

Family Golf Centre and the Nose Hill Drive/Stoney Trail Interchange

MY FAMILY AND I have enjoyed the use of the Family Golf Centre for many years. I regret that it has to be closed but the land is needed. Alberta Transportation has begun the design of the Nose Hill Drive/Stoney Trail interchange. This project will require approximately 750,000 cubic metres of fill to be brought to this site. At this time, the department also has to remove a similar quantity of material from the Crowchild Trail/Stoney Trail interchange site this year.

Alberta Transportation has reviewed a number of options regarding how to move and store this material in the most cost-effective manner. To store part of the needed fill material on another site, such as the city-owned land west of the Bears paw Water Treatment Plant, will cost an estimated one to two million dollars.

In addition, there may be a requirement to provide a storm water management facility to treat the additional storm water discharge from the interchange area. Given the restricted area available near the interchange for this storm water facility, it may need to be located on the provincially-owned land currently being used by the Family Golf Centre.

The land currently occupied by the Family Golf Centre was purchased many years ago by the province. It was leased until needed to allow for the construction of the Nose Hill Drive/Stoney Trail interchange. This project is now scheduled to start next year. Alberta Transportation began to move the fill material to this site in July. This project is scheduled to start at the end of this year. **cnw**

Best Wishes

to the following Calgary-North West residents celebrating these milestones.

BIRTHDAYS

Klaus Stachow, April 12 - 90th

Mary Ressler, May 11 - 80th

Elizabeth Mary Boon, June 4 - 90th

Matilda Morgan, June 7 - 85th

Edward Clarence Rhodes,

August 15 - 85th

Harold Norman Holmgren,

September 17 - 90th

Elizabeth Fuhrmann, October 2 - 65th

Marlene Rankin, October 4 - 75th

Abram B. Hamm, November 23 - 80th

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. Ralph and Mrs. Beverly Lich,

July 9 - 50th

Mr. Anatol and Mrs. Helen

Nieumierzcki, November 11 - 50th

Lindsay is happy to send an official Alberta Congratulatory Scroll to constituents celebrating a wedding anniversary of 25 years or more, or a birthday of 65 years or more (in 5 year intervals).

Lindsay can also arrange for a similar scrolls from the Premier, Lieutenant-Governor, MP, Prime Minister, or Governor-General. For assistance, contact the constituency office at 403-216-5444.

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Message from Lindsay

Dear Constituents,

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer. Although mother nature was overly generous with the rain I was lucky to be able to enjoy some time with my family.

As we prepare for fall and the new school season we look forward to the completion of the Royal Oak K-4, the Tuscany Middle school and the NW High School. In addition, Alderman Gord Lowe, Dale Hodges and I have been working diligently on the sale of provincial land west of Walmart in Royal Oak to the City of Calgary for the North West Recreation Centre and everything seems to be moving along smoothly. I would like to thank both gentlemen for their help with this issue.

We have the Municipal elections ahead of us and Calgary-North West will have a new mayor and Ward 1 & 2 Public School Trustee. I look forward to working with the new representatives on behalf of our constituents.


Lindsay Blackett



A partnership to advance Alberta's competitive edge

Coordinating government and industry helps Alberta remain strong

"COMPETITIVENESS" IS THE condition created when government, industry and Albertans work together to pursue sustained economic prosperity.

A group of MLAs and industry leaders is taking on the task of helping make Alberta one of the most attractive places to invest and do business as part of ongoing work under the Alberta Competitiveness Act. The goal of the Act is to better coordinate the efforts of government and industry to ensure the province remains one of the most competitive jurisdictions in the world.

Making Alberta more competitive is vital to the province's long-term success

and to the well-being of every business and community. A more competitive economy will benefit all Albertans because it adapts more quickly, resulting in lower prices, higher wages, more jobs, and improved living standards.

The Alberta Competitiveness Council is co-chaired by Premier Ed Stelmach and Alberta Economic Development Authority (AEDA) Chair Bob Brawn, with Finance and Enterprise Minister Ted Morton as an alternate co-chair. The council will look at ways to improve Alberta's overall economic position and build on work already underway by government and industry. It will

also look at the various factors that impact the province's economic growth such as regulation and fiscal policy, the availability of skilled workers, transportation and infrastructure, and productivity and innovation.

Along with competitiveness factors for the overall economy, four key industries will be reviewed this year:

Agriculture (grains and oil seeds)

Financial Services

Manufacturing

Petrochemicals & Chemicals

Visit www.finance.alberta.ca/economic-developmentcompetitiveness/index.html **cnw**

Out and About with Lindsay



Visiting Grade 6 Social Studies Class at Arbour Lake School.



Attending the Ranchlands Elementary School Musical Event and cheque presentation.



Visiting St. Basil School to present cheque for technology upgrades.



Presenting a cheque to members of the NW Locomotives Basketball team.




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Alberta Cabinet ministers travelled the province this spring to hear from Albertans

Ministers Paid Visit to Calgary-North West

MEMBERS OF PREMIER Ed Stelmach's Cabinet visited communities across Alberta this spring to hear directly from Albertans.

"It's vitally important to get outside the Legislature walls, meet with people face-to-face in their communities, hear from them, and learn more about their issues," said Premier Stelmach. "It is also important to get additional feedback on my government's plan to prepare Alberta to lead Canada



From left: Honourable Len Webber (MLA Calgary Foothills and Minister of Aboriginal Relations), Honourable Gene Zwozdesky (MLA Edmonton-Mill Creek, Minister of Health and Wellness), Honourable Ray Danyluk (MLA Lac La Biche - St. Paul, Minister of Infrastructure), Dr. Rick Ward - Crowfoot Village Family Practice, Honourable Lindsay Blackett (MLA Calgary-North West, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit), Dr. Michelle Klassen - Crowfoot Village Family Practice.

out of the global recession."

