

A GREEN RECOVERY

UNIVERSAL BROADBAND

We are investing even more to make sure all Canadians can get high-speed internet. Budget 2021 provides another \$1 billion over six years for the Universal Broadband Fund, in order to support access to high-speed internet by Canadians in rural and remote communities. This investment puts us on track to achieve our **98% high-speed coverage initiative by 2026.**

INFRASTRUCTURE

People in Davenport rely on affordable public transit, and it also helps keep our air clean and our emissions lower. In February the federal government announced a historic, first-time ever permanent public transit fund, and \$14.9B in investments over the next eight years! Budget 2021 lays out how this permanent funding will support new subway lines, streetcars, light rail, bike lanes, electric buses, and so much more!

We are also taking next steps, at long last, to High Frequency Rail in the Toronto-Quebec City corridor with a \$500 million investment!



CLIMATE ACTION & INFRASTRUCTURE

1M Jobs

Urgent, bold new climate action is a core part of our federal government's plan to **create one million jobs by the end of the year.**

45%

Our federal government not only remains committed to our climate goals, but also to increasing our ambition. Even with COVID, climate change remains an existential threat. **On Earth Day 2021, PM Trudeau announced that we are increasing our target to a 40-45% drop in emissions from 2005 levels by 2030.**

\$90B

We have already made historic investments in climate action: over \$60 billion since 2015. In 2020, we laid out another \$15 billion through the Strengthened Climate Plan, and \$15 billion more for public transit.

\$18B

Budget 2021 includes nearly \$18B in **new investments** to support a green recovery.

Davenport residents have made absolutely clear that they want our federal government to focus on a green recovery, and ensure our economic recovery does not come with a relapse into burning huge amounts of fossil fuels.

In December, we became one of the only countries to demonstrate a clear, specific plan on how **we will actually reach our 2030 targets, laying out a strengthened climate plan called A Healthy Environment and a Healthy Economy.**

Mark Carney, former Bank of Canada and Bank of England Governor and current UN Special Envoy on Climate Action and Finance, recently said in a speech that Canada is “the first country in the G20 with a carbon price policy serious enough to make a difference.”

We also took bold action in Parliament by **tabling our Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act, which enshrines five year targets, right up to net-zero by 2050, into Canadian law.**

With the Biden administration rejoining the Paris Accord, we are now coordinating with the U.S. to turbocharge our ambition. We are coordinating on trade action against countries failing to lower their emissions, on developing cross-border clean energy transmission and reaching net-zero power, on reducing oil and gas methane emissions, on protecting nature and approving nature-based climate solutions, on Indigenous-led conservation efforts, and on a zero-emission vehicle future.

Budget 2021 adds \$17.6 billion in brand-new green investments, which will:

- Create jobs in green tech, like manufacturing wind turbines, solar panels, electric cars, batteries, and more
- Spur Canadian innovation to build net-zero technologies and attract new investments in Canadian businesses
- Help lower emissions on farms and support agricultural climate solutions
- Invest in carbon capture technology
- **Invest over \$400 million in natural infrastructure, like Toronto's ravines, which also provide walking and biking paths**
- Help Canadians upgrade their homes to make them greener & more energy efficient
- **Conserve 25% of our land and 25% of our water by 2025, supporting natural climate solutions and biodiversity**

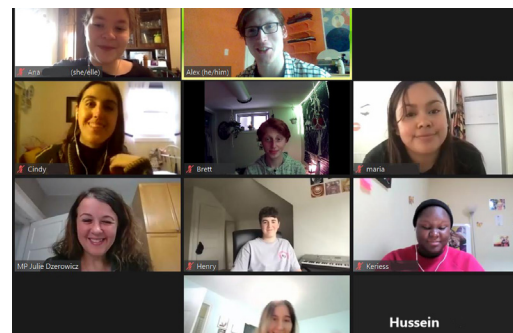
FELIZ MÊS DE PORTUGAL, DE CAMÕES E DAS COMUNIDADES PORTUGUESAS!

Since 2017, June has been recognized as Portugal Heritage Month in Canada. It's a chance to celebrate all the wonderful contributions of the Portuguese community to our country. On June 10 we celebrate Portugal Day! Normally there is a big parade, but sadly it's not possible again this year. Below are some fond memories from past celebrations and events. I can't wait to see everyone in the community in the coming days and months.

