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Davenport Neighbours,

2017 is a special year, as Canada celebrates its 150th anniversary. While we know there are a number of areas where we can do better, Canada is one of the best places in the world to live.

At the federal level, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and our team is occupied with building relations with President Donald Trump and his administration. **There are many who have expressed concern about the US travel ban.** While the US government has given the Canadian government assurances that Canadian citizens with valid passports and Permanent Residents (with PR cards) will not be impacted, the US can decide who it allows to cross its borders. All sovereign nations, including Canada, have this right. Nonetheless, kindly contact my office if you are having issues or need my help.

Support for the middle class and **those who are working hard to join it** continue to be the core focus of our federal government. With the introduction of the Canada Child Benefit, over \$4.5 billion more dollars is being spent on children and families than the former government. This is a substantial number, and it shows our support for Canadian families. In addition, over 300,000 children have been lifted out of poverty.

The federal government also continues to focus on immigration and refugees with a record 300,000 new immigrants planned for 2017. An extra focus is being made on settlement of immigrants and refugees, and I am advocating for government to process the 6,000 pre-2012 legacy refugee cases as soon as possible.

In addition to my parliamentary work on immigration, I am also chairing the Women's Caucus Sub-Committee to increase women's participation in the workforce and to find ways to support more women entering senior levels in our workplaces.

We are engaging youth in Davenport who are eager to identify issues of concern to them and serious about tackling them.

Finally, I look forward to connecting with you in the coming days and months – a number of pop up offices and roundtables have been set up. (See back page.)

My team and I are here to serve you. Please do not hesitate to contact my office and/or to arrange a meeting if there is some way I can be of service to you and your family.



At MOCA announcement with Hon. Mélanie Joly



With Hon. Ahmed Hussen & Tony Letra at Arsenal do Minho

#heyjulie Contest

I'm thrilled to announce that the winner of the #heyjulie contest is:

Florable Giron

Florable will be receiving a personalized autographed photo of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and lunch with Julie. Thank you to all who participated!



At the Amigas de Toronto Breast Cancer Fundraiser



With Rabbi Elyse Goldstein & Ilyas Ali at the Ring of Peace

Working Hard on Behalf of Davenport

Canada—U.S. Relations

In mid-February, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau met with President Donald Trump in Washington, DC. Both leaders reaffirmed the importance and strength of the relationship between Canada and the US. Over 80% of Canada's trade is with the US, and the federal government is working hard to ensure continued collaboration and Canadian economic prosperity with our largest trading partner.

In Washington, Prime Minister Trudeau reiterated that **Canada will continue to uphold its values and continue to welcome immigrants and refugees** while not compromising security. Canada was built by immigrants and our future success depends on current and future generations of immigrant populations.

Many Davenport residents expressed concern on a Pre-Clearance Legislation C-23, an agreement that was reached between the previous government and former President Barak Obama

Our 2017 immigration numbers are at a historic high of 300,000.

in order to **increase speed of movement across the Canada-US border for economic and tourism purposes**. This Bill would expand the number of pre-clearance locations, and all actions by US officers at Canadian airports would be subject to Canadian law and limitations. The arrangement is 100% reciprocal. For more

information visit: <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/nws/bkgrndrs/20170222-en.aspx>.

Electoral Reform

The new Minister of Democratic Institutions, the Hon. Karina Gould, announced in February that her new mandate letter **does not include changing Canada's electoral system in 2019**. The decision not to change our electoral system was based on extensive outreach with Canadians across the country. No clear consensus was found for an alternative system, and it was clear that broad support is needed for a change of this magnitude.

Many Davenport residents were understandably upset about this broken election promise. Know that the decision was not taken lightly. For my statement on this decision, kindly visit the "News" tab on my website.

This is not the end of the discussion on electoral reform. I encourage all of us to continue to speak about how to improve our democracy and to educate those around us about the options. Please consult my website for information on upcoming roundtables on electoral reform.

Note that Bill C-33 has been introduced to repeal most of the undemocratic changes to the Elections Act made by the previous government. Minister Gould also has been asked to focus on increasing the transparency of political fundraisers, and to look into how the government can protect government institutions from cyberattacks.

M-103

Member of Parliament Iqra Khalid introduced a motion that asks the federal government to **condemn** all forms of systemic racism and religious discrimination, including but not limited to Islamophobia. M-103 seeks to have the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage study how the federal government **could reduce or eliminate systemic racism and religious discrimination, collect data on hate crimes, and to conduct needs assessments for impacted communities**. There is a lot of misinformation around M-103. The motion does not have anything to do with "freedom of speech". **I will be supporting M-103.**

Racism and religious discrimination have no place in Canadian society.



Meeting with John Manley, President and CEO of the Business Council of Canada



Listening and answering questions at the Davenport Town Hall (February 2017)



Thanking residents for the Ring of Peace at the Dawah Centre

Serving our Community

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

- Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship
- Passport Canada
- Employment Insurance (EI)
- Indigenous Affairs
- Canada Pension Plan (CPP)
- Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
- Old Age Security (OAS)
- Canadian Heritage
- Certificates/Greetings
- Parks Canada
- Veterans Affairs
- Heritage Canada
- Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)



With ACTRA & William F. White Productions



With Clément Chartier, Pres. of Métis National Council



With EU Parliament Civil Liberties Committee



MP Dzerowicz and former PM of Australia, Julia Gillard

What's Happening in Davenport

Davenport Youth Council

In 2017, two meetings have already been held with an energetic group of engaged Davenport youth who comprise the Davenport Youth Council.

