

Kusie Update

October 2022



Stunning sunrise in Silverado

MESSAGE FROM STEPHANIE



Dear Constituents of Calgary Midnapore,

I hope that you and your loved ones enjoyed a nice Thanksgiving together and that you had fun preparing for Halloween! While I was home during the brief Parliamentary recess in October, I was excited to see some spooky decorations going up across the riding.

It's been two months since our new Conservative Leader, Pierre Poilievre was elected, and his messages of affordability and accountability are resonating with Canadians -- and it's no surprise. The cost-of-living crisis is crushing Canadian families and the *last* thing anyone needs right now is yet another tax increase. Conservatives have been relentless in our call to scrap the PM's plan to hike taxes on paycheques, groceries, and home heating – as well as his plan to *triple* the carbon tax by 2030. No Canadian

should be punished for heating their home or getting to and from work and other commitments. My colleagues and I are also very worried about the impacts the rising interest rates are going to have on mortgages. (*Read on for more about our efforts to prevent these increases*).

We want to see Canadians keep more of their own money, and in my new role as the Shadow Minister for the Treasury Board, my focus will be scrutinizing this government's out of control spending. The government simply cannot continue hurtling down this path of money printing and inflationary spending. It is our children who will be left to pay an insurmountable debt if we don't put an end to it now.

In addition to advocating for affordability, Conservatives will continue to hold the government to account on its lack of action on the housing crisis, resource development, foreign policy, the opioid epidemic, and its many ethical lapses. You can follow along by watching the daily Question Period and other debates in the House and in Committee on [ParlVu](#).

You should have recently received my latest householder mailer which provided an overview of much of the upcoming legislation to be debated and voted on by Members of Parliament. I encourage you to get in touch if there is any legislation that concerns you, and to complete and return the reply cards (found in the centre of the publication).

I look forward to engaging with constituents at my upcoming Virtual Town Hall Q&A on November 14th with Special Guest, MP Melissa Lantsman the Deputy Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada. Additionally, I will be hosting a Christmas Meet and Greet event

in December – and I am so excited to re-connect and celebrate the season with you! *Read on for more information on these events.*

I wish you an excellent month ahead and will continue to keep you updated on my work.

Sincerely,

Stephanie

RIDING NEWS



VICKI FERNANDEZ RECEIVES AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

It was a pleasure to drop by Ron Southern School this month to personally congratulate Vicki Fernandez, who recently received the Prime Minister’s Award for Teaching Excellence.

Ms. Fernandez’ work in early literacy is making a difference in many young lives. Please join me in congratulating and recognizing her!

You can read more about Ms. Fernandez’ work and the reasons why she was selected for this prestigious award [here](#).

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PARLIAMENTARY UPDATE

“TRIPLE, TRIPLE, TRIPLE”

The Liberal government would like Canadians to believe that they are *still* not paying enough at the pumps. In fact, they want Canadians from right here in Calgary Midnapore to pay triple the amount of tax on gas, groceries and home heating.

That’s right, earlier this month the Liberal-NDP coalition voted against our Conservative motion to place a moratorium on planned tax increases. Instead of voting for something that would help Canadians, this government voted to triple the Carbon Tax by 2030.

In voting to triple the Carbon Tax they voted to triple the amount of tax you pay on groceries, triple the tax you pay on home heating, and yes triple the tax you pay at the pump.

In a time when 44% of Canadians say their personal finances have worsened over the last year* this government wants to take more of your hard-earned money and place it in government coffers instead of your pockets.

Stephanie and her Conservative colleagues have heard loud and clear from hundreds of thousands of Canadians that they are sick and tired of being treated like fools by this costly coalition government and are demanding a change. Stephanie will fight against the increasing of taxes, especially in a time when Canadians are experiencing levels of inflation not seen since the 1970s.

