

WORKING HARD FOR DAVENPORT



Launch of Craft Ontario Studio Magazine's Summer edition!



International Children's Day with Turkish Society of Canada



With Steve Himel of Henderson Brewing



Sticking Together Breast Cancer Fundraiser



Iftar dinner at the Dawah Centre



Meeting Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal with Deputy Prime Minister Freeland



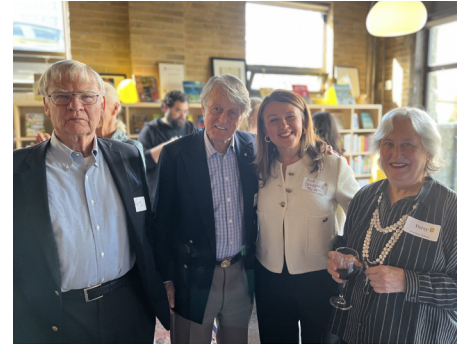
100th anniversary of General Mercer Junior Public School with Principal McKenzie



Celebrating 70 years of Portuguese immigration to Canada



50th anniversary of Asas do Atlantico Sport & Social Club



45th anniversary of Greenwood Books!



Friends of Earlscourt Park clean-up



43rd anniversary of Graciosa Community Centre



Pink Shirt Day at Shirley Street Junior Public School with Principal Davidson



First Métis Man of Odesa play at The Theatre Centre



Dia da Liberdade 'Freedom Day'—commemorating the Carnation Revolution



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BUDGET 2023 REPORT

SUMMER 2023

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

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Davenport friends & neighbours: amis et voisins de Davenport:

There is so much going on and so much to tell you!

This householder provides a summary of some of the key items announced in Federal Budget 2023 aimed at improving the lives of all in our community.

Almost \$200 billion was allocated over 10 years for healthcare and sent via the Canada Health Transfers directly to the provinces with additional funding offered to provinces that agree to significantly increase supports in the following areas: mental health, eliminating backlogs, emergency rooms, and ensuring family doctors are available to those who do not have one.

Budget 2023 also provides **additional support measures to Canadians struggling under the high cost of living**; they build on programs already announced such as **National Child Care, Dental Care, OAS increase, Canada Child Benefit and the soon to be introduced Disability Tax Benefit**. Investments made in previous budgets continue to flow in affordable housing, rapid housing and programs to help first-time buyers buy their first home.

A reminder to those concerned about **federal pandemic support for the City of Toronto**, that the federal government funded 85% of all pandemic spending in Ontario, including direct supports for Toronto. The province (which is constitutionally responsible for its cities) did not spend all pandemic funding, so it's important for them to ensure cities are able to support citizens. Visit the "Responses to Letters" section of my website for a full brief on this.

There is so much more to tell you. **I would encourage you to sign up for my biweekly email update** that provides a summary of federal funding, the work I am doing to represent Davenport and improve your lives, and upcoming events that you may be interested in. These updates provide a great summary and an easy way to stay informed.

Summer is literally around the corner, and **inside is a list of key festivals and street fairs** that I hope to see many of you at!

As always, t's a true pleasure and honour to serve you!

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With Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland at Toronto Ukrainian Festival



Hanging out with students at Rawlinson Community School!

BUDGET 2023—A CLEAN ECONOMY & STRONGER HEALTH CARE

STRONGER PUBLIC HEALTH CARE

Working Together to Improve Health Care for Canadians—Budget 2023 includes significant investments to build a healthier Canada. It delivers an additional \$198 billion over 10 years, including \$46 billion in new funding for provinces and territories to help reduce backlogs, expand access to family health services, and modernize the health care system. Ontario's share of the federal health plan is \$76.8 billion over 10 years.

In exchange for new funding, provinces and territories must commit to not divert away their own funding and to improve on how health information is collected, shared, used, and reported to help manage public health emergencies and deliver better health outcomes.

The New Canadian Dental Care Plan—Dental care is an important part of health, but seeing a dentist can be expensive. The Canada Dental Benefit already provides eligible parents with direct payments to cover the cost of dental care for their children under 12, and has supported more than 250,000 children to date.

However, it isn't just children who need affordable dental care, therefore, Budget 2023 launches the Canadian Dental Care Plan to provide dental coverage that will benefit up to 9 million families with annual income of less than \$90,000. The plan will begin to roll out in 2023 with \$13 billion over five years, and \$4.4 billion ongoing.