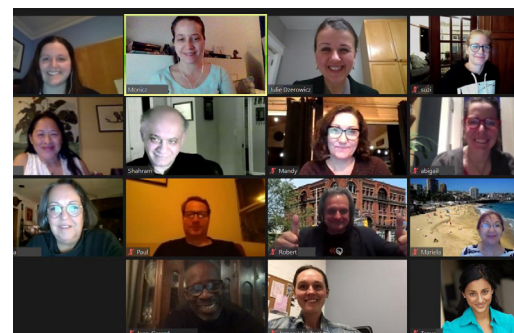


WORKING HARD FOR OUR COMMUNITY

In spite of the fact that we have been in lockdown, I have made every effort to stay in touch with Davenport community groups, host town halls with our Ministers, and engage with Davenport residents on their issues.



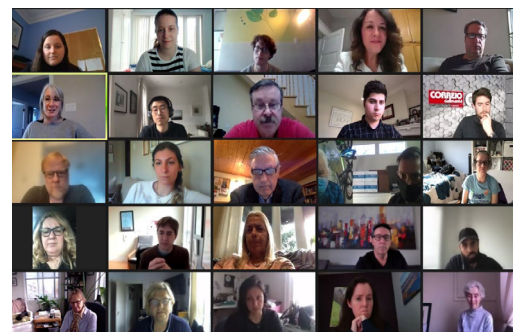
First meeting with 2021-2022 Davenport Youth Council



Checking in with Davenport small businesses and BIAs



Federal Budget 2021 Debrief with Davenport residents



The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, visits Davenport for a virtual health town hall



Meeting with FCJ Refugee Centre, an extraordinary organization in Davenport serving refugees & newcomers



Announcement of funding for seniors programs in Davenport to keep seniors engaged, active, and healthy



Virtual visit with St. Anne's Church



Meeting with Oasis Dufferin Community Centre



New head of Sistering, serving women & trans people in need

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BUDGET 2021 REPORT



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Davenport Friends and Neighbours: Amis et voisins:

While the emphasis of this newsletter is on federal Budget 2021, rest assured that our attention as a federal government remains laser-focused on fighting COVID and supporting Canadians until we are well on the other side of this pandemic.

Federal Budget 2021 is over 700 pages, and this 6-page householder will not do justice to all the important items in it! **If you would like a more in-depth look at what it contains, kindly visit canada.ca/budget.**

The main objectives of Budget 2021 are to create jobs and grow the economy. Over the next few months, as more Canadians are vaccinated and the economy winds its way out of the COVID recession, the federal government will continue to offer robust small business supports and to extend supports for Canadians who are still looking for a job. Canada is among the most generous countries in the G7 as far as relief for small businesses, and this is purposeful—we want to do everything possible to give every small business a fair shot at making it through and bouncing back.

Growing the economy and investing for the future is core to Budget 2021. We will see growth thanks to the historic national childcare plan, measures for workers like increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 and expanding the Canada Workers Benefit, and investments for small and medium-sized businesses to modernize and digitize. This will set the stage for a more competitive, productive and innovative economy.

Creating one million new jobs—a key goal of the budget—is core to Canada's green economy recovery. Investing in green technology, renewable energy, protecting 25% of Canada's land and water, and funding home retrofits, are all part of the plan to reduce our carbon emissions by 40-45% by 2030, and achieving net zero by 2050. Historic funding for public transit and active transportation (yes bike lanes and walking paths) will also help reduce emissions.

Budget 2021 significantly invests in our seniors, with a 10% increase to Old Age Security for everyone 75 and

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over and **\$4B dollars to create and enforce national standards for long-term care.**

We are also providing youth with historic funding to make post-secondary more affordable and ensure young people have access to jobs.

Pursuing a more just and equitable Canada means empowering Black Canadians, continued investment in Canada's Indigenous Peoples, and accelerating the drive towards gender equity, among so many other priorities and initiatives.

June is Portugal Heritage Month in Canada—a time to celebrate the many contributions of the Portuguese-Canadian community. The annual Portugal Day Parade will not take place this year, but I do hope that once it's safe to do so, I will have the chance to see you in person out and about across Davenport, or at one of the many local street festivals, or at other outdoor events like Canada Day that may be taking place in the coming days and months. **Please contact my office if there is something being planned in your neighbourhood that you would like to invite me to join.**

I want to wish everyone a Happy Portugal Heritage Month and a Happy Canada Day in advance!

As always, it's an honour and privilege to serve you Davenport.

Julie Dzerowicz, Member of Parliament • Davenport



Fond memories of a past Regal Heights Canada Day parade with Florence Watts, John Keating, Harry Lay, and Rosabel Fast

JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH: PART 1



A NATIONAL CHILDCARE SYSTEM

After 50 years of politicians talking about it, our federal Liberal government is taking action on national childcare. Budget 2021 introduces significant funding and a plan to ensure every Canadian family can access affordable childcare.

