



RAY PRINS, MLA LACOMBE PONOKA

A LEARNING ALBERTA FINAL REPORT

Albertans have long known the value and importance of receiving a high-quality education, and we have all witnessed first-hand the tremendous success that our province has achieved thanks to a skilled and knowledgeable population. But what do we need to do to ensure our children and grandchildren are able to find their passion and be the best they can be? How can we foster economic growth, but also, and more importantly, personal growth for Albertans?

Over the past year and a half, nearly 3,000 Albertans provided their thoughts and input on the future of Alberta's advanced learning system throughout a comprehensive look at the system aptly called, *A Learning Alberta*. These ideas were rolled into a final report which was recently presented to and accepted in principle by the Alberta government.

The final report presents a forward-thinking and strategic plan for transforming Alberta's advanced learning system over the next 20 years. The government will now review the report and make decisions on each of its recommendations in the coming months.

As an immediate first step, the government will take all of the recommendations regarding student financial assistance and conduct an in-depth re-engineering of current supports that meets the needs of Alberta students. Student loans, scholarships and other forms of assistance will all be examined to identify areas for improvement, simplification and action.

In addition, government will consult with student groups, faculty associations, institutions and opposition parties on the new tuition fee policy and the detailed regulations. Consultations will take place in June and input will be reviewed over the summer. Government will go back to stakeholders in early fall to finalize the details so that the new policy is ready of implementation in September 2007.

Government has covered tuition increases for students at post-secondary institutions for the past two years, saving them \$87 million and allowing time to evaluate and address the costs students face in pursuing advanced education. The new tuition fee policy will be announced this fall.

2005-06 Financial Report

As your MLA, I am proud to report that the 2005-06 fiscal year was a milestone for the province. As Albertans celebrated the centennial, the year also marked the first time in 12 years that resources were not required for debt reduction. Substantial investments to improve education, address infrastructure requirements, encourage research and innovation, and make Alberta the best place to live, work, and visit were some of the highlights of the 2005-06 Annual Report released by the Department of Finance on June 26, 2006.

The Alberta economy continued to grow during 2005-06. Albertans received \$1.3 billion through the *Alberta 2005 Resource Rebate*, and continued to pay the lowest overall provincial taxes in Canada. Nearly 27,000 jobs were created in the province's robust economy and Alberta's unemployment was the lowest among provinces at 3.9 per cent.

Alberta's commitment to learning was demonstrated over the past year, with \$6.9 billion, or about \$19 million per day, spent on education. This was an increase of 8.4 per cent from 2004-05, primarily reflecting higher basic and post-secondary operating grants. A total of 435 new teachers were hired under the Small Class Size Initiative in the 2005-06 school year, and the *Access to the Future Act* established an advanced education endowment as part of the Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

The province's commitment to a strong public health care system continued in 2005-06. Health spending was \$9.7 billion, or about \$27 mil-



BLAINE CALKINS M.P., WETASKIWIN

CONSERVATIVES MOVE TO SCRAP LONG GUN REGISTRY

Ottawa, Ontario: Blaine Calkins, MP for Wetaskiwin said "progress was made on Monday, June 19th when Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day filled a key Conservative campaign promise and introduced legislation to scrap the failed long-gun registry."

Calkins sees this as a positive step forward for the Constituents of Wetaskiwin who have long supported the Reform, Canadian Alliance and Conservative Party of Canada's position that the registry was destined to be a monumental failure because criminals wouldn't register their firearms.

Now, after eleven years and over \$1 billion, there are approximately seven million registered long-guns in Canada. Yet of the 549 murders recorded in Canada in 2003, only 2 were committed with long-guns known to be registered.

