

Managing growth pressures

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Premier responds to growth pressures with added cabinet strength

Edmonton... Premier Ed Stelmach has announced the appointment of Ron Stevens, MLA for Calgary-Glenmore, as Deputy Premier and Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and the addition of three persons to Cabinet.

Joining Cabinet are: Yvonne Fritz, MLA for Calgary-Cross, as Associate Minister of Affordable Housing and Urban Development; Cindy Ady, MLA for Calgary-Shaw, as Associate Minister of Tourism Promotion (with responsibility for Alberta's participation in activities pertaining to the 2010 Olympics in British Columbia); and Gene Zwozdesky, MLA for Edmonton-Mill Creek, as Associate Minister for Capital Planning.

"I have listened to concerns about adding voices from urban Alberta and I'm taking action," said Premier Stelmach. "Both Cabinet workload and the responsibility to communicate with all Albertans are better balanced with these adjustments."

"The first few months of a new government are always a learning process, and we've listened and learned," added the Premier. "I'm confident these moves will encourage Albertans to come together to meet the challenges we face, and to grasp the unique opportunity we have to secure Alberta's future prosperity and quality of life."

A swearing in ceremony presided over by Lt. Governor Norman Kwong will be held at the McDougall Centre in Calgary on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 27.

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Mandates issued to Associate Ministers

Associate Minister, Capital Planning

- Provide advice and make recommendations on matters relating to the Government of Alberta 3-year Capital Plan;
- Develop a long-term capital plan to address needs related to growth, ensure maintenance of existing infrastructure, explore options to fund capital projects and manage inflation in infrastructure costs; and
- Any other direction from Treasury Board.

Associate Minister, Affordable Housing and Urban Development

- Develop options for policies, programs or approaches to address affordable housing issues including supporting the implementation of the government's response to the Housing Task Force report; and
- Provide provincial government leadership to the identification of issues related to rapid urban growth and coordinate development of new policies and approaches to address them.

Associate Minister, Sport and Tourism Promotion

- Market and promote Alberta as an attractive tourism destination and facilitate the development of tourism products and the tourism industry;
- Promote participation in sport, recreation and physical activity in communities, schools and workplaces; and
- Coordinate Alberta's participation with BC for the 2008 and 2010 Olympics in marketing both provinces as great places to live and visit.

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