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## WE HAVE YOUR BACK!

Davenport friends and neighbours: amis et voisins de Davenport: As we try to get past this second wave, we are all thinking the same thing: **we are tired of COVID-19 and we all want this to be over!**

While I am not sure when, I can say with absolute confidence that this will come to an end. With great hope it will be sooner rather than later.

The purpose of this update is to ensure you have the support you need to get through the upcoming winter. ***What I want to make very clear is that the federal government is here for you.*** If you need help or are having a hard time accessing any of our supports, please contact my office.

We are heading into what we anticipate will be a hard winter. The federal government is laser focused on creating 1 million jobs and investing historic amounts in training and retraining. At the time of printing, 75% of Canadians have resumed their previous jobs and our unemployment rate moved from 13.7% to 9%.

There are businesses that have closed down, and this is sadly and unfortunately to be expected, but most Canadian businesses are surviving, not only by taking advantage of government supports but also by pivoting their businesses and being creative. I have visited many

businesses across Davenport, and it is moving how resilient they are and how local communities have come around to support them. Thank you for shopping local and please keep it up!

The back page of this update relays the latest changes to government supports. Our supports have changed and will continue to evolve based on need. We have moved from providing blanket support to keep Canadians home to very targeted support for Canadians—helping them get back to work and adjusting supports based on what businesses need to ensure they are on solid footing.

The federal government is currently focused on more direct support for those sectors most impacted, including tourism, hospitality and arts & culture. For the airline industry, not only are we looking to support them, but also to ensure airlines keep customers “whole” who have had travel cancelled due to the pandemic.

We have allocated \$1 billion for Rapid Housing, including \$208 million for Toronto, with some supportive housing being built in less than 6 months at the south end of Davenport. We are focused on a green recovery, including preparing legislated targets to get us to net-zero by 2050; and finally, we continue our work on reconciliation including working to protect Mi'kmaq fishing rights.

Keep an ear out for our Fall Economic Statement, which will provide Canadians with a view of our fiscal situation and our budget plans moving forward. And if you would like more frequent updates please sign up via the Contact Us tab on my website or follow me on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter **@juliedzerowicz**.

As always, it is an honour to serve you Davenport. Please stay safe.

Julie Dzerowicz, MP Davenport



Helping local Portuguese leaders from Casa dos Açores prepare and distribute food baskets to those in need. Thank you to Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club for organizing this amazing food basket program!



# WE WILL BE THERE FOR CANADIANS

While health and safety is our absolute top priority, the federal government will continue to help Canadians find jobs and rebuild their businesses. We are adjusting supports as needs change. While our borders remain firmly closed, we also continue to make adjustments to allow entry for more Canadians' loved ones.

## Small Business Supports

The federal government is providing targeted support to businesses. For a summary of all supports please visit [bit.ly/DavenportSmallBiz](https://bit.ly/DavenportSmallBiz)

### Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) - Apply directly to federal government

- ✓ Small business can apply to get up to 65% of their rent covered; plus an additional 25% top-up if you are shut down by a public health order
- ✓ Apply directly to federal government: no landlord involvement

### Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) - Additional \$20k loan, interest-free!

- ✓ Interest-free loans for small businesses, now up to \$60,000 total
- ✓ \$20,000 of the \$60,000 becomes a grant if repaid by 2022
- ✓ Application deadline extended to Dec 31
- ✓ Business owners with personal accounts can now apply!

### Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)

- ✓ Targeted program to cover up to 65% of employee salary – depending on revenue loss
- ✓ Extended to June 2021

## Worker Supports

The federal government's focus is to create 1 million jobs and help Canadians get back to work. Below are current supports; to stay up to date please visit [bit.ly/DavenportWorkers](https://bit.ly/DavenportWorkers)

### Job bank – job postings and tools

- ✓ [Jobbank.gc.ca](https://jobbank.gc.ca)

### Expanded Employment Insurance (EI)

- ✓ Only 120 hours needed to qualify
- ✓ \$500 per week, up to 26 weeks

### Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)

- ✓ EI for contract workers / gig workers (those who do not qualify for EI)
- ✓ If you lose more than 50% of your weekly income, you could qualify
- ✓ \$500 per week, up to 26 weeks

### Recovery / Sickness Benefits

- ✓ \$500 per week if sick (up to two weeks), or caring for someone due to COVID (up to 26 weeks)

## Immigration & Border Updates

While the Canadian border continues to be closed to most travellers, the federal government continues to make exceptions to accommodate Canadians and their needs.

We have recently made changes to allow entry to extended family members (adult children, grandchildren, grandparents, siblings), partners who have been in a long-term relationship, and entry for compassionate care reasons. We also committed to clearing up the 50,000 spousal sponsorships backlog and processing 10,000 parents and grandparents by the end of this year.

Finally, there is a pandemic-related processing backlog of 3 to 4 months on immigration and refugee applications. If your case is past the processing time, please be patient and kindly use the IRCC webform at [bit.ly/DavenportWebform](https://bit.ly/DavenportWebform) to check for updates on your file before contacting my office.

For the latest announcements on immigration and the border visit the IRCC website: [bit.ly/ImmiRefugNews](https://bit.ly/ImmiRefugNews)



Meeting with Toronto Catholic District School Board Trustee Frank D'Amico at Jack's Bakery with owner Jason Carvalho



Community clean-up organized by Regal Heights Residents Association