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Community Update—Spring 2016

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### Davenport Neighbours,

I am honoured to represent you as the first *female* Member of Parliament in Davenport. I hope you are as proud as I am on the progress your government has made in our first 150 days in office, and of *our ambitious budget* aimed at growing our middle class and investing in our future. Thus far, we have accomplished a lot, including:

- A gender-balanced Cabinet, creating Canadian history
- Stepping up to environmental challenges: Canada as a leading global citizen at the Paris Climate Change talks and assembling provincial and territorial leaders in Vancouver leading to a unanimous agreement on the need for a Pan-Canadian plan to meet targets
- Reinstating the long-form census and unmuzzling federal scientists, ending the war on science
- Cutting taxes for the middle class – if you earn between \$45,000 and \$200,000 annually, you will directly benefit from this tax cut
- Launching an inquiry into murdered and missing Indigenous women
- Welcoming 25,000 new Syrian refugees
- Doubling the number of family sponsorships (parent and grandparents) annually to 20,000

For 2016 *Federal Budget Highlights* kindly visit <http://www.budget.gc.ca/2016/home-accueil-en.html>



I have been very active in Ottawa on your behalf. My maiden speech in the House of Commons spoke directly to the key issues facing Davenport residents including: jobs/economy, immigration, and environment. I've also spoken in the House of Commons on Bill C-4: a bill that restores a fair and balanced approach to Labour Relations in Canada; and on Bill C-6, what I hope will be the first set changes to the Citizenship Act that will create clear paths to citizenship and will accelerate the process to citizenship. I have also asked questions on marijuana and child poverty; and made statements (1) applauding the work of and welcoming *Millennium Kids* to Ottawa and (2) celebrating the amazing work of Portuguese "casas" - the heart and soul of Portuguese culture in Davenport.

Thank you for your wonderful invitations to events and happenings across the Davenport community. I continue to make it a priority to attend as many street festivals and events as possible – **so please contact my office if you have an event you would like me to attend.** I am also keeping up-to-date on key local issues including the Davenport Overpass proposed by Metrolinx and the Province. I am strongly advocating for 1) the community to have a voice in selecting the design and engineering companies that have the experience and community-sensitive vision to do the job; 2) to ensure that the community determines how new public spaces will be used all along the route; 3) funding allocated for a bike path connecting the northern most part of Davenport riding right down to the West Toronto Rail Path; and 4) a Trust set up to guarantee long term maintenance and oversight of the public spaces created.

On February 12, the Rt. Honourable Justin Trudeau marked his 100 day in office by coming to the Davenport to announce the Summer Jobs Program where the government has committed to doubling the number of summer jobs available to youth beginning Summer 2016. It was an exciting day and an honour for him to come to our community.

As your Member of Parliament, *my team and I are here to serve you* and address any federal issue of concern. My community office is centrally located at 1202 Bloor St. West (just west of Dufferin). We look forward to working with you to create an even better future for us all.



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# In the Community



Julie and PM Justin Trudeau catch up with the youth of Davenport.



Seniors sharing words of wisdom at the Community Office opening



Syrian Refugee Town hall at Bloor Collegiate, Jan. 18



Julie and Elisabete – amazing local Fado talent- at Casa do Alentejo 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Gala, Feb. 20



Commemorating International Women's Day with MPP Cristina Martins and Working Women's Centre



Pre-Budget Consultation Town hall at JJ Piccininni, Jan. 14



Celebrating Vietnamese New Year with community leaders and youth



Assembling baskets for those in need at the Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club



Meeting the inspiring young women of St. Mary's Catholic School

## Growing the Middle Class

### Cutting Taxes

The first order of business for the Liberal government was to cut taxes for nine million Canadians on January 1, 2016. The tax cut provides roughly \$3.4 billion in annual tax relief to the middle class, reducing the second income tax rate from 22% to 20.5%. Canadians with taxable income between \$45,282-\$90,563 saw their income tax fall; leaving more money in their pockets to save, invest or grow the economy. On average, couples who benefit will save \$540 annually and single individuals who qualify will see an average tax reduction of \$330 every year. For more information, visit: <http://www.fin.gc.ca/n15/15-086-eng.asp>