*Financial Post: October 17, 2022



OPPOSITION DAY MOTION: TAX EXEMPTION ON HOME HEATING FUEL

Conservatives don’t believe anyone should be punished for heating their home in a Canadian winter. Justin Trudeau, on the other hand, chooses to treat citizens like heavy polluters, guilty of the crime of keeping their families warm.

In mid-October, Pierre Poilievre put forward an Opposition Day motion calling on the government to stop the carbon tax on home heating. (Opposition motions force the government to vote and therefore, be on the record on various issues.) The text of the motion is below – and the vote was held on October 24th. Unsurprisingly, all but one member of the NDP-Liberal coalition voted against it. Stephanie was proud to continue standing with the constituents of Calgary Midnapore and fight against this ineffective and punishing carbon tax.

That, given that,(i) one-tenth of Canadians heat their homes during Canada's cold winter months with heating oil or propane heat because there are no alternatives,(ii) Canada is the only G7 country to have raised fuel taxes during this period of record high global fuel prices,(iii) energy analysts have predicted that Canadians could see their home heating bills rise by 50 to 100 percent on average this winter,(iv) the Liberal Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador wrote to the federal Liberal government on September 2, 2022, asking for a carbon tax exemption on home heating fuels and stated: "A year ago today, the maximum price of furnace oil in the Province was 97.91 cents per litre. Today's price is 155.70, which is an increase of nearly 60 per cent. Your proposed federal carbon tax increase on furnace oil would result in an additional 17.38 cents plus HST. Added to today's price, [the carbon tax] would result in a total cost increase of 80 per cent compared to one year ago", punishing rural people in Newfoundland and Labrador forced to heat with furnace oil, the House express its agreement with the comments of the Liberal Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, and call on the government to exempt all forms of home heating fuel from the carbon tax for all Canadians.



1 CPC Leader, Pierre Poilievre addressed thousands of protesters in Richmond Hill on Oct. 1, 2022

“WOMEN, LIFE, FREEDOM” – THE CRISIS IN IRAN

Stephanie and Canada’s Conservatives were appalled by the brutal death of Mahsa Amini, a young Iranian woman who died on September 16th at the hands of Iran’s morality police. Her murder has led to a global movement to override the Iranian regime and fight the tyranny which Iranian women, LGBTQ+ Iranians, and other discriminated Iranians face daily from this callous regime.

This is the same regime which shot down Flight PS752 in 2020 and claimed the lives of 55 Canadian citizens and 30 permanent residents aboard the flight.

It's time for the Liberal government to take meaningful action and join their international counterparts in finally recognizing the IRGC as a terrorist organization.

Add your voice [here](#) and join Canadians from coast to coast in calling for a free Iran -- one where there is justice for Masha Amini and the victims of flight PS752.

SHORTAGE OF CHILDREN'S MEDICATION

Cold and flu season is on its way and families in Calgary Midnapore are concerned over the lack of action this federal government is taking when it comes to the shortages of Children's Tylenol and Advil.

As a temporary option, Official Opposition MPs on the Health Committee have asked the Liberal Health Minister to allow foreign language bottles of pediatric medication to be administered and sold by local pharmacists.

Canada's Conservatives understand that parents need access to infant pain medication when their kids are sick and will continue to advocate on their behalf.

You can read more on that story [here](#).



PORTFOLIO UPDATE

This past month Stephanie was excited to get started on her work as Shadow Minister for The Treasury Board.

This new portfolio is key because the department of Treasury Board's primary responsibility is to provide oversight of the government's financial management and spending. In her new role Stephanie has also been assigned to a new committee, the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates. There they are undertaking some great studies including on the ArriveCan App and why the app took 54 million of Canadian tax dollars to build.

Stephanie looks forward to holding the President of the Treasury Board accountable and ensuring that our tax dollars are spent wisely and effectively for Canadians.



CASEWORK CORNER

Stephanie's office has been receiving a growing number of inquiries regarding the carbon rebate. In order to help answer some of the most common questions, her casework manager has summarized the following information from CRA to share.

