



DELIVERING FOR DAVENPORT

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

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Davenport friends and neighbours: amis et voisins de Davenport:

I hope you have had a chance to relax over the summer. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the many street festivals and events across the riding. As the summer comes to an end, my thoughts turn to how I can be more transparent and accountable for the work I do on behalf of Davenport residents. I believe it is a fundamental duty of politicians to be accountable to their constituents: to let you know what am I doing on your behalf and how I am improving your lives; and what work am I doing to better the lives of all Canadians.

This householder is my attempt to bring to light the federal investments made in Davenport over the almost seven years that I have had the privilege to serve as your Member of Parliament.

In general, it is hard to see where federal investments are being made and how they are impacting our lives across the riding. In a small riding such as Davenport, it can be hard to notice the overall impact of our federal government.

While not comprehensive, the inside map provides a snapshot of the federal funding Davenport-based organizations receive and highlights key projects that get funding.

I am proud to say that there has been a historic amount of federal funding in Davenport during my term. Record amounts of support has been granted for summer student jobs, seniors' programs, food security, local publications, arts and culture, among other things. Federal support for all co-op housing in the riding has been renewed for the long term; the first supportive modular housing was announced in Davenport with the significant support of federal funds; and rapid housing has recently been announced (in July).

An unprecedented amount of federal funding has been made in public transit over the last seven years; and as bike lanes are important to Davenport residents, I advocated for flexibility in the infrastructure dollars sent to the City of Toronto so that public transit funds could also be

allocated to bike infrastructure. On-street bike lanes have seen a massive expansion.

Within this publication I outline the key areas I am currently focused on. I am focused on immigration and addressing current and ongoing labour shortages, on reintroducing a bill on Guaranteed Basic Income, on innovation and economic growth, and on tackling misinformation and disinformation. On Finance Committee, I am pushing for us to prioritize strengthening our national economy by eliminating interprovincial trade barriers and harmonizing regulations.

I continue to be very engaged in championing our arts and culture sector and on how to ensure affordable spaces for our artists to continue to live, work, and perform in Toronto.

To stay up-to-date on my work and progress, I encourage you to sign up at juliedzzerowicz.libparl.ca/get-updates for my weekly Davenport federal email updates which will restart on September 16.

As always, it is a true honour and privilege to serve you Davenport! My very best,

Julie Dzerowicz
Member of Parliament, Davenport



Prime Minister Trudeau joined me for a visit to Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club

HISTORIC FEDERAL FUNDING FOR DAVENPORT

CANADA SUMMER JOBS

The Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program helps small businesses and non-profits create quality summer jobs for young people!

Through MP Dzerowicz's advocacy CSJ funding has **increased 7-fold** since 2015. Each summer, CSJ supports over 100 Davenport businesses and organizations; and in the last 2 years (2021 & 2022) Davenport has received \$3.4 million in CSJ funding leading to the creation of 721 jobs.

MORE ACTIVE TRANSPORT!

MP Julie Dzerowicz knows how much bike infrastructure and active transportation mean to Davenport residents, which is why, when she was first elected, she successfully advocated for the Infrastructure Minister to allow public transit funding for cities to also be used for active transport and that helped build bike lanes in Davenport and across Toronto.

In addition our federal government announced the **first-ever federal fund dedicated to active transportation**: \$400 million over five years to help build new and expanded networks of pathways, bike lanes, trails and pedestrian bridges!

REDUCING NOISE AROUND THE TRAIN TRACKS

After much work between our office and both the Canadian and Ontario Ministries of Transportation, Metrolinx has finally agreed to look at how best to **substantially reduce or eliminate the amount of train bells ringing around GO stations**. Metrolinx will begin a pilot to test possible solutions and to gather data starting this year at UP Express Platforms at Weston and Bloor Stations. The goal of the pilot is to validate a solution that can serve as a model for the entire GO system and for other commuter rail operators in Canadian cities.

