

DAVENPORT NEWS—EQUALITY FOR WOMEN

SUMMER/ FALL 2017

Dear Friends and Neighbours:

It continues to be an absolute pleasure to serve as your Member of Parliament and represent your views in Ottawa. Working for you means carrying forward your concerns to government colleagues in a timely way to ensure that positive changes are made in Davenport. I sincerely appreciate that so many of you have taken time to share your ideas and concerns with me. I am excited by the many great initiatives that our federal government has already taken this year and the direction where our community and country are headed.

I hope you've had a great summer. I've celebrated with you at a wide range of events, festivals, and activities around Davenport. We have had the opportunity for many interesting conversations. You've shared your news and you've also asked for more details about my work. Specifically, a number of you have asked for more information about new federal government legislation and announcements.

I will be sending out information notes such as this one to keep you informed and to help you obtain more information. To view all topics with relevant information links, I invite you to visit my website at juliedzerowicz.ca.

It is wonderful to be back home in Toronto for the summer. I am grateful to every constituent who has taken the time to call, write, or stop by my office to voice concerns and express delight about topics that are important to you and our community. Your engaged efforts allow me to successfully advocate for you on your behalf and to make Davenport a healthier, more vibrant neighbourhood.

When the House of Commons is in session, I am in Ottawa from Monday to Thursday but always back in Davenport on Friday and the weekends. As always do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything on your mind or if I can be of service to you and your family.

It is a pleasure and a privilege to serve you,

Julie Dzerowicz
Member of Parliament, Davenport

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MP Julie Dzerowicz talking to a mother and her daughter at the annual Salsa on St. Clair Festival— July 2017



MP Julie Dzerowicz with Davenport youth employed through funding to the Canada Summer Jobs program at a congratulatory BBQ

FIGHTING FOR EQUALITY

POLICIES TO SUPPORT WOMEN IN CANADA AND ABROAD

Advancing gender equality is a fundamental priority of the federal government and our Prime Minister has acknowledged that empowerment and support for women is an important component of achieving this goal. I am very proud that 50% of our federal cabinet is now women, which means that half of the people shaping Canadian policies and legislation in our country are women. I am also proud of the fact that a gender analysis was conducted on Budget 2017 to assess how government spending affects women. These are both historic firsts for Canada.

Our national government is taking great strides on behalf of Davenport and Canada and I am excited to do my part. I am currently the Chair of the Woman’s Caucus sub-committee looking at how we can increase women’s participation in the workforce – there is a 10% difference between men and women’s participation in the workforce – an impact of over 4% of GDP to our national economy.

Recently, a \$18 million fund was announced for national projects that aim to empower women and advance greater gender equality. This money is being used to support projects right here in Davenport, such as COSTI immigration services, which provides health, legal, and economic services to Canadian women.

Canada’s Strategy to Prevent and Address Gender-Based Violence was also launched to enhance efforts to address online child exploitation, better equip our legal and justice systems to address gender-based violence, and provide better care for survivors of gender-based violence. Finally, the Minister of International Development, the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau recently announced that much of Canada’s foreign assistance will now be dedicated to helping women and girls in the areas of health, education, and reproductive rights. These are only some of the many efforts that our government has enabled to ensure that Canada is supporting and empowering women both at home and abroad.



MP Julie Dzerowicz attending a Breast Cancer Society event to support women affected by breast cancer in Davenport and across Canada

READ CANADA’S NEW STRATEGY:
 [HTTP://WWW.SWC-CFC.GC.CA/VIOLENCE/STRATEGY-STRATEGIE/FS-FI-EN.HTML](http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/violence/strategy-strategie/fs-fi-en.html)

YOUR THOUGHTS

What are your thoughts on how to increase women’s participation in the workforce?

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