"The Harper government is keeping its promise to repeal the long gun registry and to focus to effective gun control," confirmed Mr. Calkins. "Canadians will still be required to have a valid firearms license to purchase or possess firearms and to purchase ammunition. Prohibited and restricted firearms, such as handguns, will still require registration."



lion per day, an increase of 7.2 per cent from 2004-05. New projects designed to improve access to health services and reduce wait times were supported, including the Alberta Hip and Knee Replacement Project. Alberta's first Primary Care Network was launched in May 2005 and increased funding was provided for electronic health records. A total of \$200 million was also added to the Medical Research Endowment Fund in 2005-06, with a commitment to add a further \$300 million in the following two years.

Social services spending was \$2.7 billion, an increase of 120.7 per cent from 2004-05, reflecting increases to the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped program, seniors benefits, continuing care and children's services.

Commitment to Alberta's infrastructure also continued in 2005-06. A total of \$3.7 billion in capital projects were supported throughout the fiscal year, a 31.7 increase from 2004-05, primarily due to higher municipal infrastructure support. This mainly reflected the first year of the five-year, \$3 billion Municipal Infrastructure Program. Alberta's per capita spending on infrastructure is approximately three times the average of other provinces.

In addition to the Government of Alberta 2005-06 Annual Report, the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund 2005-06 Annual Report was also released. The Heritage Savings Trust Fund continued to contribute revenue in support of Albertan's priorities such as health, education and other services in 2005-06. The Fund earned about \$1.4 billion during 2005-06, and reported an overall rate of return at 15.2 per cent. At March 31, 2006, the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund's fair value was \$14.8 billion. Over the last 29 years, the Heritage Fund has earned more than \$28.6 billion in investment income.

Our government continues on a course of fiscal responsibility that addresses the priorities of Albertans, delivers balanced budgets, and created an environment in which everyone can succeed.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any issue, please contact my constituency office at 782-7725 or Toll Free at 1-800-565-6432 or by mail at 4960B Hwy 2A Lacombe, AB T4L 1J9 or e-mail lacombe.ponoka@assembly.ab.ca.

Mirror Community

Old Tyme Dance at the Mirror Community Hall 4th Saturday of the month. Door and Cash Bar open at 7 pm. Dancing 8 - midnight, lunch to follow. \$10/person (includes lunch). Everyone welcome. For more information call Jean 788-3787 or Bev at 788-2119.

Jolly Seniors contact is President, Don Wilson 788-3836.

Coffee is on every weekday morning at the Friendly Inn

Suppers - 1st. & 3rd. Wednesdays of each month @ 5:30 p.m. at the Friendly Inn.

Floor Curling held Thursdays at 1:30 pm at the Community Hall.

Pancake Breakfast - 2nd Sunday of the month. 9 - 1:00 p.m. @ the Jolly Seniors.

Birthdays celebrated the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Mirror Alliance Church Sunday School 10 - 11 am. Morning worship 11 - noon. Phone: 788-2204.

Mini Youth Group Friday Nights at the Alliance Church at 7:00 pm. Ages 4 to grade 6 welcome.

Mirror United Church Sunday services at 9:30 am. Sunday School classes during the regular service. Children of all ages are welcome. Phone: 788-3835.

Mirror Seventh - Day Adventist Church (corner of 52 St & 51 Ave, north) Saturday Sabbath times: Sabbath School 9:45 am - 11 am. Church 11:15 - 12:15. Cliff Buelow 788-2296. Pastor Morris 747-3971.

Mirror Guiding groups invite all girls ages 5 and up to join our groups for adventure, challenge, friendship and fun. *Sparks, Brownies and Guides meet Fridays after school at the United Church.*

Mirror Guiding Units request your help with one of our service projects, "Kids helping Kids," which provides the little clients of Kids Kottage with toothbrushes, socks and underwear. Ages newborn to 10 years.

Spring Sandwich cookies are available.

1st Parlby Creek Scouts meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Tees Hall. Beavers: Murray Meldrum 784-2407
Cubs: Gord Peters 784-2978
Scouts: Rob Coxen 784-3427
Group Chair: Carla Kenney 784-3055

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MIRROR & DISTRICT MUSEUM

Submitted by Krystalle Wolf

The Mirror and District Museum is once again officially open for the summer. Since our last update, we have had another busy year with visitors, donations, and our ongoing Collections Management/Inventory project.

