



Today's Opportunities Tomorrow's Promise

Acting on the plan

Some of the steps already taken in achieving the plan include:

- The provincial debt is paid off.
- 70% of the provincial budget is invested in health, education and infrastructure.
- A \$6.8 billion capital plan, including a number of world-class infrastructure projects will put the province well ahead of the pack. Projects include: a world-class cardiac centre of excellence, a state of the art bone and joint centre, hundreds of modernized schools and roads, and a new animal disease testing lab.
- Research is already leading to more innovative ways of extracting oil from Alberta's oil sands and developing medical breakthroughs such as the Edmonton Protocol for Diabetes.
- Some of the best and brightest scientists, researchers and doctors are moving to Alberta.
- Innovations like HealthLink are improving services. Providing 24-hour access to medical experts over the phone has reduced unnecessary visits to emergency rooms.
- Alberta has the most comprehensive water strategy in Canada and is taking action on climate change, protecting natural areas and upgrading and preserving provincial parks.
- The province is implementing a six-point BSE recovery strategy and has a rural development plan.
- Through increased manufacturing, research and technology, the province's value-added strategy aims to develop more innovative and knowledge-intensive industries in Alberta.

All Albertans play a key role in creating the future of the province.

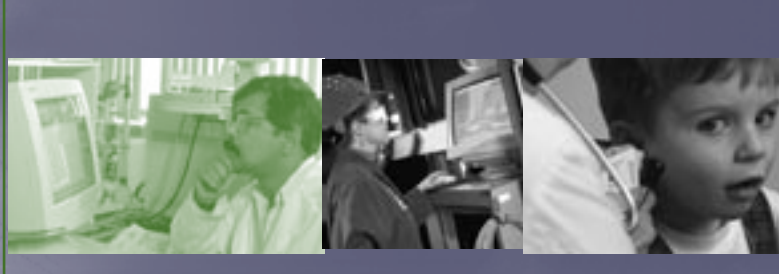
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Planning today for Alberta's continued prosperity in the future



A long-range plan for the province



Alberta today

Albertans are pioneers – known for new ways of thinking and new ways of doing things. It's this spirit that makes Alberta the leader on so many fronts. Moving into the future, the Alberta government wants the province to stay out in front, building on Albertans' self-reliance and creating opportunities for all Albertans – healthy, safe communities, a clean environment and modern infrastructure - and ensuring Alberta is a place where people choose to live and maximize their potential.

In today's world, change is constant. While no one can be certain about the future, Albertans know that they want a province with a high quality of life; a place where people choose to live and have the opportunity to succeed. They want a province where children can get the best possible education, health care is available when we need it and where we live in harmony with friends and relatives from all over the world.

Today's Opportunities –Tomorrow's Promise is the government's plan for the next 20 years. Based on the priorities government heard from Albertans, the plan sets out a vision for what we can achieve together as a province. It builds on Alberta's current success and lays the foundation for future success. The four pillars of the plan focus on unleashing innovation and leading in learning so that the province can compete in the global economy and make Alberta the best place to live, work and visit.

This long-range plan was built based on advice from Albertans. Government will continue to work with Albertans, including the private sector, communities and non-governmental organizations to refine this plan. Your input will be reflected, and further captured in government's three-year business and fiscal plans.

The vision

A vibrant and prosperous province where Albertans enjoy a superior quality of life and are confident about the future for themselves and their children.

HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS

UNLEASHING INNOVATION

- Research, technology and innovation will allow Albertans to maximize traditional industries through enhanced recovery and use of oil, gas and coal reserves; more environmentally-friendly production methods; and development of new products.
- Research, technology and innovation will broaden Alberta's economy in the fields of biosciences, life sciences, information technology and nanotechnology.
- Develop investment markets, venture capital and early-stage financing to promote product development and production in Alberta so researchers, scientists, and entrepreneurs live and work here and sell their products to the world.
- Balance development with the need to protect air, water and land, and maximize these natural resources for all Albertans now and into the future. This environmental stewardship will be achieved through initiatives such as the Clean Air Strategy, the Water for Life Strategy and a new land-use strategy.

LEADING IN LEARNING

- Ensure that all children have the opportunity to succeed.
- Invest in learning, and continue to improve an excellent education system so that students can achieve their potential and the entire province benefits from a well-educated, highly-skilled citizenry and workforce.
- Continue to invest in universities, colleges and technical institutes to ensure access to high quality, affordable post-secondary education.
- Ensure access to lifelong learning so that all Albertans can get the work and life skills they need to achieve their goals and take advantage of opportunities for success.
- Attract skilled and educated workers from around the world to Alberta and help immigrants qualify to work in the fields for which they are trained.

COMPETING IN A GLOBAL MARKETPLACE

- Keep Alberta competitive: continue to remove unnecessary government rules and regulations and keep taxes low.
- Find more places to export Alberta goods, services, knowledge and technology.
- Build on Alberta's oil and gas, agriculture and forestry industries to get the highest value in world markets.

COMPETING IN A GLOBAL MARKETPLACE continued...

- Create more open and free trade opportunities for products and investment.
- Ensure that Alberta's infrastructure – roads, utilities, the Supernet – is the best in the world so that citizens and businesses have the foundation they need to compete.
- Promote Alberta's strengths in a strong Canada and in the world.

MAKING ALBERTA THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND VISIT

- Stay out of debt and ensure adequate revenues to fund Albertans' priorities.
- Support vibrant, strong, safe communities.
- Build an education system that is second to none.
- Ensure accessible, quality health care for our parents, our children, our grandchildren and ourselves when we need it.
- Provide help for those who need a hand-up.
- Work with Aboriginal people and communities to improve their socio-economic status.
- Promote arts and culture, sports and recreation, history, parks and the natural beauty of Alberta as a great place to live and a wonderful place to visit.
- Promote freedom and self-reliance, the basic values shared by Albertans.