Groups of Cabinet ministers travelled to dozens of communities in all regions of the province over more than a dozen separate dates in April, May and June. They met with local elected officials and business and community groups.

On May 26th, Calgary-North West was able to showcase its innovation when the Cabinet Tour visited Crowfoot Village Family Practice to observe their innovative approach to patient care. In attendance was the chief medical staff of the Crowfoot Village Family Practice, Minister Danyluk, Minister Blackett and Minister Zwozdesky. Minister Oberle and I also visited Canada Olympic Park and The Youth Remand Centre.

An important part of our job is listening to Albertans. We've made a commitment to communicate better and these Cabinet visits to communities across Alberta are one way we are fulfilling that promise. **CNW**

Safe Communities

Feeling safe in your neighbourhood is a right, not a privilege

SAFER HOMES, NEIGHBOURHOODS, and communities are created through people working within their own communities along side social and police agencies. The Alberta Government's plan to provide safe communities includes working towards increased personal and public safety, and preventing or reducing family violence and bullying.

Feeling safe in your neighbourhood is a right, not a privilege. Each year in Alberta, five billion dollars are spent on the direct or indirect costs of crime.

Alberta has the fourth highest crime rate

among Canadian provinces and the rates for violent crimes have been higher than the national average for the past ten years.

Making Alberta's communities safer for all citizens is the main focus in the Alberta's Task Force on Crime Reduction and Safe Communities.

Solicitor General and Public Security is working toward improving public safety for all Albertans by:

- Taking targeted action to address the serious problem of repeat offenders.
- Requiring tougher enforcement of the current laws and regulations under

Alberta's Gaming and Liquor Act.

- Increasing the number of police officers.
- Partnering with Alberta's First Nations and the federal government to jointly develop pilot projects designed to build safer communities, reduce crime and address the needs of at-risk community members.
- Encouraging and supporting local crime prevention programs.

For more information on crime prevention and safe communities visit www.sol-gps.alberta.ca/SAFE_COMMUNITIES/Pages/default.aspx **CNW**

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Responsible Actions

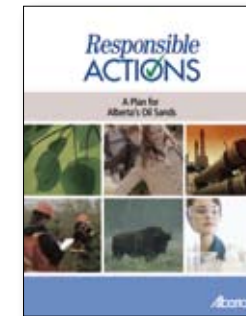
A Plan for Alberta's Oil Sands

ALBERTA'S OIL SANDS offer tremendous economic opportunity for the province and the country. The Government of Alberta's vision for responsible oil sands development involves responsible management of this valuable resource in a way that protects the environment, optimizes economic growth and future development, and enhances the lives of Albertans now and in the future.

Responsible Actions: A Plan for Alberta's Oil Sands outlines an integrated approach for all levels of government, for industry, and for communities to address the economic, social and environmental challenges and opportunities in the oil sands

regions. In the near term, it identifies priority actions, some of which are already underway, to address immediate challenges associated with oil sands development. The plan also looks to the future to guide long-term investment in social and physical infrastructure and innovative technology, and to reduce the environmental footprint associated with oil sands development.

This 20-year plan was based on extensive stakeholder consultations described in Investing in our Future: Responding to the



Rapid Growth of Oil Sands Development, the Multi-stakeholder Committee Final Report, and the Aboriginal Consultation Final Report. Responsible Actions also builds on existing Alberta government policies, programs,

and initiatives, particularly the Provincial Energy Strategy and Land-use Framework. Regular reporting on the Government of Alberta's progress in achieving our vision will occur and will provide accountability in helping us reach our goals.

For more information visit www.treasury-board.alberta.ca/ResponsibleActions.cfm **CNW**

Calgary-North West was host to many Stampede breakfasts again this year. I was fortunate to be able to attend many of them and even cook at some of them. Scenic Acres hosted a Pre-Stampede breakfast and Community Garage Sale. Watergrove Park, Rocky Ridge Royal Oak Community Association, Rocky Ridge at Manor Village, Arbour Lake Retirement Residence, Arbour Lake Community and Residence Association and Ranchlands Community Association all hosted Stampede events. Thank you to the volunteers who were able to come out and help at these events.

Over \$1,200,000 awarded to Calgary-North West Constituents

CALGARY-NORTH WEST Constituency awarded 752 scholarships between September 2009 and April 2010:

Alexander Rutherford
335 individual scholarships
\$742,000

Jason Lang Scholarships
387 individual scholarships
\$386,000

Louise McKinney Scholarships
30 individual scholarships
\$75,000

Congratulations to all of the deserving constituents who received these awards. **CNW**

Groundbreaking in Calgary-NW

ON MAY 14TH, I attended the ground breaking for the NW High School along with Alderman Gord Lowe, Pat Cochrane, Gordon Dirks, MLA Harry Chase, school board officials and city officials.

On June 25th the ground breaking for the Tuscany Middle School occurred. Pat Cochrane, Trustee Wards 8 & 9; Gord Dirks and Harpreet Sandhu from the Tuscany Community Association were on hand for this important community event.

I was unable to attend due to a G-20 event in Toronto. **CNW**



Officials and future students at the ground breaking for NW High School.