

MOVING ALBERTA  
*forward* 



**RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

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Alberta is blessed with abundant resources. Before the discovery of the massive hydrocarbon basin below us, our economy already relied on our fertile land, fresh water, lush forests, and other natural advantages.

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provides the lifeblood of our province's economy and character. When it comes to fairly allocating resources and determining priorities, too often our government loses sight of this.

The Wildrose Caucus understands the unique challenges faced by our rural communities. Whether it is our Municipal Infrastructure, Agriculture, or Property Rights policies, we recognize that the long-term health of Alberta depends on ensuring our rural industries and communities have the support they deserve.

The Wildrose Caucus will stand up for a strong rural Alberta.

# POLICIES

## RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- » Implement the Wildrose 10/10 MSI plan, which would allocate 10% of all tax revenues and 10% of budget surpluses to municipalities so rural municipalities are immune from the threats, promises, politics, and unpredictability of provincial politicians
- » Assemble and publish an online “Alberta Infrastructure Priority List” outlining the priority of all requested capital projects across the province, and the objective criteria used to arrive at that priority, to ensure no parts of Alberta are being ignored
- » **Improve rural ambulance response times by decentralizing service delivery, and using non-emergency vehicles for transferring patients, so those ambulances are available for emergency response in local service areas**
- » Ensure that all road maintenance is done according to objective prioritization and that contractors are meeting all performance measures
- » **Amend the Land-Use Framework, to ensure that when combined with flood mitigation efforts, or new policies regarding annexation or amalgamation, it does not have a negative effect on the rights of landowners**
- » Ensure that viability evaluations for hospitals and schools take into consideration the role of these institutions in the community

- » Commit to increasing Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) and library funding to reflect recent population levels
- » *Examine and improve the system of delivering essential high speed internet to rural Alberta*