The members of the Davenport Youth Council discussed and identified the following issues: youth engagement, youth homelessness, youth unemployment, access to education for immigrant and refugee youth, support for local businesses and aboriginal issues.

Our first initiative is to work on engaging more youth in the riding. Stay tuned for more actions!

Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy

The Government of Canada is committed to developing a Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy to reduce poverty and improve the economic well-being of all Canadians so that everyone has a fair chance to succeed.

The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos has launched a public consultation process so that all approaches to reduce poverty across the country are considered. Canadians are invited to participate in the online consultation, which will run until June 2017. For more information please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/>



The amazing Davenport Youth Council

[employment-social-development/programs/poverty-reduction/nomination.html](#)

MOCA

Exciting news! On February 8, the Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage, announced funding for the new Museum of Contemporary Art Toronto to be located in Davenport! Funding from the Canada Cultural

Poverty is an issue that affects more than 3 million Canadians.

Spaces Fund will be used to transform a previous industrial space into a new home for contemporary art. Set to open this fall, MOCA will boast three large-scale exhibitions per year, several permanent collections, a variety of spaces for community members to gather, and an array of education opportunities such as workshops, talks, and screenings.

The opening of this space will mark a new era in MOCA's growth, as well serve as inspiration for an already vibrant and rich arts and culture community in Davenport.



Speaking with local artists at the MOCA announcement

Artists are the heart and soul of Davenport.



Saying hello to local resident at New Year's Levee



Supporting local French radio station, CHOQ FM

A Trabalhar Arduamente Para A Nossa Comunidade

Julie falou na câmara dos comuns para dar as boas vindas ao novo Secretário Geral das Nações Unidas, António Guterres—ela disse que a comunidade portuguesa de Davenport estava muito orgulhosa com a escolha do o Secretario Geral das Nações Unidas bem como com a mensagem de paz que ele enviou para todos.

Julie continua a estar focada nos problemas de imigração em Ottawa. Agora leva 12 meses para que o esposo de um cidadão Canadiano obtenha o estatudo de cidadão. Antes eram necessários pelo 3 a 5 anos.

Também o numero de pontos para o programa

Express Entry foram reduzidos—é agora mais fácil aplicar-se para a residência permanente no Canadá.

C-6 deverá brevemente passar no senado—de entre outras coisas, o governo Liberal está a fazer alterações para que os residentes permanentes não tenham de fazer o teste da lingua para se aplicarem á cidadania Canadiana, uma vez que completem os 55 anos de idade. Isto alterou, antes era só aos 65 anos.

Ela também continua a ajudar a comunidade—e a praticar português! Ela divirtiu-se no Amor da Pátria, na Casa dos Açores, no trigésimo primeiro

aniversário da Casa das Beiras, no trigésimo quarto aniversário da Casa do Alentejo, na angariação de fundos para o cancro da mama na Amigas de Toronto, no Festival das Concertinas com o Arsenal do Minho, e no First Portuguese Community Centre.



Discussing federal issues during monthly interview with Brazilian Camões Radio



Celebrating the 34th anniversary of Casa do Alentejo



Presenting a certificate to Casa das Beiras on their 17th anniversary

Julie in the Community



Celebrating Black History Month with Mozambican & Angolan leaders



At local publishing house of great Canadian authors, House of Anansi Press



With members of the Ecuadorian community at the Davenport Holiday Party



Speaking with Vietnamese community leaders at the Davenport New Year's Levee

Upcoming Events & Contest

Town Halls and Round Tables

Artists' Round Table

Friday, April 21—3pm-5pm

Davenport Town Hall

Saturday, May 6—Time and Location TBC

Indigenous Issues Round Table

Friday, May 26—3pm-5pm

Women's Rights Round Table

Date, time and location TBD

Affordable Housing Round Table

Date, time and location TBD

All round tables will take place at MP Julie Dzerowicz's Community Office at 1202 Bloor Street West. Please consult the "Events" section on our website for updates.

Historic Sesquicentennial Leadership Awards

This is call for nominations for a historic Canada150 prize. Do you know a long-standing community leader

whose work has contributed to making a better Davenport community and/or a better Canada? In addition, let us know how whether they have had an impact in any of the following four areas:

- Diversity and inclusion
- Reconciliation from nation to nation with Indigenous peoples
- The environment
- Youth

Please send your submissions of minimum one page to julie.dzerowicz.c1b@parl.gc.ca. Nominations will be accepted until June 16, 2017.

DAVENPORT ROADSHOW

with JULIE DZEROWICZ



Join me at my Pop-Up Community Offices on any of the dates and locations below. I'm looking forward to hearing about issues that matter to you.

April 1st

GLADSTONE HOTEL
10 AM – 12 PM

WALLACE EMERSON
COMMUNITY CENTRE
2 – 4 PM

April 8th

JACK'S BAKERY
10 AM – 12 PM

April 19th

JJ PICCININI
COMMUNITY
CENTRE
5 – 8 PM

April 22nd

NOVA ERA BAKERY
10 AM – 12 PM

DAVENPORT / PERTH
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
2 – 4 PM

May 6th

PEPPER'S CAFÉ
2 – 4 PM

May 13th

DARK HORSE
ESPRESSO BAR
10 AM – 12 PM