Our inventory project, although going a little more slowly than anticipated due to a shortage of available volunteers... (*anyone interested in helping? ☺ ... we still have a lot of research, paperwork and photography to complete*), is still coming along very well.

We completed Stage III late last year, where we purchased our new *state of the art* Collections Management software and began the journey to input our inventory data into the computer. Stage IV is in its final month, and has been a continuation of this data input. We have received the funding to continue into Stage V (*artifact/records research and data entry*), and are hoping that a Stage VI (more research, data entry and photography) will be the final phase for the project.

As well, two of our donations from 2004 have generated an additional direction for our collections, *family histories*.

In late 2004, Guy Thomas donated a "Thomas" family history write-up with photographs and historical family documents, and Donna Jean Hauer and Iola Alm donated a "Ray" family history album with stories and photos.

As both donations have turned out to be such wonderful additions to our collection, we would like to continue to encourage other local families who are gathering their own histories, to add their histories to our collection as well. We already have been promised at least four more as soon as they are completed, and would love to see a whole family history section on display one day.

As for funding, Alberta Museums Association once again provided us with a \$1500. Operations grant for 2006, as well as much of the funding for our Inventory project progression. Their organization has been invaluable to our process as a successful museum, and we thank them once again for all their funding and support.

Another grant we applied for last year from Alberta Gaming's *Community Initiatives Program* came through as a *yes* as well, allowing us to add museum quality shelving and storage containers to our storage area. This shelving is now in place and all our artifacts in storage now have an orderly, safe home where we can easily locate them.

We also applied for a matching grant from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation to go ahead with the restoration plans for St.

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Monica's United church's foundation, however were told just last week that the funds had run out for the year. They will however, review our application again next year when their new funds arrive, so we hope to be able to go forward with the restoration plans in 2007.

Our Community Memories project, which can be seen online at the Virtual Museum of Canada's website, has generated a fair amount of interest over this past year. We have received quite a few emails from viewers with questions about some of the items or histories they came across in our exhibit. *This is another area we could use some volunteer assistance with, as many of these questions need someone to research our records and books to find the answers for the inquiries and email the information back to them.*

And finally, last September we held a 20th Anniversary celebration for our museum. How time flies! We had lots of participants and visitors come to help us celebrate, including Paul Brooks and friends, who entertained us grandly with their fiddle music, Connie Brooks who read palms, and local elders such as Walter Buelow, Jim McKenzie, Edgar Baker, and Robert Ripley, who entertained us with stories, history and made home-made ice cream for everyone up at the Jolly Seniors Centre.

Well those are the highlights for the past year. We encourage our community and guests to visit our museum over the summer and if interested, we would love to have more people get involved with our museum as a volunteer to help us preserve our area's history and artifacts.

Mirror Grade 8 Farewell

submitted by Mirror School Staff

Students from grade 8 at Mirror School held an evening of celebration, to say Farewell to their grade k to 8 school. Most of the seven students had attended Mirror since their kindergarten years.

In their Farewell program, each student spoke about the history of one of their peers. These stories were humorous and touching at the same time. Mitch Carlyle, Dillon MacKenzie and Tyler Peterson read the class history, which detailed the teachers and events of each year. Mrs. Moen, who taught the class in their primary years, was a clear favourite of this class.

Mirror Student Union President, Rhianna Congdon (above), gave a toast to the parents for their assistance and love over the years. Nancy Waddy was chosen by the students to respond to the toast, as she and her husband Rob have worked with these kids for a long time.

Greg Waddy gave a toast to the teachers, and Principal Stewart Botsford responded. John Hayward directed his class to present their mothers' with a rose, as a small thank you for their help. This move definitely moistened a few eyes.

Parents clearly enjoyed the evening as it brought together many parents, relatives and friends in the community. Mirror School Staff wish 'all the best' to the students.



