

URGENT & IMMEDIATE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE



Talking plastic pollution at the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development with Minister Catherine McKenna



Saying thank you to outgoing federal Environment Commissioner, Julie Gelfand, for her amazing advocacy work



Discussing climate change with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau



Announcing \$73.2M in funding to upgrade Toronto's water & sewage systems in partnership with the City of Toronto, benefitting houses in the north part of the Davenport riding



Davenport Climate Action Panel Discussion featuring Mark Winfield, Lisa DeMarco, and Arthur Lofsky

One of the last acts of the 42nd Parliament before it rose for the summer was for the federal Liberal government to declare a National Climate Emergency. There were two key components to this motion. The first was to reaffirm Canada's commitment to achieving our Paris Accord targets; the second was to declare a climate emergency and to commit to doing more beyond the Pan-Canadian Framework's 50 urgent Climate Actions already committed, resourced and underway.

Many in Davenport have written to me or met with me to say they are worried about Canada being able to achieve its Paris Accord targets. We have an action plan that we are busy implementing, and will continue developing it to ensure it meets our Paris Accord targets. Some of the key urgent actions underway include:

- Putting a price on pollution in provinces that do not have an emissions reduction plan. In Ontario, the only reason there is a price on pollution (i.e. carbon tax) is because Premier Ford's provincial government cancelled the cap and trade program that was in place, costing Ontarians \$3 billion in lost revenue
- Historic investment of \$1.3 billion to protect our biodiversity and species at risk
- Investment in a new clean fuel standard which will accelerate the switch in transportation from gasoline and diesel to electricity and sustainably produced biofuels
- Changing national methane regulations which will reduce overall methane emissions (which are 30x as damaging as carbon) in the oil and gas sector and incentivize them to innovate
- Significant investment in public transit across Canada, including bike infrastructure
- Closing all coal fired plants by 2030
- Investing \$130 million over five years to expand the cross-Canada network of zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) charging and refueling stations, set a target to sell 100 per cent zero-emission vehicles in Canada by 2040, providing a \$5,000 incentive to switch to a ZEV

I am a member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development. We often had top environmentalists come before the committee. They consistently told us **not to wait for the perfect plan to meet our Paris Accord targets, but to keep implementing the one we have now (i.e. Pan-Canadian Framework)**. While we implement the existing framework, we will also continue to pursue new opportunities as they present themselves to help us reach our Paris Accord targets quicker.

Single-Use Plastic Ban Starting in 2021

I have had the chance to visit a number of schools across Davenport over the first half of this year. Plastic pollution is easily a top topic of concern for our students at both the elementary and secondary levels.

I was delighted when our Prime Minister announced that Canada will ban single-use plastics beginning in 2021. Canada will determine which items to ban with an evidence-based approach. We plan to follow the EU model that prioritizes banning single-use plastics with market alternatives, and make companies that manufacture or sell plastic products take environmental responsibility for recycling their plastic waste.

For links to the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, the Davenport Climate Action Panel's letter to Minister McKenna, and articles in support of Canada's climate plan and decision to green light the Trans Mountain Pipeline, visit my website jdzerowicz.liberal.ca.

WORKING HARD FOR THE COMMUNITY



At the Fairbank Summerfest, organized by the Fairbank Village BIA



Serving food and chatting with Davenport residents at St. Anne's monthly community dinner



At Politics and the Pen With Harley Rustad, author of *Big Lonely Doug: The Story of One of Canada's Last Great Trees*, published by Davenport's House of Anansi Press



Meeting with the Consul General of Turkey, Mr. Erdeniz Şen, and Turkish leaders



Meeting with His Excellency Andriy Shevchenko, Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada



With boxing champion George Chuvalo at the grand opening of the George Chuvalo Community Centre



Discussing local and federal issues with Brazilian community leaders at my office



Grateful to be invited by Abdul & his family to an Iftar at the Islamic Information & Dawah Centre



Tripling of Canada Summer Jobs Announcement at Davenport Perth Community Centre



At the Dovercourt Boys & Girls Club with our Minister of Health, the Hon. Ginette Petitpas Taylor, announcing \$1.3M for educational programs aimed at preventing youth cannabis use



St. John Bosco Fun Fair



Team Julie at Toronto Pride



Celebrating Clay & Paper Theatre's 25th Anniversary with David Anderson at Dufferin Grove Park