ARTS AND CULTURE IN DAVENPORT

Davenport is home to more artists, and arts and culture organizations, than almost any other riding in the country. MP Julie Dzerowicz is a champion of the arts community.

The **Canada Council for the Arts supported 356 Davenport-based projects in 2020-21, with \$12.8M** (more than triple the funding from just four years ago and third-highest in Toronto!).

Also, the federal government's **Canadian Heritage department directly invested over \$3.6M** in arts and culture in Davenport from 2021-22 (to date); including **\$500,000 for Toronto Biennial of Art** which is headquartered in Davenport.

FOOD SECURITY:

Community Food Centres Canada, based in Davenport, distributed \$18.5 million (2021-22) from our federal government to support people throughout Canada experiencing food insecurity.

SUPPORTING WOMEN IN THE PERFORMING ARTS:

Theatre Direct received \$699,700 through the Feminist Response and Recovery Fund for *Balancing Act*, a nationwide program for women and parents in the performing arts with caregiving responsibilities.

PREVENTING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE:

Abrigo Centre received a grant of \$75,000, and **South Asian Women's Centre** received a grant of \$125,810 (in 2021), to support women and people experiencing gender-based violence.

COMBATTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

With a grant of \$380,621 **FCJ Refugee Centre** is fighting human trafficking and supporting survivors here in Davenport.

MUSEUMS ASSISTANCE:

The **Inuit Art Foundation** received a sizable federal grant of \$440,974 from the Museums Assistance (Digital Access to Heritage) program to help them digitize and make accessible their extensive archives as part of their *Bringing the Stories Home: Accessing Inuit Art, Archives and Narratives* project.

SAFE RETURN TO CLASS

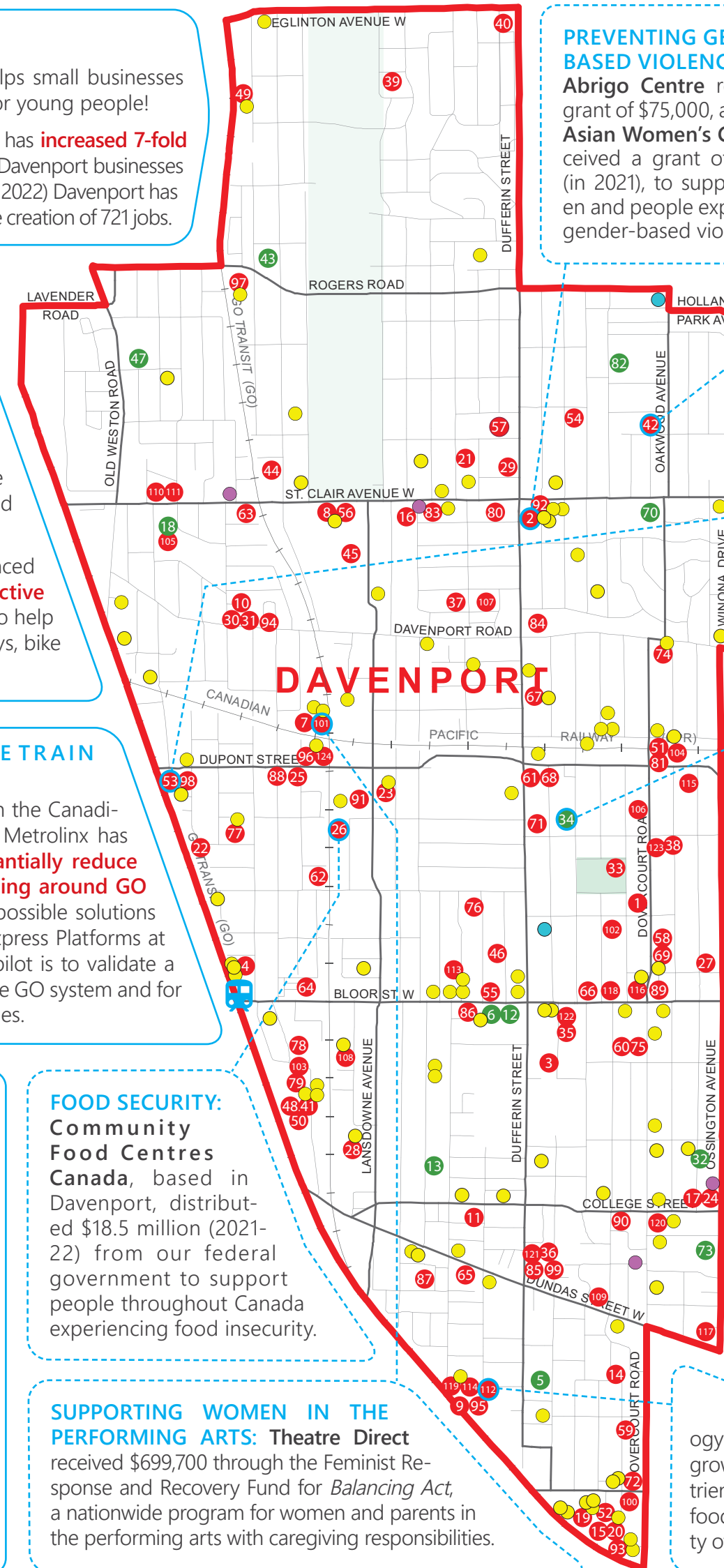
Dovercourt Public School received \$533,888 from Infrastructure Canada to prepare their school for a safe return to class last fall! This is just one of 18 Davenport schools that received federal funding for things like ventilation, to allow for a safe return to school.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

