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# JUNE 2018: CELEBRATING DAVENPORT'S DIVERSITY

Dear friends and neighbours,

With the warm weather finally here, we're lucky to have so many ways to celebrate our community and its incredible diversity.

Last month, I co-hosted an Immigration Town Hall at Oakwood Library with the Hon. Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship. The Minister spoke about the significant improvements our government has made to the immigration system, how immigration eases the effects of Canada's declining birthrate and increasing retirement, and the myths about those who seek asylum at our borders. To be clear: the regular and asylum immigration processes are different. They each have separate resources, and one does not interfere with the other.

I also had the pleasure of joining Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in

welcoming Portuguese Prime Minister António Costa to Canada. They both expressed their pride in June being recognized as Portuguese Heritage Month (and June 10 as Portugal Day in Canada) for the first time at the national level, and together, we visited Portuguese businesses and the broader Portuguese diaspora in Toronto.

This month, I will be spending my weekends at several fairs and festivals in our community. I'm looking forward to marching in both the Pride and Portugal Day Parades again this year, and I want to encourage you to join me in taking advantage of the exciting events taking place throughout our riding. For a list of events, please visit my website at [jdzerowicz.liberal.ca](http://jdzerowicz.liberal.ca).

Julie Dzerowicz  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 10** - Portugal Day Parade  
BLOOR & LANSDOWNE • 11 AM - 1 PM

**June 23** - Day Avenue Street Festival  
DUFFERIN & ST. CLAIR • 12 PM START

**June 23/24** - Fairbank Summerfest  
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**June 24** - Toronto Pride Parade  
BLOOR & CHURCH • 2 PM

Go to the 'upcoming events' tab on my website [juliedzerowicz.ca](http://juliedzerowicz.ca) for more details.



With Ken Robertson at an Indigenous Affairs Roundtable



At Toronto Pride with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and fellow MPs



With Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Prime Minister António Costa

**>>** Read page two to learn what our government is doing to take care of our senior citizens.  
Fill out the feedback form on page two to let me know your thoughts about our federal government's progress.

# TAKING CARE OF OUR SENIOR CITIZENS



HOSTING A SENIORS INFORMATION SESSION AT DUFFERIN MALL

Since being elected, I've had the pleasure of meeting with a countless number of seniors across Davenport. At community centres, holiday parties, and front doors, many have told me the same thing: that governments need to do a better job supporting our seniors.

During the last federal election, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau promised we would take care of our seniors, who form the bedrock of our communities. We are delivering on that promise, and I want to share a few of our actions to-date.

To help seniors stay independent for longer and receive care in their homes whenever possible, we have made historic investments in dedicated funding for mental health and home care services totalling more than \$11 billion over 10 years.

Our federal government has restored the retirement age from 67 back to 65. As a result, we've restored the age of eligibility for Old Age Security (OAS) and

the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS). Over 900,000 seniors are now receiving enhanced GIS benefits - up to as much as an additional \$947 per year. We also enhanced the Canada Pension Plan to increase the maximum level of pension earnings to 14%.

Last year, I joined Prime Minister Trudeau to announce our National Housing Strategy (NHS), which is something that seniors have been advocating for and requesting for decades. At a time when it is becoming increasingly difficult for seniors to afford the cost of living (particularly in Toronto), this plan is investing \$40-billion over 10 years to create 12,000 new affordable housing units and repair over 300,000 existing units.

All of these concrete changes are making a real, positive difference in seniors' lives. There's more work to do - and our government remains committed to taking care of senior citizens.



What can I do to better serve seniors in Davenport?

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Yes, I would like to receive email updates and invites to upcoming events from MP Julie Dzerowicz.

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