



ONWARD & UPWARD!

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MLA Dave Rodney @ "Santa's Express" with Ashid Bahl & Hull Home Students

*** HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE! I hope 2008 is the best year yet for you...**

Good NEWS! Please contact me if you would like more information on the following:

** As a follow-up to my "Smoke-Free Places Act" from 2 years ago, a province-wide smoking ban in all public places & workplaces has been approved--starting January 1, 2008. AB's new "Tobacco Reduction Act" will also prohibit smoking within a specified distance from windows, doorways, & air intakes of public places--to protect indoor air quality: smokefreeplaces.com*

** Teachers, Students, Schoolboards, & Taxpayers Benefit from Historic Solution to Unfunded Pension Liability: education.alberta.ca*

** Positive Parenting Program Strengthens Parents' knowledge & skills: parentlinkalberta.ca*

** AB's 15 year-olds place *among world's best* on Int'l Tests*

** AB's kids benefit from partnerships investments: albertaspromise.ca*

** Young AB's urged to be "Better than Bullying" (888-456-2323, bullyfreealberta.ca)*

** Gov't Launches 2nd Phase of Consultation on Child Care Standards: child.alberta.ca/childcare*

** Awards recognize Achievements of AB's with Disabilities*

** Bio-Energy Grant Turns Waste into Wealth: energy.gov.ab.ca*

** AB's invited to design our new license plate: licenceplate.alberta.ca*

** \$60 Million earmarked for 522 new affordable housing units in AB communities*

** New warrant apprehension unit will get criminals off the street: safecommunities.gov.ab.ca*

** The Gov't will implement or further study more than 30 Recommendations from the Crime Reduction & Safe Communities Task Force. The accountability framework will rest with the New Safe Communities Secretariat.*

** Corrections Amendment Act will *better protect staff & public**

** AB Bone & Joint Health Institute receives \$18 Million Increase*

** Proposed legislation changes will increase the number of health professionals in AB*

** Apprentices awarded \$232,000 through Industry & Provincial Support*



- * Public Input Welcome on Kananaskis Park & Recreation Plans (tprc.alberta.ca/parks or 403-678-5508)
- * Employment Standards Disputes Resolution Course: employment.alberta.ca/employmentstandards
- * New Construction Workforce Strategy *helps address worker shortages*
- * The Heritage Fund is forecast to *earn \$2 Billion this fiscal year* (the value of the fund is over \$16.5 Billion)!



MLA Dave Rodney (representing AB) and Rex Murphy @ Military Museums Event

Recent Developments/Highlights:

- > As **Chair of Calgary Caucus**, I have initiated deliberations (in the last month) with CAPP (**Canadian Assoc of Petroleum Producers**), AB Assoc of **Colleges & Technical Institutes**, **United Way Youth Programs**, **Stars Air Ambulance**, & **many more local organizations**.
- > Mtg with **Individual Constituents** on all Sorts of Concerns; & with our **Constituency Committee Presidents—***which has been very worthwhile!*
- > Mtg w Rep’s of ASBA (**AB School Boards Assoc**), the AUMA (**AB Urban Municipalities Assoc**), & the AAMD&C (**AB Assoc of Municipal Districts & Counties**)
- > Bringing **Greetings on Behalf of the Gov’t of AB @:** * *International Education Week*, * *Mt Royal College Students’ Assoc 40th Ann Gala*, * *Military Museums Gala Event*, * *Professional Bull Riding Championships with Cody Snyder*
- > 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.*
- > Questions in **Question Period**, four **Member’s Statements**, three **speeches** (*Bill 212: the Safer Communities & Neighbourhoods Act, Bill 213: the Access to the Future Amendment Act, & Bill 214: the Healthy Futures Act.*



MLA Dave Rodney with Greg Forest (Saddledome Fdtn) & Ken King (Calgary Flames)

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

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2. or via: www.daverodney.ca