New Horizons for Seniors supports community-based programming for seniors, helping them stay connected, active, and in touch with their communities. **During COVID, these programs were needed more than ever. From 2020-2022, Davenport received over \$605,000 for New Horizons for Seniors programs.**

INNOVATION IN AGRICULTURE:

Vivid Machines Inc. received \$390,000 in funding through the Agriculture Program to continue development of their sensor and vision technology that helps growers better manage plant growth and diagnose diseases, pests and nutrient deficiencies. This helps farmers improve food security and maximize volume and quality of food for Canadian and global consumers.



MAP INDEX: This map shows some of the Davenport organizations, schools and businesses that have received federal funding between 2020-2022. Groups listed below (and numbered on the map) may have received a variety of funding. Some specific funding programs are highlighted in the list below and on the map. See index on the right for details.

FUNDING RECIPIENTS (SEE MAP)

- 1. Aangen
- 2. Abrigo Centre
- 3. Adam House
- 4. Africa New Musique
- 5. Alexander Muir/Gladstone Ave Jr & Sr Pub School
- 6. ALPHA II Alternative School
- 7. Aluna Theatre
- 8. Armonia Centre for Seniors
- 9. Artists Mentoring Youth Project Inc (AMY)
- 10. Arts4All
- 11. Bill McMurray Residence
- 12. Bloor Collegiate Institute
- 13. Brock Public School
- 14. Brunswick Books
- 15. Canadian Filmmakers Distr. Centre (CFMDC)
- 16. Caribbean Event Organization of Ontario
- 17. CaribbeanTales Inc.
- 18. Carleton Village Jr & Sr Sports and Wellness Acad.
- 19. Centre for Mindfulness Studies
- 20. Charles Street Video
- 21. Child Development Institute
- 22. Children's Place
- 23. Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre
- 24. CineFAM Annual Film Festival
- 25. Clay and Paper Theatre
- 26. Community Food Centres Canada
- 27. Composting Council of Canada
- 28. Coopérative Radiophonique de Toronto
- 29. COSTI Immigrant Services
- 30. Davenport Perth Community Ministry
- 31. Davenport-Perth Neighbourhood and Community Health Centres
- 32. Dewson Street Junior Public School
- 33. Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club
- 34. Dovercourt Public School
- 35. Dreamwalker Dance Company
- 36. Dufferin Grove Farmers' Market
- 37. Dusk Dances
- 38. Evolutionary Music Co-Op
- 39. Fairbank Memorial Community School
- 40. Fairbank Village BIA
- 41. Family Service Toronto
- 42. FCJ Refugee Centre
- 43. F.H. Miller Junior Public School
- 44. First Portuguese Canadian Cultural Centre
- 45. Flying Angels Community Services