988 Suicide Prevention Line—\$158 million over three years to support 988. As of November 30, 2023, Canadians will be able to call or text 988 at any time to access immediate suicide prevention and mental health crisis support.

Stronger public health care and dental care

Reducing backlogs, shorter wait times, and creating a new Canadian Dental Care Plan



A MADE-IN-CANADA PLAN: GROWING THE CLEAN ECONOMY

The race is now underway globally to build a new clean economy, and Budget 2023 outlines a Made-In-Canada Plan that will protect our environment and fight climate change while building a stronger, more sustainable, and more secure Canadian economy that is good for workers and businesses.

A future powered by low-carbon energy represents a generational economic opportunity for every region of the country and Canada has the potential to become a clean electricity superpower with a cross-Canada electricity grid that is more sustainable and that provides more affordable energy to Canadians.

The budget includes measures to support major clean power projects and improve the affordability and reliability of electricity for Canadians and will also invest in reliable transportation and resilient infrastructure by strengthening our national trade corridors.

The Made-In-Canada plan is underpinned by a new federal toolkit for investing in the clean economy: a set of clear and predictable investment tax credits, low-cost strategic financing, and targeted investments for projects of national economic significance. These significant investments will ensure Canada does not fall behind at this moment of profound global economic upheaval—and opportunity.

[Read More](#) **Budget 2023 A Made-In-Canada Plan**
budget.canada.ca/2023/report-rapport/chap3-en.html

INVESTING IN TORONTO

Between 2019 and 2023 the federal and provincial governments spent \$170.3 billion in response to the COVID-19 pandemic—of that amount, the federal government contributed 85% (\$144.7B) with Ontario adding 15% (\$25.6B). Most of those supports went to benefit businesses, individuals, the health sector, municipalities, schools and child care (source: Financial Accountability Office of Ontario).

Visit my website at juliedzerowicz.ca/category/response-to-davenport-letters to read more about federal government direct investments to Toronto in housing, transit, climate change, and infrastructure (including \$12.6 billion in federal investment for 89 public transit projects in the City of Toronto since 2016).



At Davenport-Perth with Minister Khera, Minister Bennett and Executive Director Fraser announcing mental health funding

[Read More](#) **Federal Government Investments in Toronto**
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BUDGET 2023—AFFORDABILITY & GROWING THE ECONOMY

MAKING LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE

Since 2015, the federal government's focus has been on investing in the middle class, growing the economy, strengthening Canada's social safety net, and making life more affordable for Canadians through investments in the Canada Child Benefit, increases to OAS, strengthening of the Canada Pension Plan, enhancing the Workers Benefit, and the reduction of regulated child care fees by 50 per cent on average.

However, inflation is still making it difficult for many Canadians to make ends meet and put food on the table. That's why Budget 2023 delivers new, targeted inflation relief for the most vulnerable Canadians to help support them with the cost of living.

A New Grocery Rebate
Budget 2023 helps Canadians hardest hit by rising food prices by introducing a one-time Grocery Rebate, providing \$2.5 billion targeted inflation relief for 11 million low- and modest-income Canadians and families—with up to \$467 for eligible couples with two children, \$234 for single Canadians without children, and \$225 for seniors on average.

Cracking Down on Junk Fees
Budget 2023 announces the government will work with regulatory agencies, provinces, and territories to reduce junk fees for Canadians. This could include telecom roaming charges, event and concert fees, excessive baggage fees, and unjustified shipping and freight fees.

Automatic Tax Filing for Low-Income Canadians
The government is taking steps to ensure more low-income Canadians can easily file their tax returns to receive the benefits to which they are entitled. Budget 2023 increases the number of Canadians eligible for File My Return (which allows eligible Canadians to auto-file their tax return over the phone for free) to two million people by 2025—almost triple the current number. Further, CRA will pilot a new

automatic filing service next year that will help vulnerable Canadians who do not currently file their taxes receive the benefits to which they are entitled.

Other Affordability Measures:

- Cracking Down on Predatory Lending
- Supporting Canadians' Right to Repair
- Common Chargers for Electronic Devices
- A Code of Conduct to Protect Canadians with Existing Mortgages

[Read More](#) **Budget 2023 Making Life More Affordable**
budget.canada.ca/2023/report-rapport/chap1-en.html

New Tax-Free First Home Savings Account (FHSA)
Budget 2023 builds on significant past investments to make housing more affordable by introducing the Tax-Free First Home Savings Account—a new registered plan to give prospective first-time home buyers the ability to save \$40,000 on a tax-free basis; contributions will be tax-deductible (like RRSPs), and withdrawals to purchase a first home will be non-taxable (like TFSA). Tax-free in; tax-free out. Financial institutions will be able to start offering the Tax-Free First Home Savings Account as of April 1, 2023.

