

Fall 2017 The Kusie Report



STEPHANIE 
KUSIE MP
CALGARY MIDNAPORE

Dear Constituents,

I am happy to send you my first update from Ottawa as 2017 has been a busy year for the residents of Calgary Midnapore. I want to thank you once again for electing me to represent you in Ottawa.

The election campaign was a hard-fought battle and I would like to express my appreciation to all my dedicated staff and volunteers for your time and commitment. It was truly humbling to receive such overwhelming support during the by-election and I will work hard to live up to your incredible trust.

Throughout my campaign, I pledged to go above-and-beyond to represent our riding at the federal level. We have certainly seen our fair share of ups-and-downs such as: the ongoing Alberta jobs crisis; Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's obvious bias against Western Canada; and a free-spending, high-tax Liberal government that fails both small business owners and our middle-class. I was pleased to play a part in ensuring the National Energy Board stayed in Calgary, despite the Liberals' attempt to move portions to Ottawa.

As the House of Commons was not in session over the summer, I was able to represent Calgary Midnapore at numerous Canada 150 celebrations and Stampede events. I appreciated the opportunity to receive feedback from constituents, and will definitely be taking these concerns both to our Conservative Caucus meetings and to Ottawa when the House resumes in September.

While I don't yet know what my formal role within Caucus will be when I return to Parliament, I look forward to all that lies ahead. Regardless, you can be assured that in 2018, my Conservative colleagues and I will continue to push the Liberals to keep taxes low and spending in check, and equally importantly to establish a plan to help hard-working Canadians who so desperately need to find a well paying job.

It has been a humbling and rewarding experience to have worked as your Member of Parliament over these first few months and I would like thank all of you for your constant support. I will continue to work towards building a better life for everyone in our community.

Sincerely,

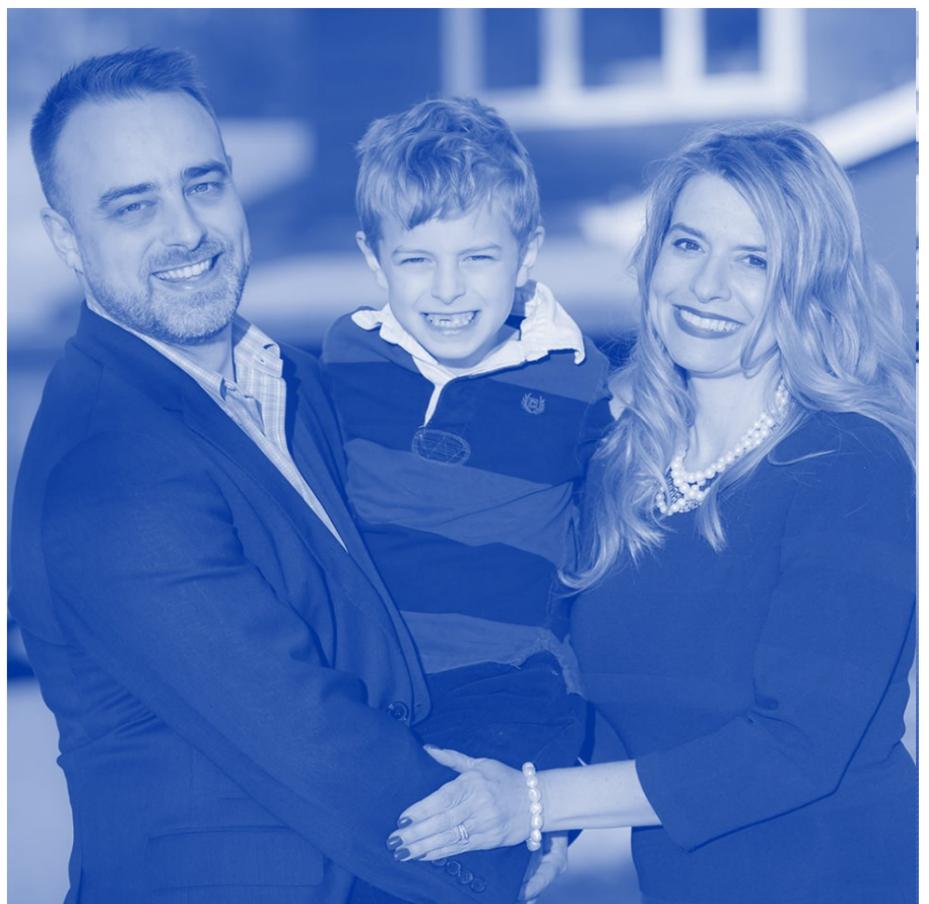
Stephanie Kusie

Stephanie Kusie, MP
August, 2017

(RIGHT: Stephanie with husband James and son Edward.)

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Stephanie Kusie Officially Sworn-In as Member of Parliament for Calgary Midnapore

QUICK FACTS ABOUT STEPHANIE

- Prior to politics, Stephanie served 15 years in the foreign services, including postings in Argentina, El Salvador, and Texas.
- She has a B.A. in Political Science from University of Calgary and an M.B.A. from Rutgers.
- Stephanie is trilingual—speaking fluent English, French & Spanish.
- She is married to the love of her life James and together, they have their pride and joy, Edward.
- After running for Calgary City Council in 2013, Preston Manning asked her to take on his Municipal Governance Project at the Manning Centre. She became the Executive Director of Common Sense Calgary.
- Stephanie enjoys reading, traveling and fitness pursuits when she is not hard at work fighting for her constituents.