1. I am missing my rebate

The most common issue we hear about is from constituents who believe they are missing a payment. We always encourage you to look at your bank account for any deposits you may not recognize. Some seniors have also reported their July payment looked like it was lumped in with OAS. Occasionally the rebate might be deposited into a different account - such a savings account - that you don't usually use. If you still feel you are missing a payment you can contact the CRA to confirm at 1-800-959-8281 or check through your CRA MyAccount.

2. Did I receive the correct amount?

The [Alberta](#) program provides an annual credit of:

- \$539 for an individual
- \$270 for a spouse or common-law partner
- \$135 per child under 19
- \$270 for the first child in a single-parent family

The CAIP includes a rural supplement of 10% of the base amount for residents of small and rural communities.

The CRA does not charge or give interest on any CAIP overpayments or underpayments.

3. When will I receive my rebate?

If you're entitled to receive the CAIP, you can expect to receive payments on the 15th of April, July, October and January. Once your 2021 Income Tax and Benefit return is processed and if you are entitled, the first payment will be issued on July 15, 2022 and will include a retroactive amount for April 2022.

Note: For the 2021 base year only, the eligibility is determined in July 2022, not April 2022. Therefore, you must be eligible from July 2022 to receive the July 2022 double payment. No payment will be issued for a person who was only eligible in April 2022.

4. Will I get a cheque?

If you get your tax refund by direct deposit, you will also get your CAIP by direct deposit. For more information and ways to enroll for direct deposit, go to CRA's [Direct deposit](#) web page.

If you have a tax debt with the CRA, the CAIP will be applied to amounts owing for income tax balances, or amounts owing to other federal or provincial government programs.

As always we remain ready and available to help with any issues that arise requiring assistance with the federal government. Stephanie's casework manager can be reached at stephanie.kusie.c1a@parl.gc.ca or at (403) 225-3480 ext. 1.

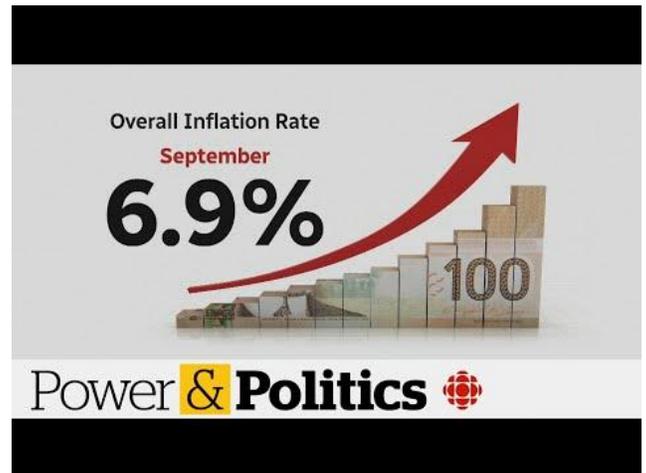
STEPHANIE'S LATEST VIDEOS



5 Question Period: October 18, 2022



2 Poilievre reveals parliamentary critics for Conservative party



4 Is a recession in Canada inevitable?



3 Kusie: "The Liberals want to keep the Canadian people down!"

GOVERNMENT ORDERS
Cost of Living Relief Act, No. 1 (Targeted Tax Relief) **C-30** ORDRES ÉMANANT DU GOUVERNEMENT
Loi no 1 sur l'allègement du coût de la vie (allègement fiscal ciblé)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Please register for this event by emailing: Stephanie.Kusie.A2@parl.gc.ca. You can also send any questions you may have for the Deputy Leader or MP Kusie when you register.



CHRISTMAS MEET & GREET

You can find more information on our Christmas Meet and Greet in the coming days on our website [here](#).

COMMUNITY PHOTOS

Do you have a photo that you think shows off Calgary Midnapore? Let us know, send in your community photos today for a chance to be included in future publications.