



# 2008 State of the City Address



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## Outline

- Highlights from 2007
- Priorities & Opportunities (long term)
- Expectations for 2008





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## Highlights from 2007

- Annexation
- Newman College/Anthony Henday
- Municipal Development Plan
- South Riel Plan
- Ted Hole Park
- Ray Gibbon Drive
- Riel Recreation Park
- Regional Planning





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## Priorities and Opportunities

- Economic Development
- Servus Place
- Infrastructure
- 150<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary
- Downtown Development
- Arts & Heritage Initiatives
- Social & Community Development
- Environmental Sustainability
- Financial Sustainability





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## Economic Development and Non-Residential Tax Base

### *Increase non-residential development*

- Complete utility and transportation master planning
- Expedite study area decisions
- Campbell Park and Riel South
- Highway # 2 corridor
- Aggressively market St. Albert
- Pursue development





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## Economic Development and Non-Residential Tax Base

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- Enhance the business attraction and retention culture
- Broader engagement of more stakeholders

### *Tourism*

- Develop St. Albert's events hosting strategy





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## Servus Place

- Complete reviews (financial, peer, operational, marketing)
- Citizen review oversight
- Prioritize & implement strategies – April/2008





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## Infrastructure

### *Planning*

- Update long-term infrastructure strategy
- Develop infrastructure funding plan
- Revise the 10-Year Capital Plan
  - (\$163 million grant)





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## Infrastructure

### *Roads*

- Ray Gibbon Drive
  - funding agreement
  - Stage 3 construction
- South Riel Transportation Corridor

### *Civic Buildings*

- Branch library
- St. Albert Place
- Old RCMP building (+ others)



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### *Public Transit*

- Regional planning
- LRT planning
- Continuous improvement projects (GPS etc.)





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## Infrastructure

### *Public Works*

- Review service standards and policies





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## 150<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary

*Use the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a major vehicle to profile and celebrate our community*

- Community task force - plan for City's 150<sup>th</sup> in 2011
- Define and plan for legacy initiatives





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## Downtown



- Review Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan (DARP)
- Grandin Mall
- Land use regulations and vacant lands
- Civic buildings
- Parking, traffic etc.
- Business revitalization plan



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## Arts and Heritage

*Assist with Arts and Heritage initiatives*

- Heritage Sites functional site plan (2011 opening)
- Heritage Preservation Bylaw





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## Social and Community Development

- Affordable housing
  - basement suites (provincial grant)
  - land purchases (provincial grant)
  - transitional housing (provincial grant)
  - infill guidelines (multifamily)
- Badger lands Area Structure Plan

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## Social and Community Development

- Community Developmental Assets (40 tools for youth)
- Complete Riel Park Phase 1
- Establish off-leash dog park





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## Environmental Sustainability

### *Environmental Strategy*

- Develop Environmental Master Plan

### *Recycling and Solid Waste*

- Review recycle & solid waste program (consider curb-side recycling)
- Develop landfill and solid waste management options



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## Environmental Sustainability

*Ensure preservation and protection of natural areas*

- Lois Hole Centennial Provincial Park (2011 legacy)
- Continue to enhance Red Willow Park and trail system
- Develop a long term plan for trees
- Future of Sturgeon River – situation analysis required

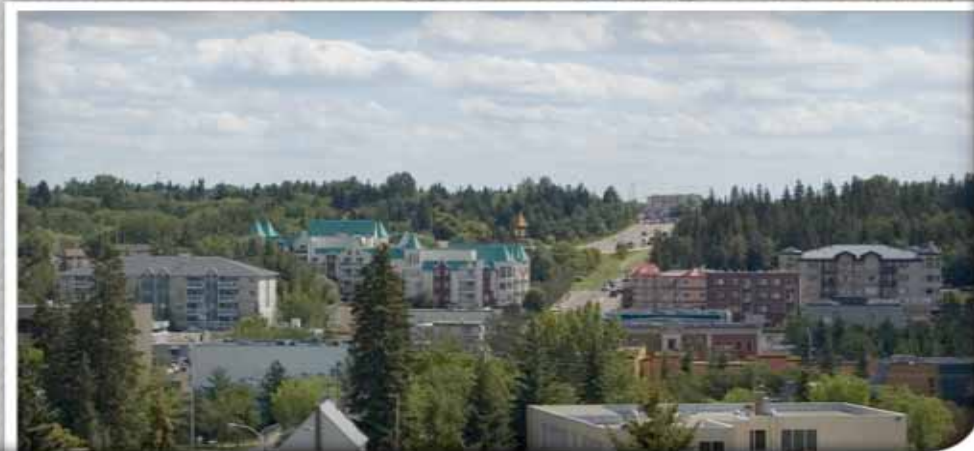
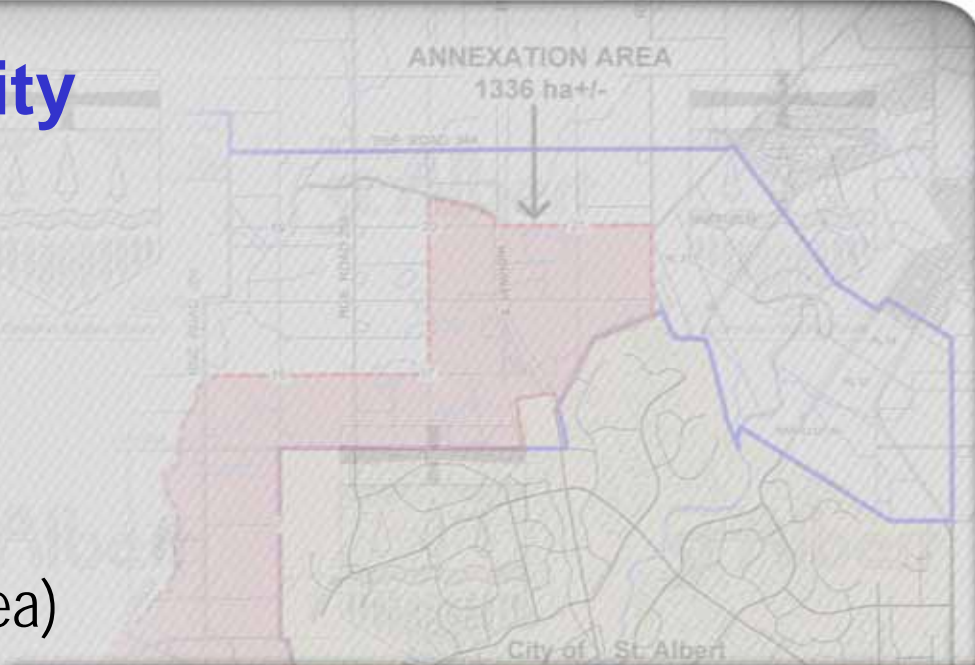




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## Financial Sustainability

- Review Policies
- Long term financial plan
- Provincial grant allocation
- 10-Year Capital Plan
- Acquire raw land (annexed area)





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## What St. Albertans can expect to see in 2008

- Commitment and action regarding Servus Place
- Signed agreement with Province - Ray Gibbon Drive (Stage 3)
- Campbell Park Development
- South Riel Development
- Strong Economic Development Plan
- Utilities Master Plan (annexed area)
- Transportation Master Plan (annexed lands and beyond)
- Fire Hall #3
- Riel Recreation Park
- Regional Planning Board (25 Mayors)



Thank you