With Science and Sport Minister Kirsty Duncan to announce \$4.3 million in funding to help Canada prepare for the 2026 World Cup



Celebrating Canada Day at Earls Court Park

SUMMER 2019 CELEBRATING CANADIANS AND OUR ACHIEVEMENTS



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, JULIE DZEROWICZ

I love being a Member of Parliament. Serving Davenport residents and helping in every way possible is a privilege. The best parts of my job are when I succeed in improving the individual lives of Davenport residents, take actions that make our community better, and shape our country to be the open, compassionate, equal, and just society that we are proud to call our home.

No government is perfect. When one strips away all the noise, all the announcements, all the talking points – at the core of what the federal Liberal government stands for is *to do all we can to ensure every Canadian has an equal chance to succeed*.

In the coming weeks, I will be mailing and emailing communication pieces that will outline the federal government's investments and actions in priority areas that reduce inequality and help Canadians achieve their potential. Where I can, I highlight how Davenport has benefited directly from our investments and decisions.

If you would like to read my community updates, kindly visit jdzerowicz.liberal.ca (publications tab) or call my office.

All summer long, I will be spending my days either coming to your doors to say hello, or attending one of the many local festivals, street parties or other Davenport celebrations in our riding throughout July and August. If you'd like to join me, please visit the events section of my website.

And of course, as always, my team and I are here to serve you. Please do not hesitate to contact me at my community office if you have a question, concern or need help with an outstanding issue.

Happy Summer!

Julie Dzerowicz
Member of Parliament | Davenport

DELIVERING RESULTS FOR DAVENPORT

SUPPORTING DAVENPORT SENIORS

The federal Liberal government has made enormous strides in supporting our seniors.

We have restored the Old Age Security and Canada Pension Plan eligibility back to 65 from 67 (which has kept 100,000 seniors out of poverty), increased the GIS top-up by almost \$1000 per year for the most vulnerable single seniors, invested \$40 billion in a National Housing Strategy that will create and restore 7000 spaces for seniors, provided \$2 billion more for home care in Ontario, invested \$100 million for a National Dementia and Alzheimer's Strategy, and introduced the new Caregiver Credit Employment Insurance benefits to support caregivers, among other things.

Federal funding for the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) has also increased by \$100 million over 5 years across Canada to keep our seniors active and engaged in our communities.

Since 2016, 38 seniors projects in Davenport have received \$860,244 in NHSP funding.

Finally, since the Canada Pension Plan has been enhanced, the seniors of tomorrow will receive up to 50% more when they retire!

HISTORIC FUNDING FOR DAVENPORT WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS

For Canada to succeed, everyone has to have an equal chance to achieve their potential. For too long, women have not had a level playing field and, as such, did not have an equal opportunity to achieve their potential and dreams. Since elected, our federal government has invested heavily and seriously in women's organisations to address this.

Women's organisations provide vital services in our communities: supporting women and girls to be financially secure, free from violence, and able to fully participate in all aspects of our economy and society. For too many years, they have been chronically underfunded, underestimated, and undermined. The Government of Canada recognizes that women's organisations are the lifeblood of the women's movement and that maintaining and growing their ability to do this important work is the most effective way to advance gender equality.



In May, I announced an investment of over \$2.4 million for five women's organisations in Toronto's Davenport neighbourhood: COSTI Immigrant Services, The Dandelion Initiative, Sistering, South Asian Women's Centre, and Working Women Community Centre.

These funds will be used to address systemic barriers to women's equality in three priority areas: ending violence against women and girls, improving the economic security and prosperity of women and girls, and encouraging women and girls in leadership roles. When everyone has an equal chance to succeed, Canada wins!

TRIPLE CANADA SUMMER JOBS

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made a campaign promise in 2015 to double the funding and number of Canada Summer Jobs, so that Canadian youth ages 16 – 24 can get a head start on their careers, work experience, and skill development. Our federal government has fulfilled this promise across the country. In Davenport, we were able to do even better!

Davenport has many excellent organisations and small businesses, but even with the doubling of Canada Summer Jobs, it was not enough to meet the basic needs of our organisations. This left many students unable to find local jobs.

