



November 9, 2009
Induction Ceremony
of the
2009 – 2012
Mayor and Council
for
Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

Inaugural Speech
His Worship,
Mayor of Prince Albert
Jim Scarrow

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Greetings to:
Your Lordship Justice Maher
Your Excellency Bishop Albert Thevenot
Elder Henry Felix
Veterans
Members of the Prince Albert Police and Fire Service
Members of City Council
Civic Administration
Employees of the City of Prince Albert
Citizens of Prince Albert
Family and friends

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen

Council and I wish to thank Bishop Albert Thevenot and Elder Felix for their thoughtful and supportive prayers. I also wish to thank Prince Albert's community of churches for their ongoing prayers for Council and the City of Prince Albert.

I wish to recognize the members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Army Navy and Air Force Veterans and the First Nations Veterans Association for their presence this evening. At this time of Remembrance the Citizens of Prince Albert and Canada are painfully aware of the young men and women who continue to serve in preserving our freedom and the freedom of others and that the casualties of war are stark reminders that our freedoms are paid for with the lives of our Nation's best.

I would acknowledge the Honour Guard made up of the Prince Albert Police Service and the Prince Albert Fire Department. If you will, these are the guardian angels who look after our City while we sleep, we often take for granted the protective shield they provide for our community. Thank you.

And now to the future – this Council will lead the way into the second decade of the 21st Century. In many ways 2010 will be the start of Prince Albert's decade.

This evening will be the start of three years, or just over a thousand days, of action. In our marathon meetings this past week, we have shared our goals and aspirations for a City that each of us loves and is proud to call home. This will be a forward thinking, positive, respectful council, who are committed to both economic and social progress, who bring their life's experience to build the kind of city that provides for everyone including the least, the lost and last among us. Our agenda is progress and opportunity, solving the immediate while building a path to the future; creating confidence, welcoming enterprise and accepting social and environmental responsibility for those generations who will follow.

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This Council will respect the volunteers, non-government organizations, educators and professionals who have given a lifetime to improve opportunities for families and children in every area of the City. We will ask them to become even more involved in a strategy to improve housing standards and attainability, to reduce crime and reduce the availability of drugs and alcohol.

We will work with The Prince Albert Grand Council, The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, The Metis Nation of Saskatchewan, our surrounding Rural Municipalities and the Provincial and Federal Governments to build partnerships for progress.

The electors of Prince Albert overwhelmingly supported positive leadership and a confident cohesive council to establish Prince Albert as a city of opportunity, equality and harmony. Our Citizens enjoy a quality lifestyle, outstanding recreation and cultural facilities, exceptional education institutions and the very best place to raise a family.

We need only look in any direction to enjoy the majestic beauty of our Province. Our lakes, rivers and forests, and the rich land underneath our feet has and will serve us in the future. We are the Capital of Northern Saskatchewan and are proud to call Prince Albert home.