Mirror School principal Stew Botsford assists Mitch Carlyle as he gets a rose. Greg Waddy (front) takes a rose to his mother, while Cody Lavallee waits his turn.

Sargent District Events

A **Fall Harvest Breakfast** is set for September 23 starting at 9 a.m.

Other upcoming events will be posted as they are about to happen! So keep a lookout for them!

Sargent Ladies meet the first Wednesday of each month, call Marsha for information 784 -3446.

Sargent district news or events, call Cecelia at 784 - 2170 or Marie at 784-3444.

EVENTS IN TEES

The Biggest Little Rodeo is back for the 31st time! **Tees Rodeo** will take place on Aug. 5 & 6, 2006, at 12 noon. Sanctioned by the Central Alberta Rodeo Association and sponsored by the Tees Ag Society. Admission: \$7 adults, \$5 7-12 years. Karaoke Friday night in the Beer Gardens. Saturday and Sunday Beer Gardens featured performers will be the Gypsies. Saturday and Sunday evenings the Pony Express Races and Miniature Chuckwagon Races will run. Concession on site. Free camping. If you can work the concession please call Gerry after July 15 at 391-2366.

Tees Bench Show and Fair August 19, 2006. For more details call Irene at 747-3556 or Anita 784-3389.

Tees Slowpitch is looking for teams! Fun league. For more information contact Barb 784-2168. Fee is \$50 per team.

Parlby Creek Brushkateers Art Club For information call Irene 747-3556 (evenings).

1st Parlby Creek Scouts meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Tees Hall.

Contact info:

Beavers: Murray Meldrum 784-2407

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Tees 50+ meet Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm at the Tees Hall.

Tees Agricultural meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8 pm at the Tees Hall.

To Rent the Tees Hall call Gerry or Karen at 784-3660.

Haynes Happenings

Haynes Playschool

Is taking registrations for children ages 3 and 4. Colleen Bushman provides a fresh and fun atmosphere where your child can learn through play. Playschool is held Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 am, mid September 2006 to May 2007 at the Haynes Hall. For more information contact Christine Day 784-2136 or Cathy Sharp 885-5428.

The **Mirror and District Museum** would like to thank the following organizations and people for providing us with funding and support in 2005 / 2006.

Alberta Museums Association

- * **Operations grant for 2006** (\$1500.)
- * **"Collections" Project grants for Stage III, IV and V of our Inventory Project** (\$5660) (\$5357.14) (\$6000)

Alberta Gaming

- * **Community Initiatives Program** funding for our storage shelving (\$9860)

Mr. Ray Prins, MLA - Lacombe-Ponoka Constituency
Hon. Gary Mar, Minister of Community Development - 2005
Hon. Denis Ducharme, Minister of Community Development - 2006
Gerry Osmond, Executive Director - Alberta Museums Association

And the Alberta government - Lotteries funding, who provides the base funding for all.

Clive is Alive

Clive Lions Demolition Derby Sunday, July 9 at 1 pm at the Blaine Boyd Memorial Recreation Park on Highway 605, north of Tees. Great fun for the whole family. Admission: \$10 adults, 7 & under free. Reminder that due to insurance regulations, no picnic coolers or alcohol will be allowed in the grounds, and NO dogs, please. The Lions concession will be available.

Community Shower for Jeff Wagner and Hyun Joo Mun on Tuesday, July 11, 7 pm at the Clive Meeting Room. Everyone welcome. Ladies bring lunch.

Clive Little Red Hen Playschool information night in the basement of the Baptist Church, Monday, August 14 at 8 pm. Playschool runs from September through to May, on Monday and/or Thursday mornings. If you have a child who will be 3 or 4 as of September 2006, come out for more information and to pre-register as space is limited. For more information contact Regina Wierenga 784-3068 or Becky Folkerts at 784-3009.

Summer Fun Program Registration forms at Clive Store or the school. For ages 5 - 11. July 3 - Aug. 18, 2006. 9:30 - 2:30, Monday to Thursday. Call Bonnie 784-3277 for more information and costs.

