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## Calgary-Varsity

- Calgary Varsity Resident since 1987
- Married with four children
- University of Calgary Graduate
- Professional Engineer for over 24 years
- Past President of APEGGA –Representing 40,000 Professional Engineers and Geoscientists in Alberta
- Community Volunteer & Parent Council Member

### *Invest for the future*

With our debt paid we are at the beginning of a new Alberta. It is time to consider how

best to invest for our future. Health, education & infrastructure are vital. Please tell me your views. I will act on your priorities.

### *I believe in people.*

Serving as your MLA will give me the opportunity to work with people dedicated to making Alberta the best possible place to live, work and raise a family. I will listen to you and take forward your ideas for a bright future.

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MIKE **Smyth**

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I ask for your support on election day.



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 Alberta

# Proud to be Albertan

Albertans are unique—we have an eternal pioneering and entrepreneurial spirit. We are proud of our freedoms, our accomplishments, and our willingness to try new things.

Albertans dare to be different. When Albertans decided the province should be deficit and debt free, everyone tightened their belts and pulled together to get it done. When farmers were overwhelmed by drought and BSE, Albertans stood tall and came to their aid. Even in tough times, Albertans are proud of being independent and determined. We have a strong feeling of self-determination that is balanced with our commitment to our families and the greater community—it's this spirit that makes us Proud to be Albertan.

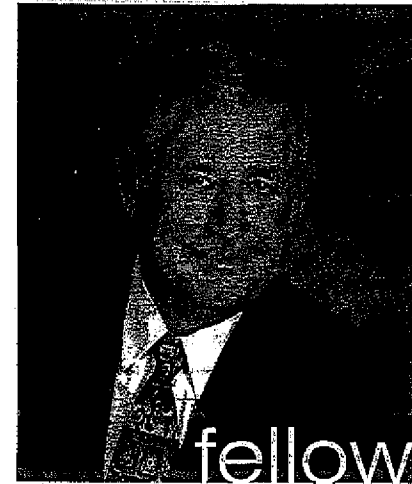
*"Every day, I am  
amazed by the  
ingenuity, initiative  
and commitment of  
Albertans—it's truly  
inspiring."*

RALPH KLEIN



A Progressive Conservative government is committed to these core Albertan values and principles:

- Alberta will always be debt-free
- Spend wisely and never spend more than we can afford
- A sustainable health care system that is always there when people need it
- An education system that leads the world and enables and encourages Albertans to contribute to their fullest potential
- Communities that offer a quality of life second to none
- Respect and care for those less advantaged
- Respect and support for Alberta's seniors
- A diversified economy that provides jobs and opportunities for all Albertans
- An economic climate that fosters innovation, growth and investment
- A sustainable agricultural industry that contributes to strong rural communities
- The lowest personal income taxes in Canada and no sales tax
- Government that gets out of the way to let people do what they do best
- Alberta will always be a place where people want to live, work and visit
- Government will listen and be responsive to the needs and wishes of Albertans
- Alberta will remain a strong province and leader within Canada



## fellow Albertans

On July 12, Albertans officially burned the province's mortgage—the provincial debt. Every Albertan played a part in building a positive future for our children and our grandchildren. Over the past 11 years we paid \$12.8 billion in interest on debt. Well, our mortgage and those interest payments are gone. Our home is paid for and will stay that way.

Where do we go from here? A PC government will be guided by the advice of Albertans, including what 290,000 Albertans told us in the "It's Your Future" survey.

Alberta is the envy of the nation. We do have challenges, but fortunately we are in a position to address them. We see Alberta as a debt-free province that provides opportunity for every citizen. It's a place where people can choose freely, pursue opportunities and excel. It's a place where people are healthy and supported by the country's best health care system. It's a place where people are well educated because of a superb education system. It's a place where people enjoy a high quality of life. We see a prosperous province that thrives on ingenuity and entrepreneurialism and one where every individual can say, "I am proud to be Albertan."

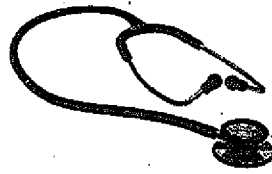
That Alberta pride is due to your hard work. You've helped build quite a legacy leading into our province's 100th birthday. 2005 will be a remarkable year as Albertans enter the second century of our province.

In this election we have 83 dedicated Progressive Conservative candidates. Each has unique talents to help build an even better Alberta. Please support our team. We will build Alberta's future together.

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*"You know, I'm often approached  
by Albertans who say to me,  
Ralph, I was just visiting another  
province and boy, am I glad to be  
back home in Alberta!  
We've got it good here."*

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## Health and Education

### Health

Alberta has won recognition for its outstanding health care system but more can be done to address current challenges. Our government is committed to a quality public health care system that is responsive, sustainable and affordable and based on these commitments:

- Publicly funded health care will always be there when people need it
- Major investments will reduce waiting times and access, especially in orthopedics and cardiac areas
- Special scholarships will be expanded to encourage physicians to locate in rural communities
- An emphasis will be placed on promoting wellness and healthy life style choices to reduce or minimize the need for treatment
- The Cardiac Care Centre of Excellence in Edmonton, the Joint Surgery Centre of Excellence in Calgary, and the Alberta Children's Hospital will be completed and other hospitals will be modernized and expanded.

