

# Moving Alberta Forward

A message from Premier Ed Stelmach



On December 15, 2006, I gave each member of my Cabinet a letter outlining his or her “to do” list. Our government has a plan for Alberta, and I wanted every member of the team to know

how he or she was supporting that plan.

The mandate letters were a move toward more open and accountable government – one of the things I promised Albertans. That’s why the letters were made public. They were a contract between our government and the people we serve.

With a full year behind us, it’s time to report back to Albertans on how we did. I hope you’ll read on to see some of the highlights.

Now we’re moving on with the next part of the plan. Over the coming year, our government will focus on three priorities: building communities, greening our growth, and creating opportunity.

We’re working with communities and Albertans to put the plan into action. Together, we’re building tomorrow.

## Find out more. Share your ideas.

To learn more about the province’s plan, our progress, and the work underway, visit [www.alberta.ca](http://www.alberta.ca).

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# Building tomorrow

*Working together on a plan to secure Alberta’s future*



# A Plan to Secure Alberta's Future

## Building communities

As our population grows, supporting strong communities is key to sustaining and enhancing our high quality of life. **Our goal is for Alberta to continue to be the best place in North America to live, work and to raise a family.**

### Key achievements:

- Developed an aggressive \$18.2 billion infrastructure plan to build roads, schools and health facilities.
- Established a secure long-term funding arrangement that will invest \$11.3 billion in municipalities over the next 10 years.
- Got tough on crime by implementing a crime reduction strategy.
- Invested \$285 million to address immediate housing pressures. Established a secretariat to eradicate homelessness within 10 years.
- Promoted health and wellness by passing tobacco reduction legislation and developing a pandemic influenza plan and a 10-year immunization plan.
- Enhanced the wide range of services already available to support children, families, seniors, and those most in need.
- Improved child care subsidies, increased wage top-ups for child care staff, and provided funding for new child care spaces as part of Alberta's Five-Point Child Care Investment Plan.
- Increased funding to women's shelters and sexual assault centres, implemented a safe visitation program, and increased awareness about family violence and bullying prevention.
- Developed a culture policy encompassing Alberta's cultural, historical and natural heritage.
- Fostered community spirit by increasing the tax credit for charitable donations.
- Moved Alberta's Traffic Safety Plan forward.

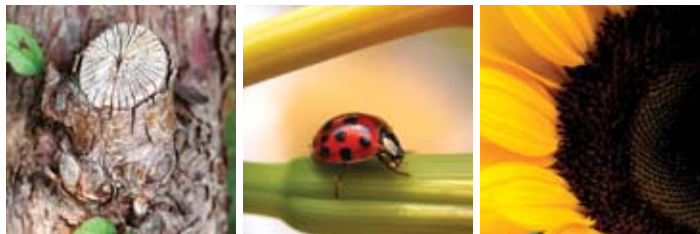
## Greening our growth

Alberta will take bold action to combine development with a strong environmental ethic. Finding the right balance between development and conservation is a great challenge, which starts with a practical plan that encourages innovation and sets realistic goals for industry.

### Key achievements:

- Completed consultations to update Alberta's climate change action plan including conservation and energy efficiency.
- Regulated large industrial facilities to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions intensity.
- Launched three programs to pilot a cumulative effects approach to environmental management.
- Led a joint federal/provincial task force to study the feasibility of a carbon capture and storage network in Alberta.
- Mandated the Alberta Water Council to provide recommendations on advancing the *Water for Life* strategy.
- Developed an aggressive strategy to protect the health of Alberta's forests.
- Consulted with Albertans and stakeholders to develop a comprehensive Land-use Framework to balance competing demands on Alberta's landscape.

For a complete list of projects and progress, visit [www.alberta.ca](http://www.alberta.ca).



## Creating opportunity

**Alberta must capitalize on new opportunities to grow our economy and secure long-term prosperity – for all Albertans.** We're working to expand our value-added sectors and build on our traditional strengths in energy, agriculture, forestry, tourism and health sciences.

### Key achievements:

- Updated the royalty framework to ensure Albertans are receiving a fair share from energy development and Alberta remains a competitive place to do business.
- Created the Value Added and Technology Commercialization Task Force to create, grow and sustain globally competitive and innovative companies.
- Added 6,000 technical training seats for apprentices and invested in post-secondary education to increase accessibility and quality.
- Launched a 'Made-in-Alberta' immigration strategy to address skill shortages and help immigrants successfully transition into Alberta.
- Developed a comprehensive Health Workforce Strategy to secure and retain needed health professionals.
- Funded 21 rural development projects to contribute to the growth and prosperity of rural Alberta.
- Reached an agreement-in-principle with the Alberta Teachers' Association to address a longstanding unfunded pension liability.
- Introduced an incentive program for value-added production using ethane.
- Appointed the Financial Investment Planning and Advisory Commission to explore options for long-term investment strategies of resource revenues.
- Committed funding of more than \$1 billion to meet infrastructure needs in the Fort McMurray area. Established the Oil Sands Sustainable Development Secretariat to coordinate and improve planning in that region.