### Child Care Support

A top issue for Davenport families is child care – how to afford it and how to find quality spaces in our

community. In Federal Budget 2016, Minister Morneau announced the Canada Child Benefit – a tax-free, income-based support for Canadian families with children. Nine out of ten families will see an increase in funding annually, and *the Benefit* will lift 315,000 children out of poverty. For the typical family of four, *the Benefit* means an additional \$2,500 more dollars toward child care costs every year. This is a significant step to supporting our families as every additional dollar makes a difference.

### Seniors

Davenport has a vibrant seniors community. Budget 2016 will help the most vulnerable seniors by increasing the Guaranteed Income Supplement for seniors by up to \$947 annually. This change more than doubles the current maximum top-up and

represents a 10% increase in maximum benefits that will improve the financial security of 900,000 single seniors in Canada. In addition, Finance Minister Bill Morneau also committed to working with provincial and territorial counterparts to enhance the Canada Pension Plan by the end of 2016, in order to better prepare Canadians for retirement.

## Investing in our Youth

Young Canadians entering the workforce should not be burdened by overwhelming student debt. Budget 2016 makes post-secondary education more affordable for students from low and middle income families, and will make it easier to repay student debt. Additionally, the Government is doubling the number of summer student jobs and increasing co-op placements. For more information: <http://www.budget.gc.ca/2016/docs/bb/brief-bref-en.html#section03>

Locally Julie is setting up a **Davenport Youth Council** to engage youth in the riding. We are looking for residents between the ages of 15 and 24 who want to engage in finding solutions to local issues. Youth will not only have a better idea of how government works, but also gain experience in creating a Private Member's Bill. If you are interested in applying for a spot, please email Erica at : [Julie.dzerowicz.c1b@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Julie.dzerowicz.c1b@parl.gc.ca)



On November 13, family and friends joined Julie as she was sworn in as the first female MP of Davenport.



Julie and residents at Community Office opening on Feb 6



# 2016 Federal Budget

On March 23, The Honourable Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance introduced a budget that will strengthen the middle class, grow the economy and create a stronger, fairer Canada. The budget is responsible and affordable; by the end of our first mandate, Canada's debt-to-GDP ratio will be lower than it is today.

## Infrastructure Investment

In addition to the new Child Benefit (see page 2), the Liberal government is fulfilling its promise to invest in infrastructure in order to stimulate stronger economic growth including \$3.4 billion over three years for public transit, investing \$5 billion over five years in green infrastructure including clean water infrastructure and electric vehicle charging stations, and \$3.4 billion over five years in social infrastructure such as affordable housing, seniors housing, community centres, and childcare centres.

## Innovation

Innovation will be the driver of Canada's future economy – with this in mind the

Liberal government has committed to substantially increasing student grants for post-secondary education ensuring more accessibility. Significant investments have been committed to modernize research, commercialization and training facilities; and an investment of \$800 million over four years will be made to support innovation networks.

## Partnering with First Nations Peoples

Prime Minister Trudeau promised a new relationship with Canada's Indigenous peoples; in honour of this commitment, the Liberal government will be making a historic investment of \$8.4 billion over the next five years – over half to be invested in education that Indigenous children need and deserve. An additional \$555 million will be invested in housing and over \$2 billion in water and wastewater infrastructure over five years to put an end to the unconscionable crisis of boil-water advisories on reserves.

## Arts & Culture

In Davenport, there is a vibrant, growing and thriving arts and culture community. The

Liberal government believes that we must do more to support our artist and cultural community across Canada. To show its support, a total of \$1.9 billion over five years will be invested in the community; this on top of the \$675 million over five years to modernize CBC/Radio-Canada in the digital era.