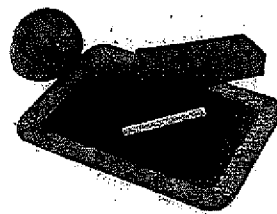
### Education

Alberta students are world-class performers. The province's students consistently score at or near the top in international test results. Today, Alberta spends more per-student than any other province. Degree granting opportunities are being expanded to post-secondary to improve access. As well, we will:

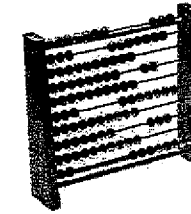
- Complete implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on Learning
- Over three years, reduce class sizes to 17 students for K to grade 3; 23 students grades 4 to 6; 25 students grades 7 to 9; and 27 students grades 10 to 12
- Maintain limits on tuition increases
- Ensure the student loan program is responsive to needs of students and their families
- Continue the Campus Alberta program to ensure people have access to on-line learning anywhere in Alberta.
- Ensure all schools have access to the SuperNet and related technologies

*"Without good health  
and quality education,  
we have no future.  
Our commitment is to  
be the best in both."*

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## Economy

Alberta is blessed with exceptional citizens, abundant natural resources and unlimited opportunities. The \$94 billion inventory in major Alberta projects is a testament to the province's positive investment climate. We have the highest employment in the country and a superb support network of colleges, technical schools and universities.

Maintaining and strengthening Alberta's economic advantage requires a commitment to our success principles—belief in free enterprise; willingness to take risks; ability to stand up for Alberta; and the discipline to maintain a positive fiscal regime without debt. These are guiding PC principles.

We will:

- Continue to maintain a positive investment and business climate
- Keep personal and corporate taxes the lowest in Canada
- Minimize the regulatory burden on businesses
- Promote economic diversification and new technologies
- Work with industry to strengthen global competitiveness
- Maintain and develop a highly-skilled workforce

### Agriculture

- Work towards long-term viability of the agricultural industry
- Implement a six-point recovery strategy for the cattle industry
- Work to open the US border to the movement of live cattle
- Encourage investment in domestic slaughter and processing capacity
- Continue to develop research capacity to ensure a safe food supply
- Implement the rural development plan to maintain viable rural communities

### Energy

- Maintain Natural Gas Rebates to offset high winter natural gas prices
- Encourage further investment and competition in electricity markets
- Maintain an environment conducive to investment in the oil sands
- Encourage development of alternative energy sources—coal bed methane, wind, hydrogen, biomass, etc.
- Streamline the energy, environmental and resource management regulatory system

*"People are moving to  
Alberta, because we are  
a province of  
opportunity for them  
and their families."*

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**for People**

Alberta's greatest resource is its people. They have never-ending optimism and enthusiasm for our province. Our goal is to ensure all Albertans share in the Alberta Advantage through opportunity and support when needed. We must work together to ensure safe caring communities where our children and youth can grow and thrive, and where our seniors are respected. We will work with you to:

- Ensure Alberta's children get a good start in life
- Work to resolve problems with children-at-risk
- Enhance programs that help children affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and similar challenges
- Ensure the well-being of our seniors-especially those in need
- Ensure seniors do not pay public health care premiums
- Re-introduce programs for seniors for optical and dental assistance
- Provide seniors with assistance with the education portion of property taxes beginning in 2005
- Help seniors remain in their own homes as long as possible
- Create safe communities with emphasis on crime prevention
- Direct efforts towards resolving substance-abuse problems such as crystal meth

*"We have to do  
whatever we can to  
ensure that Alberta is  
the best place in the  
world for children to  
live and grow."*

RALPH KLEIN

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**for Communities**



Albertans live in a wide variety of communities-cities, towns, villages, summer villages, Aboriginal communities, counties, Métis settlements, municipal districts, special areas, improvement districts and special municipalities. Our goal is to work towards ensuring these communities are places where Albertans wish to live, work and visit. We will:

*People*

- Continue to give those in need a "hand up" rather than just a "hand out"
- Complete the AISH program review and make changes if warranted
- Work to have all Albertans benefit from the Alberta Advantage

*Infrastructure*

- Invest a further \$3 billion in infrastructure, with \$1 billion for Edmonton, \$1 billion for Calgary and \$1 billion for other urban and rural municipalities. That is in addition to the \$6.8 billion for roads and infrastructure committed this year and for 2005 and 2006
- Complete the twinning of the North-South Trade Corridor
- Provide funds for building or upgrading schools, hospitals, and post-secondary institutions

*Environment*

- Preserve the land we love, the air we breathe and the water we drink, while balancing the demands of industry and other usage groups
- Further develop and implement Alberta's Water Strategy
- Work with industry and communities to protect Alberta from the negative impacts of the Kyoto Protocol while taking steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

*"Alberta*

*communities continue*

*to offer a quality of*

*life second to none in*

*Canada. Our superb*

*quality of life is critical*

*for economic growth."*

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