



ONWARD & UPWARD!

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

*** Since this article must be submitted at least 4 weeks before publishing (with limited space), please access the most timely & in-depth information in these ways:**

- 1. Contact us directly (call, visit, fax, e-mail, or drop by!)**
- 2. Visit daverodney.ca**

INVITATIONS:

- 1. We are about to return to the Legislature--please contact me regarding any subject of provincial jurisdiction that you are interested in <including our next provincial budget!>; & feel free to let me know if you have any questions, or if you simply wish to express your opinion--I really appreciate your feedback, & it's my job to represent YOUR views!**
- 2. Nominate someone you know for the [2007 Stars of AB Volunteer Awards](http://www.wildrosefoundation.ca/stars/default.aspx)**
(www.wildrosefoundation.ca/stars/default.aspx)
- 3. Seniors—There are “New & Increased Thresholds for AB Seniors Benefit, Special Needs Assistance, & Dental/Optical Assistance”.** For a copy of “**2007/08 Quick Facts: Programs & Services for Seniors**”, please contact me today (or call the Seniors Info Line @ **1-800-642-3853**, or visit www.seniors.gov.ab.ca under “Publications and Forms”).
- 4. Visit the latest edition of the “Inventory of Major AB Projects” @ www.alberta-canada.com/statpub.** (Includes construction projects over \$5 Million in each of the 16 economic sectors.)

FALL HIGHLIGHTS:

*** Meeting with hundreds of constituents & numerous groups
--as well as with my 10 committees--**

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& advocating for your needs (as Chair of Calgary Caucus).

*** Bringing greetings from the province** at a number of events, including **Launching New LRT Cars for Calgary** & at "Mozart on the Mountain"

*** I was pleased to be chosen to represent the AB Gov't @ the National Conference of State Legislators in Boston.** *In my reports to our Premier & Speaker (& in a letter to our Prime Minister), I made a number of recommendations regarding improvements our Legislative Processes.*

*** Meeting with US Consul-General Thomas Huffaker**

*** October is "Library Month!"**

GREAT NEWS!

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

*** Annual Report Confirms AB Among the Best Places to Live, Work, & Raise a Family**

*** Mandatory Auto Insurance Premiums Remain @ 2006 Levels**

*** Non-Profit Organizations Advanced with \$1.2 Million** in Provincial Grants

*** Grants for Youth Justice Committees Support 2nd Chance for Teens**

*** Gov't & ATA working together on Solution to Teachers' Unfunded Pension Liability**

*** Bio-Energy Producer Credit Program:**

\$209 Million will be provided for alternative, renewable electricity over the next four years

*** Energy Sector Teams up to Tackle Labour Challenges**

*** Task-force Recommends Ways to Spur AB's High-tech Entrepreneurship:**

Value-added & technology commercialization task force delivers report

*** Expert Commission Reviews AB's Savings & Investments:**

Panel evaluates if we are getting the maximum benefits from nearly \$40 Billion in investments

*** AB Provides \$14.2 Million in Municipal Sponsorship Program Grants** to Strengthen Municipalities

*** Council to Develop Long-Term Plan for AB's Film & TV Industry**

*** 20 Community Members Appointed to Persons with Developmental Disabilities Boards** across AB

*** Gov't Supports Projects to Foster Equality & Reduce Discrimination**

*** Amendments to the Income Supports, Health & Training Benefits Regulation:**

Effective immediately--full-time learners will be allowed to keep their net employment earnings while in training, & part-time learners also receive new & improved benefits!

*** Long-Term Care Accommodation Fees Increasing to Meet Rising Costs:**

Province will provide assistance to low-income residents...

FASCINATING FACTS:

A. \$1.00 Change in Oil = \$ 123 Million Change for the AB Economy

B. 1 Cent Change in Canadian dollar = \$172 Million Change for the AB Economy

C. 10 Cent Change in Natural Gas = \$104 Million Change for the AB Economy

D. Last year, **over 42,000 AB students received over \$431 Million** in grants, bursaries, and loans. *Additionally, the AB Gov't funded scholarship programs worth over \$52 Million.*

E. **Over 530 Park Areas protect over 20,000 sq km of AB's wilderness areas, ecological reserves, provincial parks, wilderness provincial parks, natural areas, heritage rangelands, natural areas, recreation areas, and wilderness parks.**



Premier Ed Stelmach, Calgary-Lougheed Constituency Manager Darlynn Linn, and MLA Dave Rodney



***MLA Dave Rodney Delivered a Speech in Washington DC @ the Canadian Embassy—
with Minister/Counselor Murray Smith and Ambassador Michael Wilson***