Meeting with members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers



Meeting ACTRA members Benz Antoine, Julie, Sarah Gadon & Ferne Downey



Spanish seniors from Davenport-Perth Community Centre showing support for Julie

# Environmental Report

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Environment Minister Catherine McKenna, Canada is back on the world stage playing a key role in combatting climate change. After attending the United Nations Climate Change Conference, and playing a major role in a historic global agreement to limit the global temperature increase to 1.5°C, Prime Minister Trudeau met with provincial premiers and territorial leaders in Vancouver in February 2016. An agreement was reached in principle for a Pan-Canadian framework for clean growth and climate change that will meet or exceed Canada's international emissions target.

The next step is for the provinces, territories, aboriginal leaders to engage in the following working groups: clean technology, innovation and jobs, carbon pricing and mitigation. The working groups will report back in October and the findings of those

reports will be used to create the Pan-Canadian framework.

Canada will champion the move towards a low-carbon economy, both internationally and at home. In Budget 2016, Finance Minister Bill Morneau announced a number of initiatives that will move Canada towards a more sustainable society, including investments in the electric car industry and the creation of a \$2 billion *Low Carbon Economy Fund*. For further details please visit <http://www.budget.gc.ca/2016/docs/bb/brief-bref-en.html#section02>



Discussions between Prime Minister Trudeau and Canadian Premiers



Historic agreement at the Vancouver Convention, March 2016

# Immigration

Davenport is one of the most diverse ridings in Canada – with residents coming from Portugal, Italy, Latin America, Brazil, India, Middle East, etc. Newcomers are vital to the Canadian economy and the Liberal government will welcome 300,000 new permanent residents in 2016. The Liberal government will place a huge emphasis on family reunification – and will admit 20,000 parents and grandparents over the next year. Budget 2016 will provide \$25 million in 2016-2017 to support faster and more predictable processing times for family sponsorship and to deal with the backlogs both in Canada and overseas. \$56 million over three years will be committed to support the processing of new permanent residents and increase settlement programming.



Julie and performers at the International Women's Day Event



# Julie in the House

"I am proud to be part of a government that is **making gender diversity and gender equality priorities** in our government. The federal government recognizes that **women are the backbone of society.**

(International Women's Day Speech, March.2016)



"... sound **labour relations are essential** for protecting the rights of Canadian workers and helping the middle class grow and prosper."

(Bill C-4 Speech, December.2015)

"...it's important we all **continue to have a discourse about issues facing our diverse communities** and find ways to concretely help those who need it."

(Black History Month, February.2016)

"Canadians know ... **we are strong because of our diversity**, not in spite of it ... we have to get immigration policy right and create clear, compassionate, fair paths to citizenship if we are to have a healthy economy moving forward"

(Bill C-6 Speech, March.2016)

Julie was recently appointed to the Special Committee on **Pay Equity** and a second Special Committee that will be announced in the coming weeks.

"...I believe that everyone should have the same opportunities I've had growing up -- access to excellent **affordable education, a healthy environment, great jobs** and opportunities, and a **social safety** net to help just a little when times get tough."

(Maiden Speech, December.2015)

"É **uma honra representar tantos na comunidade luso-canadiana** como o Membro do Parlamento para Davenport. A sua história vibrante e contribuições fundamentais para a nossa vida cultural, económica e social são uma das grandes histórias de sucesso do Canadá."

(Statement in House of Commons Celebrating Portuguese Casas, March.2016)



Welcoming PM Trudeau at the Davenport Boys & Girls Club



Julie's first National Caucus Meeting with PM Justin Trudeau and fellow Liberal Members of Parliament



Sikh leaders joined Julie at the Community Office opening

## Proudly Serving the Community of Davenport

We are happy to support you with any Federal Government of Canada Program, Department or Service including:



- Citizenship & Immigration (CIC)
- Passport Canada
- Veterans Affairs
- Parks Canada
- Employment Insurance (EI)
- Indigenous Affairs
- Canada Pension Plan (CPP)
- Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)

- Old Age Security (OAS)
- Indigenous Affairs
- Canadian Heritage
- Certificates/Greetings
- Canadian Forces
- Canada Border Services Agency

Have any upcoming festivals or community events you want Julie to attend?

Want to be added to Julie's mailing list to be notified of upcoming Town hall meetings ?

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