

## **REPORT FROM THE Calgary-McCall MLA IRFAN SABIR**

The holidays are a special time, when many of us spend time with loved ones. It's also a time of reflection. For me, looking back on 2015 is a chance to re-visit the accomplishments of Alberta's first NDP government. It has truly been a pleasure over the last seven months, meeting you and representing your interests at the Legislature. Our dedicated team of MLAs is renewing hope, listening to Albertans and leading change to create a fair and prosperous future for all those who live in our province. I'd like to share with you some of the highlights since the May election.

### *Budget 2015: Supporting Jobs and Supporting Families*

October brought a momentous occasion for our government, as we presented our first budget. Budget 2015 includes a plan to support jobs and support families, the Alberta way. It stabilizes the public services Albertans rely on. It also includes a plan to increase capital spending by 15% to build and repair important infrastructure like schools, hospitals and roads, while putting Albertans back to work.

### *A Climate Leadership Plan*

Our government is stepping up to one of the world's biggest problems — the pollution that is causing climate change. Our plan will ensure we do our part to address this serious issue. Our Climate Leadership Plan accelerates the transition from coal to renewable energy, puts a price on carbon pollution and sets emission limits for the oil sands. Our goal is to become one of the world's most progressive and forward-looking energy producers.

### *A Plan for Economic Growth and Diversification*

Our government has created the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade to provide leadership on the government's economic development efforts. The ministry is developing an economic growth and diversification plan for Alberta. We've also created a new Job Creation Incentive Program that will provide Alberta employers with grants of up to \$5,000 for each new job — it will support up to 27,000 new jobs each year, through to 2017.

### *Investing in the Health of Albertans*

Budget 2015 stabilizes Alberta's public health care system with predictable, long-term funding, while getting the annual growth of the health budget under control. Increased capital spending over the next five years will mean better hospitals for the people in our province. We've also funded up to 400 more midwife births this year. A new cancer centre will be built at Foothills Medical Centre campus in Calgary, a much needed facility to help Albertans with cancer.

## *Greater Gender Equality*

Premier Rachel Notley created a Ministry for the Status of Women which will lead the Government's work to improve gender equality in Alberta. The Premier also created Canada's first gender-balanced cabinet.

If you have any questions or suggestions in regards to the provincial governance, please contact my office at 403.216.5424, email at [calgary.mccall@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:calgary.mccall@assembly.ab.ca), or drop by at #311, 7 Westwinds Crescent NE (M - F: 9a – 5p). I remain committed to representing your interests, listening to you and keeping you informed on my activities and those of your government. Together, we can build a stronger and more prosperous Alberta!

Regards, and Happy Holidays

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