

Mayoral Candidate Demands the Hospital that Airdrie it is Owed

Candidate Cites Broken Provincial Planning Standards

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA, CANADA, October 16, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A local Mayoral candidate is launching a campaign to hold the province accountable for what he calls "Airdrie's hospital deficit," citing legal health planning standards.

A team of international researchers from the "Engineering Projects in Community Service" program, known as EPICS, at Arizona State University has released a preliminary report on [access to healthcare in Airdrie, Alberta](#).

The researchers are tackling equitable access to healthcare in rural and indigenous communities in North America to identify best practices in the provision of health care. The cost to deliver healthcare by private for-profit corporations compared to community-based non-profits will be addressed within the final report.

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Airdrie Community Health Center



St Albert Alberta's Sturgeon Community Hospital

city our size, an urgent care center with ZERO overnight beds is a planning failure. We have crossed the threshold that warrants a true 24/7 Emergency Department," attests Vern Raincock.

"In August, Prime Minister Mark Carney announced the launch of the Major Projects Office (MPO) in Calgary to streamline approvals to finance and attract domestic capital and coordinate financing for "nation building" projects."

"I ask the Prime Minister and MPO whether or not equitable and reliable health care for Canadians remains a pillar of the Canadian Advantage. Of note is that no local healthcare projects were included when the first series of projects was announced in Edmonton on September 11th, 2025".

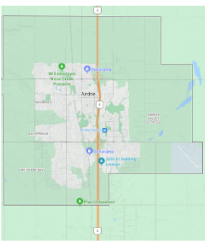
"Airdrie is the largest city in North America without an emergency department. Lack of local emergency health services continues to impact residents and visitors. The closest ER for Airdrie is in Calgary and is approximately 30 km (19 miles) away. Travel time is impacted by road conditions in the winter and during rush hour. Preliminary findings from research being conducted by the ASU research team indicate mortality rates in Airdrie may be higher than in a community that is served by an emergency department within city limits".

"The population of St. Albert is similar to Airdrie. St. Albert's Sturgeon Community Hospital provides a broad range of health services. What is the justification for the lack of healthcare services in Airdrie? It clearly is not due to its proximity to Calgary, as St. Albert's Hospital is only 16 km from the closest hospital in Edmonton (Royal Alexandra), while patients in Airdrie must travel a minimum of 30 km to Calgary's Peter Lougheed Hospital. The combined population of Calgary + Airdrie is 300,000 greater than Edmonton + St Albert. Thus, with all things being equal, it appears that AHS is inconsistent when determining where to offer health services in the province."

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I am calling on the province to adhere to its own health service planning standards. It is clear that Airdrie has been neglected based on established access to equitable healthcare guidelines”

Vern Raincock

St. Albert Health Care Services Sturgeon Community Hospital,	Airdrie Health Care Services Airdrie Community Health Center
201 Boudreau Rd, St. Albert Alberta T8N 6C4	604 Main St S, Airdrie AB T4B 3K7
167 Overnight Beds - Provides a wide variety of health services to the community of St Albert and surrounding area	- ZERO overnight beds - NO Emergency Department - NO access to ICU, Palliative care, day surgery, kidney dialysis, critical care, etc.
Diagnostic Imaging - Cardiac Diagnostics - Colonoscopy - Computed Tomography - Echocardiography - Fluoroscopy - Gastroscopy - General Radiography (X-Ray) - Laboratory Services - Sigmoidoscopy - Ultrasound	Business Case: Airdrie Emergency Department Airdrie Population: (2024) – 85,805 (2025) – est 90,000 (2027) – est 100,000 St Albert Population (2024) – 72,316 Distance to Closest ED from Airdrie Urgent Care – 30 km (Peter Lougheed Hospital, Calgary). Distance to Closest ED from Sturgeon Community Hospital – 16 km (Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton) Population (Airdrie + Calgary) - 1.6 million Population (St. Albert + Edmonton) - 1.32 million Questions: - Why aren't comparable health care services provided to residents in Airdrie? - What is the justification for the lack of kidney dialysis and outpatient care treatment in Airdrie?
Hospital & Inpatient Units - Critical Care Unit - Emergency Services - Intensive Care Unit - Labour and Delivery - Neonatal Intensive Care Program (NICU)	
Outpatient Care Units - Acute Hand Clinic - Adult Day Programs - Advanced Vascular Access Service - Cardiac Clinic - Community Audiology Services - Community Diabetes Team & Regional Diabetes Service - Access - Cytoscopy Outpatient Clinic - Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Program - Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Screening - Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Program - Postpartum Screening - Gastrointestinal Clinic - Outpatient - General Internal Medicine Clinic - General Medical Clinic - Outpatient - General Surgical Clinic - Outpatient - Intensive IV Therapy Clinic - Nutrition Counselling - Adult, Pregnancy & Pediatrics - Orthopedic Surgical Clinic - Western Upper Limb Facility - Orthopedics Outpatient - Western Upper Limb Facility - Pediatrics Clinic - Rheumatology Outpatient Clinic	
Supportive Care - Addiction & Mental Health - Domestic Abuse Response Team - Home Care - Patient Food Services - Rehabilitation Services - Respiratory Therapy - Sexual Assault Response Team - Spiritual Care - Volunteer Resources	
Surgical Program - Acute Hand Clinic - Anesthesiology - Day Surgery Unit - General Surgical Clinic - Outpatient - Gynecology Day Surgery - Orthopedic Surgical Clinic - Western Upper Limb Facility - Orthopedics Outpatient - Western Upper Limb Facility - Pre-admission Clinics - Surgery & Cardiology	

Health Service Comparison between St Albert and Airdrie

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