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*Delivering
for Davenport!*

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With Minister McGuinty, Minister of National Defence, at the Canadian Armed Forces base in Edmonton to learn more about the ongoing investments in personnel, training, and equipment.



At the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in Brussels with the President of the NATO PA and NATO Deputy Secretary General to talk about the latest international developments in security and defence.



Visiting Arctic bases with former NATO PA Secretary General Ruxandra Popa & Head of Iceland's delegation Njall Fridbertsson, aboard a Black Hawk at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska.



In uncertain times, our community is our greatest source of strength. Events like Coldest Night of the Year hosted by Oasis Dufferin remind us that, no matter what, we show up for each other.

Davenport friends and neighbours; amis et voisins de Davenport:

I hope you are doing well. I know many of you are feeling uneasy, monitoring the news, worrying about what comes next. I want you to know: I share those concerns, and I think about our community every single day. What I can also tell you is that **our federal government has a plan, and we are acting on it.**

At the World Economic Forum earlier this year, Prime Minister Carney named what many of us are feeling: we are living through "a rupture, not a transition" in the global order. Great powers are weaponizing trade, supply chains, and financial systems. Middle powers like Canada can no longer rely on the old rules-based system. **We must act together, and we must be strong on our own.**

Last year, **Canadians chose a Mark Carney Liberal government** for a reason: to **stand up for our sovereignty, safeguard our prosperity, and chart a new course in a more dangerous world.** The 51st-state rhetoric may have quieted — but the threat to our independence has not gone away.

The war that the United States and Israel launched against Iran on February 28th is a stark reminder of what happens when diplomacy fails and major powers act unilaterally. The Strait of Hormuz has been effectively shut down, disrupting global energy markets and supply chains that affect Canadians directly. The full impact is still unfolding, but one thing is clear: **Canada must never be dependent on any single ally for our security or prosperity.** This is why we must invest in our Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), strengthen alliances with like-minded countries who follow international law, and protect our sovereignty.

That is exactly what we are doing — and I am proud to say we reached a major milestone. On March 26, NATO confirmed that **Canada has officially met the 2% of GDP defence spending target — the first time since the end of the Cold War.** Our federal government invested more than \$63 billion across

National Defence and partner agencies — the largest year-over-year increase in a generation. As Defence Minister David McGuinty said, reaching 2% is a foundational step in renewing Canada's defence and a clear statement of resolve in a more dangerous world: strengthening our sovereignty, securing our continent, and reinforcing our role among allies. Minister McGuinty called it a "new era" for Canada's defence. We did not just talk about it ... we got it done.

At the NATO Summit in The Hague, Canada and our allies agreed to a new Defence Investment Pledge of 5% of GDP by 2035. Of the 5%, 1.5% will go to critical infrastructure — highways, ports, clean energy — dual-use projects that serve both our security and our communities. **This is not just military spending. It is an economic driver that will create jobs, connect communities, and build a stronger Canada coast to coast.**

CAF recruitment is up 13%, with diverse opportunities in engineering, cybersecurity, skilled trades, and more. I encourage you to explore CAF careers by scanning the QR code on the back of this mail piece. On the reverse side, you'll find the key pillars of our defence strategy. It's important for Davenport residents to have access to this information.

The world is changing, but one thing hasn't: this community's ability to come together when it matters most. That's what makes me so proud to represent Davenport, and so confident in our future.

As always, it's a true honour and pleasure to serve you, Davenport.

Julie Dzerowicz

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Chair, Immigration Committee
Chair, Canada-NATO Parliamentary Assoc.

Investing In Canada's Defence & Protecting Our Sovereignty

The Canadian Armed Forces

Across the country, our government is investing \$63 billion across the Department of National Defence (DND), the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), and other government partners.

Major initiatives are underway to upgrade ships, aircraft, and bases; strengthen Arctic sovereignty; and enhance support for those who serve. These investments are securing good jobs, driving innovation, and ensuring our Forces have the tools they need to meet new challenges at home and abroad.

From engineers and technicians to healthcare specialists and cyber experts, the Canadian Armed Forces is hiring across Canada. Whether you're looking to serve in uniform or contribute through civilian roles, there are rewarding careers available that build skills, leadership, and a stronger nation.



Learn more about joining the Canadian Armed Forces.

Defending & Building Canada's Arctic

On March 12, PM Carney announced over \$35 billion in federal investments to defend, build, and transform Canada's North:

- ✓ **\$32 billion for new and upgraded military bases** at Yellowknife, Inuvik, Iqaluit, and Goose Bay to defend our Arctic independently
- ✓ **New Northern Operational Support Hubs** at Whitehorse and Resolute Bay (\$2.67B), with nodes at Cambridge Bay and Rankin Inlet
- ✓ **The 800-km Mackenzie Valley Highway connecting Yellowknife to Inuvik** – construction begins this summer
- ✓ **Canada's first overland connection** to a deepwater Arctic port at Grays Bay
- ✓ **The Taltson Hydro Expansion to double the NWT's hydroelectric capacity**
- ✓ **\$6.5 billion for a new Arctic Over-the-Horizon Radar** system, built in partnership with Australia

These investments will create approximately 11,000 construction jobs, connect Indigenous and Northern communities, and unlock Canada's critical mineral resources.



Prime Minister Carney announces ambitious new plan to defend, build, and transform the North March 12, 2026

Defence Industrial Strategy

At its core, the Defence Industrial Strategy is about building a stronger, more resilient Canadian economy.

Elements of the Defence Industrial Strategy:

- ✓ **\$180 billion** in defence procurement opportunities and **\$290 billion** in defence-related capital investment opportunities in Canada over the next 10 years, with an anticipated **\$125 billion** downstream economic benefit by 2035.
- ✓ Create **125,000 high-paying careers**, increase our defence exports by 50%, raise the share of defence acquisitions awarded to Canadian firms to 70%, and grow Canadian defence industry revenues by 240%.
- ✓ Within a decade, we will **raise maritime fleet serviceability to 75%, land fleets to 80%, and aerospace fleets to 85%** to bolster Canadian defence.

The Defence Investment Agency (DIA) is the mechanism that will deliver on this strategy – streamlining procurement, cutting red tape, and ensuring the CAF gets what it needs, when it needs it, while maximizing benefits for Canadian businesses, including small and medium-sized enterprises.



Prime Minister Carney launches Canada's first Defence Industrial Strategy to strengthen security, create prosperity, and reinforce strategic autonomy February 17, 2026

Strengthening Global Partnerships

Canada is building a diverse network of defence partnerships with like-minded nations. With each of them, we are developing new bilateral defence roadmaps and agreements so that we are positioned to support ourselves and our allies in an unprecedented world. We have joined EU's Security Action for Europe (SAFE) initiative. The only non-European country part of SAFE, Canada is contributing to European and Ukrainian security, and creating new export opportunities for Canadian defence companies in one of the world's largest markets.



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Our Prime Minister met with the Nordic Countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden) at the Canada-Nordic Summit in Oslo on March 15

Canada's Defence Partnerships



Australia



Poland



Japan



Qatar



India



Nordic Countries



Indo-Pacific Regions



SAFE Initiative