Davenport has a large number of youth (within the top 20 of 338 ridings in Canada), a median income that is lower than that of the average resident in the City of Toronto, and was receiving less overall funding than other surrounding ridings. Armed with these facts, Davenport was able to triple its funding so we are at par with other ridings across the city. Now more youth than ever before have opportunities to work in Davenport!

If any youth are still looking for a job, please visit the Government of Canada Job Bank:

www.jobbank.gc.ca/youth



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau drops into Caldense Bakery to speak to Portuguese leaders and community members during Portuguese Heritage Month!
Left to right: Helder Costa, Victor Melo, Jack Prazeres, Justin Trudeau, Julie Dzerowicz, Joe Botelho, Ricardo Viveiros
O Primeiro Ministro Justin Trudeau parou na Padaria Caldense para falar com líderes e membros da comunidade portuguesa, e para desejar-lhes um Feliz Mês de Património de Portugal!



Jack Prazeres and Dr. Mário Silva
2019 Portuguese Canadian Walk of Fame Inductees



University of Toronto Portuguese Association's
Scholarship Gala



Celebrating the 56th Anniversary of Casa da Madeira
with President Luis Bettencourt and José Rodrigues

PORTUGUESE CANADIAN WALK OF FAME

The Portuguese are an inspiration not only to their community, but to all Canadians. Every year, distinguished Portuguese leaders are honoured with an induction into the Portuguese Canadian Walk of Fame. This year, the recipients were Jack Prazeres, Dr. Mário Silva, Meaghan Benfeito, and Mário Coelho Tomaz who won the Builders Award.

I also want to pay tribute to a few leaders in the Portuguese Community who passed away over the last year – Fernando Cruz Gomes, Director of ABC; Alexandre Franco, Owner and President of Post Milenio; and Carlos Morgadinho, who ran Associação 25 de Abril, an organisation committed to ensuring that the lessons of Portugal's Carnation Revolution and the fragility of democracy are not forgotten.



Celebrating Portugal Day at the Portuguese Ambassador's residence in Ottawa

PORTUGUESE HERITAGE MONTH

For only the second year in Canada, June is celebrated nationally as Portuguese Heritage Month. I am so grateful to my colleagues in the House of Commons for their unanimous vote to support my Private Members Motion designating June as Portugal Heritage Month and June 10 as Portugal Day in Canada. It's a testament to all the Portuguese leaders, volunteers, community and media who have tirelessly promoted the Portuguese culture, language and community. They serve as the inspiration for this national recognition. It is to honour them and their aspiration for the Portuguese to be recognised at the highest level of our nation and be celebrated for its many contributions to Canada. I also want to thank Portuguese Canadians for being part of the rich diversity of our country; we are a better nation because of you.



Saying hello to Davenport residents at the Portugal Day Parade

CREATING A BETTER COUNTRY

The federal Liberal government is rapidly nearing the end of our first term.