Making Life More Affordable for Students
Over 750,000 post-secondary students rely on federal assistance each year to help them afford the cost of tuition, housing, and everyday essentials. To make the transition from school to working life easier, the federal government permanently eliminated interest on Canada Student Loans and Canada Apprentice Loans, and made changes to loan repayment assistance so that nobody earning less than \$40,000 per year needs to make payments on their federal student loans.

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INVESTING IN THE ECONOMY

Lowering Credit Card Transaction Fees for Small Businesses

To support hardworking owners of small businesses, the federal government has secured commitments from Visa and MasterCard to lower credit card transaction fees for small businesses. Credit card-accepting businesses will see their interchange fees reduced by up to 27 per cent from the existing average rate which will save eligible small businesses approximately \$1 billion over five years.

Investing in Canada's Labour Market Transfer Agreements

Every year the federal government transfers nearly \$3 billion to provinces and territories under bilateral Labour Market Transfer Agreements to fund a range of supports, including skills training, on-site work experience, career counselling, and job search assistance that helps one million Canadians each year to upgrade their skills or find new jobs. Budget 2023 proposes an additional \$625 million in 2023-24 to those agreements.

Strengthening Trade

- ▶ National supply chain strategy with strategic trade corridor investments
- ▶ Ensuring preferred free trade access while securing Canada's share of global investment
- ▶ Ensuring Canada's inclusion in U.S. Inflation Reduction Act for EVs and critical minerals

Increasing Innovation

- ▶ Creation of Canadian Innovation Corp. to spur research & development
- ▶ Support for intellectual property and funding for AI, quantum, genomics, and life sciences
- ▶ Building Canada's infrastructure through the Canada Infrastructure Program and Bank

Investing in People

- ▶ Substantial funding for health care, child benefits and affordable child care
- ▶ Responding to labour shortages with career-training and ambitious immigration targets
- ▶ Targeted tax supports for tradespeople
- ▶ Preparing our workforce for high-quality jobs through skills development



SUMMER EVENTS SCHEDULE

This is a list of some key festivals, parades and parties in and around Davenport this summer. I will be attending most of these events and I will have a booth at some (times are indicated). Please come by and say hello—I hope to see you there.

This list does not reflect all events going on this summer. Please visit the City of Toronto's Festival & Events Calendar online, your local BIA website or visit my website throughout the summer for a more up to date list of events: juliedzerowicz.libpari.ca/communications-news/upcoming-events

Fairbank Summerfest
Where ▶ Eglinton Avenue West—west of Dufferin
When ▶ Fri June 23—Sun June 25
Visit my booth

▶ Fri June 23 (5-8pm)
▶ Sat June 24 (2-5pm)



Day Avenue Party
Where ▶ Day Avenue—west of Dufferin
When ▶ Sat June 24 (12-4pm)

Pride Parade
Where ▶ Downtown Toronto
When ▶ Sun June 25 (2pm start)

Taste of Little Italy
Where ▶ College Street—from Bathurst to Shaw
When ▶ Fri June 16—Sun June 18

Regal Heights Canada Day Parade
Where ▶ Parade starts at Oakwood Collegiate
When ▶ Sat July 1 (11am start)

Salsa on St. Clair
Where ▶ St. Clair Ave W—between Winona and Christie
When ▶ Sat July 8—July 9

BIG on Bloor
Where ▶ Bloor Street West—between Dufferin and Lansdowne
When ▶ Sat July 15—Sun July 16
Visit my booth

▶ Sat July 15 (1-5pm)
▶ Sat July 16 (1-5pm)



Brazilfest
Where ▶ Earlscourt Park
When ▶ Sat July 22—July 23

Pan American Food and Music Festival
Where ▶ Nathan Phillips Square
When ▶ Sat July 22—Sun July 23

Caribana Toronto
Where ▶ Different locations
When ▶ Thur Aug 3—Mon Aug 7
Grand Parade ▶ Sat Aug 5 (8am start)

Afro Caribbean Festival
Where ▶ Thomson Memorial Park
When ▶ Sat Aug 19—Sun Aug 20

Labour Day Parade
Where ▶ Queen Street West—between University and Dufferin
When ▶ Mon Sept 4

