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COVID-19 UPDATE



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Davenport friends and neighbours –

I miss seeing everyone at local parks, food markets, events, street festivals, and while being “out and about” in the community! I hope you are all keeping safe and staying healthy.

This issue is a Special COVID-19 Report to Davenport residents and summarizes *some* of the key support programs in place. My objectives are to **ensure you get the most up-to-date information** on federal supports during this COVID-19 pandemic and in the coming post-pandemic period, **to invite you to sign up for my Daily Updates** (weekdays), and to **let you know that my team and I continue to serve you.**

The federal government has an excellent website (Canada.ca/coronavirus) summarizing all support programs available. I also distribute a Daily Update with the latest news, details on key support programs for Canadians, and responses to many of the issues and questions raised by Davenport residents through email or phone.

If you would like to receive my daily email update, please sign up at juliedzerowicz.ca/email-updates. You can also like my Facebook page @juliedzerowicz or find the updates at juliedzerowicz.ca/coronavirus. Note, we may reduce the frequency of updates depending on how much new information comes out daily.

For a full list of COVID-19 supports, please visit Canada.ca/coronavirus or my webpage juliedzerowicz.ca/coronavirus.

A historic \$145.6 billion has been committed. Our Finance Minister, the Hon. Bill Morneau, indicated **Canada has been the most generous of all G7 countries and delivery times have been the fastest for all G7 COVID-19 emergency support programs.** We have been able to respond quickly and generously because of Canada’s healthy fiscal position. Our attention is now shifting to how to support the Canadian economy and Canadians past this initial pandemic phase – there will be a lot of new information in the coming weeks and months.

I have an extraordinary team working with me serving Davenport. We are working full-time remotely every day responding to your calls, emails and questions. We are slowly moving into the post-COVID pandemic period and until there is a vaccine there will continue to be public health rules that need to be followed to keep ourselves, our families, and our communities safe.

We live in extraordinary times. I am very proud of our united Team Canada approach to keeping Canadians healthy and safe and to do our best to support Canadians and the economy moving forward.

Keep safe Davenport, and please do not hesitate to contact me if there is something I can do to be helpful to you.

Julie Dzerowicz
Member of Parliament for Davenport

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In Toronto and Ottawa my staff and I continue to serve the Davenport community remotely.

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ABOVE: STICKING TOGETHER BREAST CANCER GALA IN MARCH / BELOW: AT CASA DO ALENTEJO'S 37TH ANNIVERSARY



SUPPORT FOR CANADIANS

CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT (CERB)

To support eligible workers who have lost their income due to COVID-19, our federal government introduced the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB): a taxable benefit of \$2,000 every 4 weeks for up to 16 weeks.

The CERB is available to workers who meet all of the following conditions:

- Live in Canada and are at least 15 years old
- Stopped working because of COVID-19 or are eligible for EI regular or sickness benefits
- Have not voluntarily quit their job
- Had income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application

On April 15, we expanded eligibility rules to:

- Allow people to earn up to \$1,000 per month while collecting the CERB
- Extend the CERB to seasonal workers who have exhausted their EI regular benefits and are unable to undertake their regular seasonal work because of COVID-19
- Extend the CERB to workers who have recently exhausted their EI regular benefits and are unable to find a job because of COVID-19

Find more details and apply at:
canada.ca/coronavirus-cerb

SUPPORT FOR SENIORS

Our federal government recognizes that how we support our long-term care facilities needs to be reviewed moving forward. At the time of printing, supports announced for seniors include:

- Reduced required minimum withdrawals for seniors from Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) by 25% for 2020
- A one-time doubling of the GST credit
- Contributing \$9 million through United Way Canada for local organizations to support services for Canadian seniors

Please visit juliedzerowicz.ca/coronavirus for an update on supports for seniors.

\$9 BILLION EMERGENCY SUPPORT PACKAGE FOR YOUTH

- Canada Emergency Student Benefit: \$1250 per month for students and new graduates not eligible for CERB (\$1750 for those with dependents or disabilities)
- Canada Student Service Grant: \$1,000 - \$5,000 for students who volunteer
- Creating 116,000 jobs & training opportunities—in addition to the 70,000 Canada Summer Jobs
- Doubling Canada Student Grants for all eligible students in 2020-2021

Students can apply for up to three emergency programs, and the support is for the period between May - August 2020. For more details, please visit juliedzerowicz.ca/coronavirus.

