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## CANADA CHILD BENEFIT: BETTER SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

With the introduction of the new Canada Child Benefit, this government is working hard to ensure families have the support they need.

In Alberta over 650,000 children are receiving an average monthly installment of \$560. This is approximately \$930 million more into the pockets of Albertan families, and give Calgaryans more money to save, invest, and grow the economy.

Think about what that means for their future, and ours. It means that as their kids grow, it will be easier for them to stay healthy, to succeed in school, to find and keep a good job. It will be easier for them to join the middle class, and go on to raise their own families in a country that is more prosperous and more fair.

That is the kind of difference that government can make when it puts the real needs of Canadians first.

IN ALBERTA

OVER

653,180

CHILDREN ARE RECEIVING AN AVERAGE MONTHLY INSTALLMENT OF \$560



## A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As we look back on the past year of the Liberal government, I wanted to update you on all that the Liberal team has done to grow the middle class and to help those working hard to join it.

Lowered taxes for the middle class



At the beginning of this year we first put in place the middle class tax cut - because we know when middle class Canadians have more money in their pockets to save, invest, and grow the economy, we all benefit. We cut the middle income tax bracket to 20.5 percent from 22 percent – a seven percent reduction. This tax relief is worth up to \$670 per person, per year – or \$1,340 for a two-income household.

Canada Child Benefit



In July, families started receiving the Canada Child Benefit. Right now, it's helping lift 300,000 kids out of poverty. Parents now receive more money, tax-free, to help with the high cost of raising their kids.

And this fall, we are strengthening the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) to provide a more secure retirement and better quality of life for Canadians. Strengthening the CPP not only provides retirement security for more Canadians, it creates jobs and has a positive, long-term effect on the Canadian economy.

You can read more about our accomplishments inside – and find out about our plans for the year ahead. Now more than ever, we're committed to making life better for each and every Canadian family, with a long term vision to grow the middle class and create a strong economy for future generations.

## Caroling & Goodies



with Hon. Kent Hehr,  
MP for Calgary Centre



Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
3:30 PM to 6:30 PM  
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1133 7 Ave SW

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## Educating the next generation of leaders!



Minister Hehr in September, announcing the changes to the Canada Student Grant program.

Young people can't afford their education and this prevents them from acquiring the skills they need to get a good job and join the middle class.

That's why we're making significant changes to student financial assistance that will help young people build their best futures. It was my privilege to be able to announce the increases to the Canada Student Grants at Mount Royal University in September — extending student aid and grants to some 35,000 students.

We've also introduced a new Teacher and Early Childhood Educator School Supply Tax Benefit. All certified teachers can receive a tax benefit for the purchase of \$1,000 worth of school supplies each year. This means teachers can provide students with more and better school supplies, such as educational technology and software, books, art supplies, and posters, that can be used to enrich and support learning.

### Real benefits for students

\$2,000 TO \$3,000  
FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

FROM  
LOW-INCOME  
FAMILIES

\$800 TO \$1,200  
FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

FROM  
MIDDLE-INCOME  
FAMILIES

\$1,200 TO \$1,800  
FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS

FROM  
LOW-INCOME  
FAMILIES

Find out how you can apply here:  
[www.esdc.gc.ca/en/student\\_grants/csg/index.page](http://www.esdc.gc.ca/en/student_grants/csg/index.page)

**Let's ensure all young people in  
Calgary Centre have the best chance  
at success!**



Beginning November 1, no single Canadian will be required to make any repayment on education loans until she or he is earning at least \$25,000, thanks to the Government easing rules for Canada's Repayment Assistance Plan.

Increases to  
Canada Student  
Grants are  
expected to  
benefit  
**35,000**  
students from  
Alberta.



## Investing in Innovation

One of the reasons I ran for the position of Member of Parliament for Calgary Centre was to bring about policies that would grow the economy, support the middle class, and those seeking to join it. One way is through investing in our universities and research institutions.

Our commitment to making Alberta an energy centre of excellence and energy innovation is real. In September the federal Minister for Innovation Navdeep Bains and I announced some \$150 million for the University of Calgary to invest in strategic infrastructure and in research for reducing carbon emissions.

These investments in Calgary have been called "game changing" and "transformative." (Yedlin: "Alberta moves toward becoming energy centre of excellence," Calgary Herald, September 8th, 2016)

# Investing in our community



You and your family need reliable, convenient, and effective infrastructure to reach your full potential at work, at school, and in your social life. That's why we're investing for you and your family here in Calgary Centre.



Making it easier to get where you want to go

We are investing in our public transit systems, ports, airports, national rail services, ferry services, local roads, highways, and bridges. These investments will make it easier for you to get around and reduce air pollution and gridlock.



Bus rapid transit in Calgary gets \$85M boost in federal provincial infrastructure deal  
*Sep 01 2016*



Three Calgary Transit projects to receive cash from multi-government funding agreement  
*Sep 01 2016*



Safe drinking water and efficient wastewater systems

Water and wastewater infrastructure is essential to keeping our water clean and our communities healthy and livable. This will improve the safety and quality of water for Canadian families, while supporting a clean economy.

**REAL BENEFITS THAT IMPROVE YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE**

**“Since taking over this portfolio, I have approved more than 70 infrastructure projects for Alberta with a combined investment of more than \$3 billion, much more than the previous government was able to do in the last five years.”**

- *Alberta Liberal Member of Parliament and Minister for Infrastructure Amarjeet Sohi — On October 18th, 2016 in the House of Commons*

## Have Your Say

Is the Liberal government heading in the right direction?

- Yes, the government is heading in the right direction.
- No, the government is heading in the wrong direction.
- I have no opinion.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment:

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# Strengthening the CPP: Because you deserve it



*“Canadians deserve a secure and dignified retirement after working hard all their lives.”*

Today, middle class Canadians are working harder than ever, but many are worried that **they simply won't have saved enough money to retire securely.** What's even more startling is that one in four families approaching retirement—1.1 million families—are at risk of not saving enough.

Liberals made a commitment to strengthen the CPP and help the middle class achieve their goal of a strong, secure, and stable retirement.

Contrary to the previous government's belief, a stronger CPP not only means more money for your retirement, it means more jobs for the middle class and those working hard to join it. When Canadian retirees have more money to spend on their needs, it leads to greater confidence in our economy and more jobs in Canada.

Ensuring your secure retirement: Enhanced Old Age Security (OAS) and Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)

The Government of Canada is making sure that you have better access to a secure retirement. This is why we have restored the age of eligibility for Old Age Security from 67 to 65.

Low-income Canadian seniors who live alone now receive a boost in their Guaranteed Income Supplement top-up of up to \$ 947 per year. This will support over 900,000 vulnerable seniors and improve their quality of life.

*The increase to the GIS top-up benefit reaffirms our commitment to lifting Canadians out of poverty, strengthening public pensions and improving the quality of life for seniors.*

— Hon. Jean-Yves Duclos  
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

Calculate your  
Retirement Income:  
[www.esdc.gc.ca/en/cpp/  
cric.page](http://www.esdc.gc.ca/en/cpp/cric.page)



This is Nabeel Ramji —

Pictured to the left is Nabeel Ramji, founder of the Accessibility for All Albertans initiative, and the designated local champion of the recent Accessibility Act consultations here in Calgary Centre. He is a community leader, an active advocate for full citizenship for Canadians with disabilities, and actively seized with making Calgary a better place to live for all.

*Do you have a local leader or non-profit that you'd like us to feature? Email us at [kent.hehr@parl.gc.ca](mailto:kent.hehr@parl.gc.ca) and nominate them to be featured in Hon. Kent Hehr's householder!*

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