- 46. Gaea Agritech Inc.
- 47. General Mercer Junior Public School
- 48. Greenwood
- 49. Horizons for Youth
- 50. House of Anansi
- 51. InterAccess
- 52. Intermission Magazine
- 53. Inuit Art Foundation
- 54. Irie Music Festival
- 55. Islamic Information Centre
- 56. JJ Piccininni Community Centre
- 57. Just For Laughs Toronto Festival
- 58. Kaeja d'Dance
- 59. Kilogram Studio
- 60. Korean Presbyterian Church of Paradise
- 61. Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto
- 62. Little Engine Moving Pictures
- 63. Long Winter Music and Arts Festival
- 64. Loyola Arrupe Centre for Active Living
- 65. Lula Lounge
- 66. Maker Bean Café
- 67. Marrs Media Inc.
- 68. Media Arts Network of Ontario
- 69. Moonhorse Dance Theatre
- 70. Oakwood Collegiate Institute
- 71. Oasis Dufferin Community Centre
- 72. Ontario Crafts Council
- 73. Ossington/Old Orchard Junior Public School
- 74. Our Place Community of Hope
- 75. Paradise Korean Seniors Centre
- 76. Pauline Junior Public School
- 77. Perth Avenue Junior Public School
- 78. Pia Bouman School for Ballet and Creative Movement
- 79. Pride Toronto
- 80. QSLA Foundation
- 81. Quantum Sports and Learning Association
- 82. Rawlinson Community School
- 83. Reconnect Community Health Services
- 84. Regal Road Junior Public School
- 85. Roseneath Theatre
- 86. Safehaven Project for Community Living
- 87. Shirley Street Junior Public School
- 88. Shoebox Project for Women
- 89. Sistering - A Woman's Place
- 90. Sol Português / Portuguese Sun
- 91. South Asian Women's Centre
- 92. Southern Currents Film & Video Collective
- 93. Special Olympics Ontario Inc.
- 94. Stop Community Food Centre
- 95. Strong Gym Inc.
- 96. Tate Group Inc.
- 97. TCE Summer Camps
- 98. Teach Magazine
- 99. Theatre Gargantua
- 100. Theatre Centre
- 101. Theatre Direct
- 102. Third Culture Media Inc.
- 103. Toronto Biennial of Art
- 104. Toronto Community-Videotex
- 105. Toronto Inner-City Rugby Foundation (TIRF)
- 106. Toronto Sketch Comedy Festival Inc.
- 107. Uma Nota Music and Production
- 108. Uthayam Cultural Assoc. of Canada
- 109. Vietnamese Association Toronto
- 110. Vietnamese Women's Assoc. of Toronto
- 111. Vision AfriCana 2000 Cultural Groupe
- 112. Vivid Machines Inc
- 113. Waterlution
- 114. Wavelength Music
- 115. WeeFestival of Arts & Cult. for Early Years
- 116. West End Phoenix
- 117. West Neighbourhood House
- 118. West Toronto Community Legal Services Inc.
- 119. Why Not Theatre
- 120. Working Women Community Centre
- 121. Workman Arts Project of Ontario
- 122. YMCA
- 123. Youth and Philanthropy Initiative Canada
- 124. Yummy Catering Services Inc.