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FIRST 2020 DAVENPORT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY



CANADA CHILD BENEFIT

An extra \$300 per child through the Canada Child Benefit for 2019-2020. This will mean approximately \$550 more for the average family in Canada. Deposited in May.



GST / HST PAYMENT

One-time extra payment of the Goods and Services Tax credit to low and middle income families. Payment up to \$300 per individual and up to \$600 per couple. Deposited in April.



MORTGAGE SUPPORT - DEFERRALS

Canadian banks have committed to work with their customers on a case-by-case basis.

Option of deferring up to six monthly mortgage payments. Contact your financial institution & learn more at cba.ca.



2019 TAX YEAR DEADLINES

Individuals

File by: June 1, 2020 | Pay by: Sept. 1, 2020

Self-employed & their spouses/common-law partners

File by: June 15, 2020 | Pay by: Sept. 1, 2020

SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES

CANADA EMERGENCY BUSINESS ACCOUNT (CEBA)

CEBA offers interest-free loans of up to \$40,000 to small businesses and not-for-profits to pay for immediate operating costs like payroll, rent, utilities, insurance, or debt service.

Canadian businesses with a federal tax registration, \$20,000-\$1.5 million in 2019 annual payroll, and that confirm their intention to continue operating the business or resuming operations are eligible. Repaying the balance of the loan on or before December 31, 2022 will result in loan forgiveness of 25% (up to \$10,000). Small businesses and not-for-profits should contact their financial institution to apply for these loans.

Find more CEBA information at ceba-cuec.ca.

The federal government is also helping with business expenses by deferring custom duties and tax payments. In addition, we are offering a variety of lending supports through the Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP) which provides additional support through the Business Development Bank of Canada and Export Development Canada.

There is also a \$675 million fund for small and medium businesses who for any number of reasons do not qualify for any of the other emergency funds announced. Please email me at julie.dzerowicz@parl.gc.ca for more details if you are one of these businesses.

CANADA EMERGENCY WAGE SUBSIDY

CEWS provides a 75% wage subsidy—up to \$847 per week—to eligible employers for up to 12 weeks, retroactive to March 15, 2020.

This aims to prevent further job losses and encourage employers, non-profits, and charities to re-hire workers laid off due to COVID-19, and helps position companies to more easily resume normal operations following the crisis.

Employers must make their best effort to top-up employees' salaries to bring them to pre-crisis levels. Applications for the CEWS are now open. Learn more at bit.ly/CEWSdetails

Organizations may also qualify for the previously announced wage subsidy of 10 percent of remuneration paid from March 18 to before June 20, 2020; see: bit.ly/CEWS-FAQ

CANADA EMERGENCY COMMERCIAL RENT ASSISTANCE

CECRA is a \$2.5 billion program paid for by the federal and provincial governments and administered by the provinces, as all matters related to commercial or residential properties—including Landlord-Tenant Acts—are governed by the provinces in Canada.

CECRA lowers rent by 75% for small businesses, non-profits, and charities (paying less than \$50,000/month rent) who have temporarily ceased operations or experienced at least a 70% drop in pre-COVID revenues. The federal government will cover 50% of the rent and the small business tenant would contribute up to 25% of their usual rent. The mortgaged property owner agrees to reduce eligible small business tenants' rent by at least 75% for April, May, and June under a rent forgiveness agreement, which will include a term not to evict the tenant while the agreement is in place.

The program is being managed by CMHC. Details on the application process will available at: bit.ly/CMHC-CECRA

SECTOR-SPECIFIC SUPPORTS

In Davenport, we have many **artists, creators, and those working in the cultural industries**. We know this sector has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 crisis with many contracts, events, festivals, and tours cancelled. The **\$500 million Emergency Support Fund** addresses financial needs of affected artists, organizations and athletes. The fund will be administered by Canadian Heritage with partners such as Canada Council for the Arts, and will provide a variety of funding supports. More details and how to apply will be available on my website: juliedzerowicz.ca/coronavirus.