To accomplish this, we are investing

up to **\$27 billion** over the next five years, plus permanent federal funding for childcare, up to a total of **\$9.2B per year by 2026**. We will also invest \$29M to make childcare centres accessible to people with disabilities, and \$2.5B specifically for Indigenous childcare.

Cut fees by 50% on average by end of 2022

Reduce fees to \$10 a day by 2026

Establish affordable system of quality not-for-profit childcare across the country

SUPPORT FOR CANADIAN WORKERS

This budget will do more to support workers, through this pandemic and into the future—stimulating economic growth and increasing jobs:

- **Extending the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) by an additional 12 weeks**, to a maximum of 50 weeks (reducing to \$300 per week beginning July 17, when jobs are expected

to be bouncing back)

- Making EI simpler and more flexible for another year
- Substantially Increasing the Canada Workers Benefit, which will benefit about 1 million additional Canadians in low-wage jobs and lift 100,000 workers out of poverty
- Bringing in a \$15 federal minimum

wage—sending a signal to provinces that they should raise their own minimum wages

- Investing hundreds of millions to help workers **retrain and upskill**, including a new initiative for training for growing industries, one to help small businesses recruit the workers they need, and much more

TAKING CARE OF OUR SENIORS

Seniors deserve a life of dignity and respect, having contributed so much to building our nation and so much to our community. Here's what Budget 2021 does for seniors:

- We will invest \$3B over five years to work with provinces and territories (plus \$1B already invested in the fall) on establishing and enforcing new, **national standards for long-term care homes**. The committee to develop standards is led by Dr. Samir Sinha, director of geriatrics at To-

ronto's Mount Sinai Hospital, and any Canadian can fill out his consultation survey at surveymonkey.ca/r/HSOLTCNSC

- Keeping our 2019 platform promise, we will **permanently increase OAS for pensioners 75 and older by 10%** next year—federal supports for seniors will grow by \$22 billion by 2025, one of the single largest increases in spending
- In the meantime, we are providing a **one-time payment of \$500** in August 2021 to OAS pensioners who

will be 75 or older as of June 2022

- Continue funding community services for seniors such as those by the LA Centre for Active Living, Davenport-Perth Community Centre, and the First Portuguese Canadian Cultural Centre
- Provide \$100M for mental health supports for seniors and others who have been impacted by COVID
- We are creating a new Age Well at Home Initiative, to support community-based groups who help seniors at home through things like meal delivery

JOBS & AFFORDABLE EDUCATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

For young people, Budget 2021 takes huge strides to make education more affordable and jobs more accessible. We will not let COVID-19 leave us with a lost generation:

- Expanding repayment assistance, so that **no payments are required on student loans if you are making**

\$40,000 or less per year

- Doubling Canada Student Grants for another two years, until 2023—**covering 90% of the average university tuition for low-income students**
- **Waiving student loan interest until 2023**, saving money for around 1.5 million students

- Investing \$721M to connect students to quality job opportunities:
 - The Student Work Placement Program
 - The Youth Employment and Skills Strategy
 - Canada Summer Jobs (jobbank.gc.ca/youth)

JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH: PART 2

SMALL BUSINESS: CORE TO CANADA'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS

Canada has provided the most generous relief for small businesses of any country in the G7, and this budget extends those programs. We know this is a really hard time for all small businesses, and though it breaks my heart to see empty storefronts, we know not every single business will make it through in the end. But we want to do everything possible to give everyone a fair shot.

Investments to Help Small Business Modernize and Compete

Budget 2021 introduces the new Canada Recovery Hiring Program. Through an investment of \$595 million, this new subsidy would help offset the extra costs employers take on as they reopen, either by increasing wages or hours worked, or hiring more staff. The program starts in June 2021 and ends in November 2021.

To help with the transition to digital platforms, we are also introducing the **Canada Digital Adoption Program**. This will help businesses adopt new technologies, plus create approximately 28,000 jobs for young Canadians and those taking on the role of digital trainers. The program includes \$1.4 billion over four years to provide access

to skills and training services, and micro-grants for businesses.

Continued Emergency Supports

Budget 2021 includes an extension of both the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) and the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS). These programs have helped more than 5.3 million Canadians keep their jobs and more than 154,000 organizations with rent, mortgages, and other expenses. Currently set to expire in June 2021, Budget 2021 extends them into September 2021.

CEWS and CERS extended into September 2021

Reducing Credit Card Interchange Fees

We are taking action to fight the high fees that small businesses pay on electric and credit card transactions, by consulting with key stakeholders to ensure that small businesses benefit from pricing that is closer to what it is for large businesses.