WHAT WE'RE DELIVERING

REAL CLIMATE ACTION—NOT JUST WORDS BUT ACTIONS & PROGRESS

- **Ambitious 40-45% reduction in emissions by 2030**
- **A detailed plan to reach our strengthened Paris Accord targets:** bit.ly/HealthyEnvHealthyEcon. *"The first carbon price policy serious enough to make a difference" - Mark Carney*
- **Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act** is now law—ensuring we will meet our climate goals
- **Billions invested in renewables, electric vehicles, green tech, public transit & active transportation**
- **Banning 6 single use plastics as of December 2022**—banning checkout bags, straws, stir sticks, six-pack rings, cutlery, and food-ware
- Planting two billion trees
- Conserving 25% of Canada's water and Canada's lands by 2025 (currently 13.5% of land and 14.5% of water is protected)

IMMIGRATION CORE TO CANADA'S FUTURE ECONOMIC SUCCESS

- **Immigration levels have increased significantly (285,000 in 2015 to 430,000 in 2022)** to replace our retiring workforce, diminishing birthrate and to grow our economy
- Pushed to create a pathway for Human Rights refugees, and fund legal aid for immigrants/refugees
- Encouraged **better protections, support, and treatment of migrant workers** in Canada
- Advocated for and succeeded in the launch of the **pilot for out-of-status construction workers in the GTA**



RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

- Passed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act
- **80% of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action completed or well underway**
- **Ended 108 long-term drinking water advisories** 51 left in 32 communities with funding and plans to end each
- Passed a law to allow Indigenous communities to control their own child and family services
- Facilitated Pope Francis to come and deliver historic apology on Canadian soil for the Catholic Church's role in the Canadian residential school system

LGBTQ2+ RIGHTS AND INCLUSION

- PM Trudeau was the first Prime Minister to march in a Pride parade
- Legislation: **Added gender identity and gender expression to the Canadian Human Rights Act, and passed a bill to ban conversion therapy (C-6)**
- Created and funded the LGBTQ2 Secretariat to help improve equality and develop LGBTQ2 Action Plan

DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH

- Invested \$4.6 million to establish a **new Anti-Racism Secretariat** as part of Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy
- MP Julie Dzerowicz holds regular roundtables with Portuguese, Brazilian, Hispanic, Turkish, and Asian communities to address their issues and support their priorities
- This year, we celebrated the fifth annual Portuguese Heritage Month—MP Dzerowicz's motion M-126, was unanimously passed in 2017, officially declaring June as Portugal Heritage Month in Canada. She hosted the first ever flag raising on the Hill for Portuguese Heritage Month with Portuguese Ambassador António Leão Rocha and Speaker of the Portuguese Assembly Augusto Santos Silva



YOUTH: SUPPORTING THE LEADERS OF TODAY AND TOMORROW

- Billions invested over two years to create job opportunities, training placements, and apprenticeships for youth—to help them succeed and avoid setbacks from COVID
- **Doubling of student grants for post-secondary, cancelling student loan interest, and no student loan repayments until they earn more than \$40,000**

SENIORS DESERVE TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT

Key measures delivered include:

- **10% increase to OAS for seniors over 75**
- Huge increase in the number of seniors' programs through the *New Horizons for Seniors* program—to keep our seniors healthy, active and engaged
- **\$4B funding to implement long-term care standards and to enforce them**
- Restored retirement age from 67 to 65 and increased GIS for the lowest income earners

GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME

Despite heroic efforts by the federal Liberal government over the last seven years to tackle income inequality and poverty, too many Canadians are still falling through the cracks. I believe that we have to relook at the social welfare system that we have now, which was designed for an earlier era, and replace it with one that better meets the needs of 21st-century Canadians. We need a more flexible and adaptive system. These are among the reasons I introduced a guaranteed basic income bill in the House of Commons in 2021: **Bill C-273, An Act to establish a national strategy for a guaranteed basic income.**

Working together with MP colleagues

and consulting experts across the country, I am preparing to reintroduce this bill again in the House of Commons. Many Canadians are already working under precarious conditions and the world of work feels increasingly unpredictable with rapid changes in the nature of the economy and the threats of automation. A well-designed basic income program can help Canadians meet their basic needs while creating stability to manage transitions and incentivize work and innovation, while also simplifying our system and keeping costs sustainable.

