

2008 Election Spending Promises Liberal Party

February 4 - March 3, 2008

Date	Spending Promise	Party calculation of cost	CTF calculation of cost	Notes
5-Feb	Build roads in Calgary	???????		
5-Feb	Increase support for public transportation in Calgary	???????		
5-Feb	End homelessness in Calgary	???????		
5-Feb	Increase the supply of affordable housing in Calgary	???????		
5-Feb	Build schools in the communities that need them in Calgary	???????		
5-Feb	Increasing per capita funding for more police officers from \$16 to \$20 in Edmonton and Calgary	???????	\$7,001,256	a
6-Feb	Creating a Director of Housing and Human Services to assist municipalities in implementing community plans to end homelessness	???????		
6-Feb	Improve outreach services to homeless people	???????		
6-Feb	Offer grants of up to \$5,000 to homeowners to create new suites	???????		
6-Feb	Encourage local governments to freeze, reduce or eliminate property taxes on affordable rental units by providing corresponding grants to municipalities to make up for the lost revenue	???????		
6-Feb	Match funding with the federal government's Affordable Housing Trust and the Off-Reserve Aboriginal Housing Trust	???????	\$36,500,000	b
6-Feb	Help up to 5,000 families achieve home ownership by extending financial assistance to moderate income earners who wish to buy their own homes	???????		
6-Feb	Provide low- or no-interest loans to qualifying low income earners to cover the cost of the security deposit and one-month's rent	???????		
6-Feb	Boost numbers of faculty and graduate students at University of Alberta	???????		
6-Feb	Triple funding to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts	???????	\$53,268,000	c
6-Feb	Invest in Edmonton's LRT and public transportation system	???????		
7-Feb	Establish a Premier's Strategic Council on Climate Change	???????		
7-Feb	Implement appropriate financial and economic incentives to develop carbon capture and storage technology	???????		
7-Feb	Restore Regional Agriculture Offices	???????		
7-Feb	Strengthen policing and public safety	???????		
7-Feb	Upgrade the Red Deer airport	???????		
7-Feb	Boost affordable housing in Red Deer	???????		

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7-Feb	Revamp the police funding formula for smaller communities	???????		
7-Feb	Improve addiction counselling	???????		
8-Feb	Create a specific watershed management plan for the Old Man River Basin	???????		
8-Feb	Complete an inventory of the southern Alberta region's water supply	???????		
8-Feb	Begin construction immediately on the new hospital in Medicine Hat	???????		
8-Feb	Increase the amount of hospital, long-term care and mental health beds in Medicine Hat & Lethbridge	???????		
8-Feb	Create a permanent post-secondary education endowment fund	???????		
8-Feb	Ensure that seniors centres receive the funding they need	???????		
8-Feb	Move quickly to get the Police College in Fort Macleod built and operating	???????		
8-Feb	Work with Lethbridge to support its plans for a new performing arts centre	???????		
8-Feb	Establish a \$500-million arts endowment fund	\$500,000,000		d
8-Feb	Build new schools in southern Alberta	???????		
8-Feb	Increase the number of dental procedures currently covered by the Dental Assistance for Seniors program	???????		
8-Feb	Inflation-proof the Alberta Seniors Benefit by indexing it to the Alberta Consumer Price Index	???????		
8-Feb	Establish a loan program for home repairs for seniors	???????		
8-Feb	Establish a home retrofit fund to pay for new energy efficient furnaces, windows and other home products	???????		
9-Feb	Double funding to Aboriginal Friendship Centres	???????		
9-Feb	Establish urban-Aboriginal health centres	???????		

Total spending costed to date: \$596,769,256

Notes:

- a \$4 more per capita in Edmonton & Calgary, based on 2007 Municipal Affairs data
- b Based on numbers for 2008-09 from: <http://www.fin.gc.ca/FEDPROV/C48e.html>
- c 2007-08 Funding for the AFA is \$26.6-million
- d One-time funding