Visiting one of the many amazing Italian shops on St. Clair west—Centro Trattoria & Formaggi—with owner Tony Celebre

TARGETED COVID INDUSTRY & SECTOR SUPPORTS

We are taking urgent action to support tourism and arts & culture businesses that have had their operations wiped out by COVID by making key investments to help them adapt and bridge through to a recovery on the other side of this pandemic.



Budget 2021 will invest \$1 billion for tourism, festivals and events including:

- \$200M to support major festivals
- \$200M for local festivals and celebrations \$100M for Destination Canada marketing campaign
- \$500M tourism relief fund to help recover from COVID

Icons: Priyanka, Icon Z, Dmitry Vasiliev and Alice Design—the Noun Project; Portuguese flag photo by Nathan Hughes Hamilton



Budget 2021 will also invest \$1 billion in arts and culture, including:

- \$300M for a recovery fund
- \$50M for performing arts festivals and community based cultural events and celebrations
- \$70M for the Canada Music Fund and the live music sector
- Over \$160M for TV and film production and Telefilm Canada



Much Needed Support for Non-Profits and Charities. Budget 2021 invests \$400 million to create a Community Services Recovery Fund to help charities and nonprofits modernize and adapt as the economy reopens.



Budget 2021 includes \$523 million for airports and the airline industry to help with safe restart of air travel, including

creating Covid-19 testing infrastructure, more sanitization equipment, protection for passengers, limiting transmission, and creating safer, more secure air travel.

A MORE EQUAL CANADA

EMPOWERING BLACK CANADIANS

Our federal Liberal government is working hard to break down the barriers that Black Canadians, racialized Canadians, and Indigenous Peoples face in our country—whether it's being denied a loan to start a business, or being profiled by police.

We have made significant investments to date in programs that benefit Black Canadians, in gathering better data about criminal justice and other outcomes for different racial groups, protecting communities from hate-based threats, and much more.

Budget 2021 makes significant new investments to build on this work. It will:

- Invest in the Canadian Race Relations Foundation, which supports communities and fights racism in all its forms
- Step up the Communities at Risk program, which builds protections for groups at risk of violent hate-crimes
- Invest in capacity-building for Black-led non-profit organizations, and a new Black-led Philanthropic Endowment Fund
- Increase funding for the Black Entrepreneurship Program
- Empower Statistics Canada to gather better, disaggregated data and help us understand the gaps in our system better, including in the justice system

MAKING OUR STREETS SAFER

Our federal Liberal government believes in getting guns off our streets. On February 16, we introduced legislation to strengthen gun control in Canada, support handgun bans in our cities, and eliminate all legal use of prohibited military-assault style firearms, among other measures. This builds on the basics established in Bill C-71 in the last Parliament, which tightened existing gun regulations.

We are tackling this issue from a number of different angles. Budget 2021 proposes to provide \$312 million over five years, starting in 2021/22, and \$41.4 million ongoing, to implement legislation to help protect Canadians from gun violence and to fight gun smuggling and trafficking, as well as to invest in programs that will tackle the root causes of gun violence.

TOWARDS A NEW NATION-TO-NATION RELATIONSHIP

I am proud of the progress our government has made in the last five years towards reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. We have made historic investments in Indigenous education and health care, we have lifted 106 long-term drinking water advisories (53 remaining), and we started implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions' Calls To Action. We have made real progress to righting historic wrongs—but Canada still has a long path to walk.

In Budget 2021, we are investing an additional \$18 billion to close the infrastructure gap, and help Indigenous communities grow stronger, by:

- Continuing to support Indigenous communities' fight against COVID-19
- Improving health outcomes with investments in maintaining and improving health care systems
- Enabling Indigenous-led child care systems
- Building more infrastructure, including clean drinking water
- Facilitating business services and financing, including for Indigenous entrepreneurs
- Implementing a National Action Plan to meet the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' Calls for Justice

SECURING GENDER EQUITY

Canada cannot achieve gender equity without tackling gender-based violence. Our government has already invested hundreds of millions of dollars into women's organizations since 2015, which has made a difference in Canada and in Davenport, but we need to do more—every 2.5 days a woman or girl is killed in Canada.

Our federal government is committed to making Canada a country free of gender-based violence. We are taking a huge leap forward with a National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence, and a commitment of \$600M:

- Funds for sexual assault centres, women's shelters, and other organizations that provide critical and often life-saving services and supports for women, girls, LGBTQ2, and gender non-binary people experiencing violence.
- Initiatives that make our communities more resilient to the threats of gender-based violence, including increased funding to stop human trafficking, support for at-risk populations and survivors, and initiatives that engage men and boys in recognizing the role they can play in ending gender-based violence.
- Better data collection around gender-based violence, so that the government can build stronger policies and take stronger action.

