

As you are aware the Provincial Government passed the 2009 Budget in April and I'd like to draw your attention to some key points of interest. Alberta's Budget 2009 is a plan to manage through these challenging times to the inevitable recovery without sacrificing our long-term vision for the prosperous future Albertans have worked so hard to create.

Budget 2009 will ensure Government continues to provide the programs and services Albertans require and expect with a focus on healthcare, education and helping those who need it most. It is built around Government's four-point plan for economic recovery. The plan calls for prudent spending, using savings to protect programs and services, continuing to invest in infrastructure and promoting the province on the world stage.

Central to the budget is the Capital Plan which provides \$7.2 billion in 2009-20 and \$23.2 billion over three years to build roads, health care facilities, schools and other public infrastructure. This year's investment alone will support over 80,000 jobs across the economy.

The Provincial Legislature will finish sitting June 04th 2009 for the summer recess. The legislature will resume sitting in the fall at a date yet to be determined.

Education

Albertans are invited to take part in a series of conversations about the future of education in Alberta. There will be 10 community conversations in eight different locations across the province in April, May and June. Using an innovative dialogue approach, *Inspiring Education* will engage Albertans in extensive discussions about education as a foundation for the future societal and economic success of the province. The perspectives and ideas gathered through this process will be used to develop a policy framework which describes the overall direction, principles and long-term goals for education in Alberta over the next two decades.

I encourage all **Cranston Residents** to refer to the www.bbppalbertaschools.ca for the monthly status updates and details of your new PC schools in Cranston.

I would like to congratulate the Alberta provincial championship wheelchair curling team on their outstanding performance at the national championships a few weeks ago in Halifax. The team skipped by Jack Smart, third Bruno Yizek second Martin Purvis lead Bridget Wilson and coach Tony Zummack. They made it to the finals losing 6-4 to British Columbia. They came home with the **silver medal**. It was again an exceptionally good year for the team and I wish them continued success next season.

As I have mentioned in my previous newsletters the Government has committed to funding the South Campus Centre Facility (*South Calgary Hospital*). It is being developed in three phases with phase 1 to be completed by 2011. This will be a full acute facility which would have 260 beds, emergency department, intensive care units, 11 operating rooms. Anyone wanting more information regarding the South Health Campus

please contact *Michelle Fulton*, Executive Assistant to Dr. Ted Braun, Senior Vice President South Health Campus.

I have a few public engagements coming up in the next several weeks including:

On June 20th I will be attending the *McKenzie Frenzy* at the McKenzie Community Hall. I'd like to encourage everyone to come out and bring your families for a great day of activities and fun.

I will be attending several functions during *Senior's Week* and I am pleased to be able to attend in the company of these members of our community who have helped make Alberta the great place it is today.

I have toured the South Health Campus (*South Calgary Hospital*) in May to help us better understand the development of this facility.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

I am pleased to welcome **Service Plus Inns and Suites** to Calgary Hays.

Marquis de Lorne – funding for renovations and **McKenzie Lake Residents Association** for park playground redevelopment.

Please contact myself or Donna Elms at the constituency office at 403-215-4380 calgary.hays@assembly.ab.ca Please include your name, address and phone numbers so we can respond to your inquiry.

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