Clive Compost Site for grass clippings is located on the west side of the Village Maintenance Shop. Grass clippings will not be accepted for garbage pick up.

Greyhound Agency is available at Clive Village Foods to meet your freight and travel needs.

Interagency/Service Provider Meeting 2nd Wednesday of each month from 12 - 1 pm. To add items to the agenda contact Mikki at 784-3171.

Youth Centre is open the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in the basement of the Clive Legion. 8-13 yrs from 6:00 - 7:15 pm. 14-18 yrs from 7:30 - 9:00 pm.

For more information call the Youth Coordinator, Dawna Rodney at 357-1770 or 783-2795, or Heather Northcott at 784-2164.

Clive Seniors Circle Join them on Monday afternoons at 1:30 pm for friendship, floor curling, shuffle board, pool, cards or carpet bowling. All activities are at the Meeting Room. Contact Albert Wagner for more information at 782-2409.

Lutheran Church services will be held at 9 am. Regular Sunday School and Youth Group at 9 am. For further information contact Bonnie Marcil at 784-3489.

Clive Christian Fellowship for Sunday School times and information contact Pastor Rowland at 784-3141. **Youth Group** for grades 7 - 12 has started. For more information contact Bev at 782-7711.

Clive Baptist Church Kids' worship (age 5 to gr. 6) at 10 am. Sunday School (Jr., Sr. high and adult) 10 am. Regular worship service at 11 am. Children's Church (ages 2 - gr. 2) at 11 am. Youth - Friday nights at 7:00 pm. Contact John or Kristy at 782-2420.

Clive School events

Aug 28 - School will be open for student registration

Sept 5 - First day of classes for the 2006-2007 school year

Sept 8 - Welcome Back Breakfast

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VILLAGE OF CLIVE

Clive Village Office 784-3366

Clive Mayor: Marvin Wieler

Website: www.clive.ca

Council meetings are the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.

Community Sign on Hwy 12 to have an event put up call 784-3414

Clive and District Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)

784-3277 Fax 784-3273

Coordinator: Bonnie Wildeman

Monday 9 - 3:00, Thursday 9 - 12

Clive Public Library Tracey 784-3131 (Located below Village Office)

Tuesday 9 - noon, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Story Time - Wednesday afternoons from 2 - 2:30 pm at the Library. For children 3 - 5 years old. There is no charge.

Thrift Store

Tuesdays 1:30 - 5:00 pm

Neighbourhood Place Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 - 4:00 pm. Call 784-3171. Co-ordinator: Mikki Newell

Clive Community Spirit Van To book call Louise 784-3414

Block Parents contact Jane Redekopp 784-3356 for more details.

Clive School 784-3354

Principal: Ian Rawlinson

Secretary: Sue Boston

Clive Ag Society meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Referee Room at the Clive Arena. Cam D'Andrea 784-2660.

Clive Senior Circle Contact Albert Wagner 782-2409

Meet Mon. at 1:30 pm

Clive Lions Club meets 2nd and 4th Wed. of the month, 7:30 at Clive Community Hall.

Clive Legion meet 1st Thurs. of the month at 8:00 pm. Brenda 784-2250

Clive Multi 4-H Laura van Dijk 784-2205

Clive Hall Bev Krochak 784-3964

Clive Meeting Room Anita Gillard - 784-3987

Fire Department Monte Zaytsoff 784-3997

Clive Historical Society Louise Bell 784-3414

Chatelaine Club (Westling) meets 3rd Tues. @ 7:30, Westling Hall, Becky Wagner 784-2823

SOS Moms & Tots Playgroup Meet Tues, 10 am at Clive Baptist Church, Shelly Gray 784-3199

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Clive Baptist Church Ron Orr 784-3252

Clive Christian Fellowship Gord Rowland 784-3141

Clive United Church Shealagh McClelland 784-3367

Saron Lutheran Church Rev. Art Henkelman 343-6836

Clive Curling Club Bev Krochak 784-3964

Clive Skating Club call 784-2019