There are hundreds of examples, globally, of successful short-term basic income pilots. But, there is a need for long-term, broad-based implementa-

tion pilots that fearlessly address the key barriers that keep us from moving beyond pilots and toward sustainable policy and permanent change. There is a need to prove how to make such a program affordable as well as to show how, with proper design, a guaranteed basic income program will encourage work, provide stability and more opportunities to innovate.



MISINFORMATION & DISINFORMATION

Around the world, we are seeing how the concentration and disintermediation of media, the misuse of social media, and the rise of misinformation and disinformation are rapidly weakening our democracies and our institutions. I am focused on what our federal government can do to protect and secure our democracy, including the right to review social media algorithms; demanding more transparency on how personal data is collected and used; and understanding the cognitive factors that cement misinformation and disinformation.

PARLIAMENTARY FINANCE COMMITTEE

In a world that is increasingly unpredictable and at a time of economic instability, it is important for the federal government to strengthen the foundation of the Canadian economy. I've introduced a motion at Finance Committee that would have our committee study how we can eliminate interprovincial and territorial trade barriers and harmonize regulations across Canadian provinces and territories.

IMMIGRATION, SKILLS AND LABOUR PLAN KEY TO CANADA'S FUTURE ECONOMIC SUCCESS

For many years there have been and continues to be significant labour shortages in key sectors across Canada. Together with Canada's accelerating retirement rates and low birth rates, our future labour supply and economic prosperity is at risk.

For too many years, our immigration system favoured those speaking a high-level of French or English and those who had post-secondary degrees. Organizations looking for skilled and semi-skilled workers who do not typically score high based on these criteria are not able to fill positions. In some cases, this has led to many organizations hiring undocumented workers to fill jobs that would not otherwise be filled.

I am working with Ministers and MP colleagues on how we can ensure Canada has the skills, labour and talent we need now and, in the future, to secure our economic prosperity. Key elements of the plan include: 1) finding a way to normalize non-status workers working in sectors that have had and continue to have severe labour shortages such as construction, hospitality, logistics and health-care (including PSWs); 2) ensuring we have and share the local and regional data identifying current and future skills and labour needs across the country, and 3) adjusting our immigration system so that, ongoing, Canada is able to bring in the talent and workers (semi-skilled, skilled, global talent, etc.) we need to succeed.

INNOVATION & IP STRATEGY

Increasingly, the global economy is moving away from tangible assets (physical things) to intangible assets (ideas and intellectual property) and there is an urgent need to ensure that Canadian innovators and businesses are getting maximum value and protection for their innovations in order to be competitive both in

Canada and in the rest of the world. I am working with national experts on how the federal government can facilitate a culture around innovation, implement "freedom to operate" rules that help Canadian companies compete, and other changes that will ensure a more competitive and prosperous economy in Canada.

WORKING HARD FOR DAVENPORT



Joining the Annual Canada Day Parade hosted by Regal Heights Residents Association



Davenport housing announcement with Housing Minister Hussen, Mayor Tory, Deputy Mayor Bailão, & St. Clare's Andrea Martins



Said hello to over 1500 visitors at this year's BIG on Bloor Festival



Great to see so many local families at Do West Fest this year!



So much fun at the Fairbank Summerfest 2022 saying hello to local residents



Celebrating Eid al-Adha with the Islamic Culture and Dawah Centre community



Food, music and fun at BRAZILFEST 2022 at EarlsCourt Park



Majestic. Historic. First-ever Portuguese Flag Raising on Parliament Hill to celebrate Portuguese Heritage Month



Hosting a Q&A session with the seniors at LA Centre for Active Living!



Lunch meeting with Stacey Laforme, Chief of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation



Davenport Canada Summer Jobs BBQ with Davenport-based employers and students. \$1.5M, 347 jobs, 106 organizations!



Raising funds for Volta Luso Charities with Augusto Bandeira and Tony Do Vale



Honoured to have been invited to participate in 13 graduations in Davenport!



Freezies and games were a great way to stay cool at the St. Mary of the Angels Annual Fun Fair BBQ



Amazing singing, music, silent auction, games and BBQ at Rawlinson Fun Fair!