- I wanted to highlight some of the **amazing achievements** over the last four years for Canada and for Davenport:
 - One million full-time jobs created since the federal government was elected in 2015
- Unemployment rate at 5.4%, the lowest in over 40 years
- Youth unemployment rate at 10.3%, the lowest since it was measured in 1977
- Created the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) - the most innovative social policy in a generation that has lifted 825,000 Canadians (300,00 children) out of poverty
- The CCB puts more money in the pockets of nine out of ten families with an average of \$550, tax free, per month
- Increased taxes on the wealthiest 1% and reduced taxes on the middle class
- \$18 billion invested to correct the inequities between Canada's Indigenous Peoples and other Canadians, in education, health care and infrastructure; this includes lifting 85 long-term drinking water advisories on public systems on reserves since November 2015, with 58 left to go by March 2021
- Launched the first ever National Housing Strategy. It builds on historic investments of more than \$55 billion over 10 years and will remove more than half a million households out of housing need. It also renews and strengthens the federal government's funding for community, public, and social housing, including housing for co-ops and non-profit housing providers; all co-ops in Davenport in need of a federal subsidy renewal received one, providing affordable housing and stability for those who live in co-ops in our riding
- Since 2016, the Government of Canada has approved over \$6.9 billion in infrastructure funding for Ontario – including \$1.3 billion to improve and expand Toronto's transit system and over \$4.5 million for bicycle infrastructure in Toronto
- Signed three trade agreements. No Canadian government has ever achieved this before! We signed the Canada-Europe Trade Agreement, the CPTPP (Canada, Australia, Brunei, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam); and the updated NAFTA (aka CUSMA)
- Changes to immigration policy: cleared up the backlog of all legacy refugees, reduced processing times for spousal applications from 3 years to under 12 months, more than doubled the number of sponsored parents and grandparents and cleared up the backlog left by the Harper conservatives in the past, implemented the Global Skills stream to allow world class talent to be hired by Canadian companies, among other changes
- Made gender equity a priority – investing significant amounts in women's organisations (over \$260 million over five years in 2018 and 2019 federal budgets); introduced proactive pay equity legislation and other historic investments to ensure equal opportunity for women in education, economy, and leadership in Canada
- Increased the support to seniors by lowering the age to qualify for Old Age Security from 67 to 65, by increasing the Guaranteed Income Supplement by nearly \$1,000 for single and vulnerable seniors, by enhancing the Canada Pension Plan, and by investing \$11 billion in home and mental health care
- Canada has the best balance sheet of all G7 countries and the lowest GDP to debt ratio
- Cut small business taxes from 11% to 9%
- Top re-settler of refugees in the world in 2018 according to the UN
- \$81 million to fix the no-fly list and to ensure that kids with similar names to those on the no-fly list are not caught up in the system
- \$1.4 billion historic investment to promote the health and rights of girls and women around the world; this is a game-changer and will empower 18 million women and girls in developing countries by 2030
- Reengaging in the world – key part of the UN Peace & Stabilization efforts (MINUSMA) in Mali, Canadian troops now stationed in Latvia as part of NATO efforts to discourage further Russian aggression in the Baltic states, police and military training in Ukraine and many countries in the Middle East and Africa
- Declared a national climate emergency, signed a Pan Canadian Framework with 50 urgent climate actions to combat climate change, banning single-use plastics by 2021, developing zero-emissions vehicle infrastructure across Canada, among many other things
- Additional \$4 billion dollars for home care and mental health in Ontario; \$11 billion total for Canada
- Invested \$1.9 billion in arts and culture in Canada including \$675 million for CBC and \$550 million for Canada Council for the Arts

SYRIAN NEWCOMER KITCHEN FEDERAL FUNDING

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) recently announced that 22 organisations across Canada will receive funding through a pilot program aimed at providing support and services to help visible minority newcomer women find jobs.

I am so excited that Newcomer Kitchen (located at The Depanneur) has been selected as one of the organisations! Newcomer Kitchen is a non-profit that invites Syrian refugees to cook weekly meals at the Depanneur Kitchen, which are then sold to the public, with proceeds shared among the cooks. Heartfelt congratulations to the Newcomer Kitchen team and leadership. The funding will allow for the eventual creation of a catering and workshop social enterprise – a model that will not only create jobs, but also build social relations within many communities across the city.

CANADIAN ARTS COALITION GOES TO OTTAWA

Since elected, I have been hosting quarterly Davenport Strategic Arts Roundtables to help our vibrant, strong, and diverse arts & culture community address key issues. Issues that consistently came up were ones the community was having with Canada Revenue Agency.

After many attempts, my team and I were able to secure a 90-minute meeting with all key federal stakeholders at the table. Representatives from the Ministry of Finance – Tax Policy, Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), Canada Council for the Arts, and political staff representing their Ministers from Heritage, Finance, and National Revenue attended. The Canadian Arts Coalition represented the arts community and did a wonderful job outlining key issues the community had in terms of CRA reporting requirements, the increase in reassessments and audits, the need for clearer guidelines for granting bodies around income and expense reporting, and eligibility criteria for professional status of artists. Results from this excellent meeting were a greater understanding of the issues, a commitment to address issues raised, and a commitment to ensure closer ties between the Canadian Arts Coalition and the CRA for any ongoing issues.



Announcing New Horizons for Seniors Funding for the following organisations in Davenport: Agape Seniors Centre, Coopérative Radiophonique de Toronto, LA Centre for Active Living, Latin@s en Toronto, Laura Heller Information Services, Oasis Dufferin Community Centre, & Vietnamese Association



With Luminato Chair Peter Herrndorf and wife Eva Czigler at the Luminato Festival