The **\$350 million Emergency Community Support Fund** helps non-profits and charities providing front-line services to vulnerable Canadians—such as seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, women, children and youth, and Indigenous and racialized people. Funds will be disbursed through the United Way, Canadian Red Cross, and Community Foundations of Canada. For details, please go to bit.ly/ESDC-ECSF

There will be more announcements on sector-specific support in the coming days and months. Please visit juliedzerowicz.ca/coronavirus for links to my Daily Updates or sign up to receive my Daily Update by email at juliedzerowicz.ca/email-updates.



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SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Below is a list of *some* of the resources in our riding of Davenport. For a more complete list, please visit my website.

Community Food Banks in Davenport

The Stop / thestop.org / 1884 Davenport Road / 416-652-7867

- Monday and Friday food bank: 12 PM - 3 PM
- Takeaway meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays: 9 AM - 10 AM for breakfast, 12 PM - 1 PM for lunch

Oasis Dufferin / oasisdufferin.org / 1219 Dufferin Street / 416-536-4431

- Tuesday take out dinner: starts at 5:30 PM
- Wednesday food bank: line up on Dufferin 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Davenport Perth Neighbourhood and Community Health Centre (DPNCHC) / dpnchc.com / 1900 Davenport Road / 416-656-8025

- Monday & Wednesday takeaway meals at 5 PM (pick up outside the main entrance at 1900 Davenport Road)

Our Place Community of Hope / ourplacecommunityofhope.com / 1183 Davenport Road / 416-598-2919

- Takeaway meals will be provided Tuesday - Friday between 2 - 5 PM (lower level - entrance on Delaware)

Dufferin Grove Farmers' Market / shopdufferingrovemarket.ca

- The farmers' market has moved to an online ordering system with pickup at St. Anne's Church

Help for our Vulnerable Populations

Abrigo Centre / abrigo.ca

- Offering services by phone at 416-534-3434

Sistering / sistering.org

- For at-risk, socially isolated women and trans people in Toronto
- Harm reduction, medical clinic, and food access drop-in has temporarily moved to 220 Cowan Ave for better physical distancing

West Neighbourhood House / westnh.org

- Most in-person and group activities are cancelled, but WNH is still serving participants remotely and working to help the most vulnerable. Call them for help over the phone: 416-532-4828

Volunteer Groups in Davenport

- Need a hand? Offering support? Go to davenporthelps.ca
- Search 'Regal Heights COVID-19 Help Group' on Facebook

MENTAL HEALTH

During the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, it is important to take care of our mental health. Let's always be honest with ourselves and not be afraid to ask for help. The federal government has been preoccupied with the mental health of Canadians, and we have committed substantial resources, including:

- Wellness Together Canada (ca.portal.gs) offers free online resources and connections to trained volunteers & mental health professionals 24/7
- Kids Help Phone for kids and youth: visit kidshelpphone.ca or call 1-800-668-6868
- Additional federal resources: bit.ly/gc-mentalhealth

Support/resources are also available at:

- Toronto Distress Centre: 416-408-4357
- Centre for Addiction & Mental Health: camh.ca
- Canadian Mental Health Association: cmha.ca

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LEFT: OASIS COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR WALK IN FEBRUARY / RIGHT: WITH NICK SAUL AT THE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRES 'CHEFS FOR CHANGE' EVENT IN FEBRUARY

SUPPORT FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE

Our federal government is providing **\$100 million** to organizations across Canada—including Davenport-based Community Food Centres Canada—to improve access to essential **food support**. If you need to access these programs, please see above.

We are providing **\$305 million** for a new **Indigenous Community Support Fund** to address immediate needs like food insecurity and mental health supports.

We continue to support people experiencing **homelessness** during the COVID-19 outbreak by providing **\$157.5 million** to the Reaching Home initiative.

We are supporting **women and children** fleeing violence by providing up to **\$50 million** to women's shelters and sexual assault centres, including facilities in **Indigenous communities**, to help with their capacity to manage or prevent an outbreak in their facilities.

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