provided to Albertans since the inception of the Natural Gas Rebate Program.

*If you would like more information on this—or any other Provincial Government Program—please contact me today!*

**Provincial child care awards:**

To nominate a child care provider for the 2007 Alberta Awards of Excellence, please visit [www.child.gov.ab.ca/childcareaward](http://www.child.gov.ab.ca/childcareaward) (or call the Parent Information Line: 866-714-5437)--by March 1! <New this year: individuals demonstrating innovative cultural practices and who work with children with special needs, will be recognized through two new award categories.> Award recipients will be honoured at a special child care gala on May 10 during the Uniting for Children and Youth Forum in Edmonton.

**Please let me know if I can help you by:**

- Providing grant applications or news releases/Hansard transcripts about legislative bills & motions
- Listening to and acting on your concerns or ideas--including resolving problems with provincial government departments and/or presenting petitions in the Legislature
- Visiting your school or service club; and/or arranging a tour of the Legislature in Edmonton or MacDougall Centre in Calgary
- Creating commemorative scrolls for special events



*Winter at the Legislature with MacGyver and Jennifer*