Protecting Religious Freedom Roundtable

In mid-August, Stephanie attended a Religious Freedom Roundtable hosted by Sherwood Park-Fort Saskatchewan MP Garnett Genius.

The Liberals' Bill C-51 calls to eliminate Section 176 of the Criminal Code. This section prohibits interruption of religious services and protects members of the clergy.

We must stand up for the vulnerable during this time of increasing attacks on religious communities throughout the world. While continuing to advocate for their safety, Stephanie and the Conservatives are determined to find more ways to stand up our religious freedom.

The Conservative Party of Canada: Strong, Focused and United

Canada's Conservatives have been hard at work in 2017. Fresh off our exciting leadership race, we're a strong, focused and united team behind our new leader, Andrew Scheer.

With Justin Trudeau's Liberals increasingly out-of-touch, Conservatives are ready to offer fresh ideas and new leadership. The Liberals promised to help the middle class, but their reckless spending is leaving future generations with a deficit Canadians will be paying for until the 2050s. And that deficit continues to grow under Justin Trudeau.

Trudeau's tax hikes are nickel-and-diming everyday families, and his plan for a carbon tax means that Canadians will be paying 11 cents more for every litre of gas by 2022. This plan doesn't work. It's time for an alternative that makes fiscal responsibility and creating prosperity Canada's top priority.

Canada's Conservatives are ready to offer that alternative. We're here to be the voice of the taxpayer, to stand up for working families and the values and ideas that bring the prosperity they deserve.

Unlike Justin Trudeau—who continues to implement tax hikes across the board—our previous Conservative government cut taxes over 160 times to save the average family \$3,400 per year. As a result, from 2005-2015, the net worth of families increased over 44%, and we had the most affluent middle class in the world.

Clearly, our Conservative Caucus knows what it takes to grow the economy and create jobs. We know that it's possible to bring back jobs and prosperity to Alberta, and that's exactly what we plan to do.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau Gives \$10.5 Million to Convicted Terrorist Omar Khadr

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau handed over a \$10.5 million compensation package to convicted terrorist Omar Khadr. My constituents and I have made it clear that we oppose this unnecessary payout to a convicted terrorist.

We in the Conservative Party believe that it is one thing to acknowledge alleged mistreatments. It is another to reward a convicted terrorist who murdered an allied soldier.

The fact is, Omar Khadr admitted that he killed a U.S. Army Medic. He admitted that he was working with a terrorist organization that killed 24 Canadians on September 11th. Now he has received an apology from the Government of Canada and is one of the wealthiest men in this country. Mr. Khadr is alive today only because of the medical treatment he received from U.S. forces.

To put things in perspective, the government provides a lump sum payment up to a maximum of \$360,000 when a Canadian soldier is killed or injured in battle defending their country.

Let's be clear - **the Supreme Court of Canada did not instruct Justin Trudeau to give one cent to Mr. Khadr. This was solely Trudeau's decision.**

Our thoughts continue to be with Christopher Speer's widow and family, who must continuously relive their ordeal. Conservatives are calling on Mr. Khadr to give any settlement money to Sergeant Speer's widow and two children.

**CANADA'S CONSERVATIVES
ARE THE ONLY VOICE
FOR TAXPAYERS**

Why are the Liberals *hiding* the cost of the carbon tax?



Justin Trudeau's Liberals have decided to impose a carbon tax on every Canadian, family, and business in Canada and now they're covering up how much it will cost us. Ever since the Liberal government announced its carbon tax Conservative MPs have been pressing Prime Minister Trudeau for answers on how the Liberal carbon tax will impact low-income Canadians, seniors, youth, and the middle class.

Initially, the Liberals claimed they didn't have the answers. More recently, heavily-censored Finance Canada memos show the government *does* have answers, but they don't want to share them with Canadians.

When they initially proposed their plan, the Liberals announced putting a price on carbon of \$50 by 2022. Recent reports reveal that to reach Canada's climate targets, the price has to actually be double that amount—\$100 by 2020. And the price will have to go as high as \$300 per tonne in 2050—costing you and your children much more.

It's clear why the Liberals want to hide the actual cost of the carbon tax on Canadians. However the Conservative Party believes families, businesses, and all Canadians deserve to know how much this new tax will cost them and future generations. Under Prime Minister Stephen Harper, the Conservative government cut over 160 taxes and saved the average family \$3,400 per year. Conservatives are going to keep demanding answers from the Liberal Government on behalf of taxpayers.

BUDGET 2017:

The Liberals continue to hike taxes on:

- Students
- Families
- Local business owners
- Public transit users
- Medicine
- Child care
- Veterinarians
- Beer, spirits and wine
- Farmers

Stephanie In the Riding: Canada 150 & The Calgary Stampede

Over the past few months Stephanie has taken the opportunity to meet with constituents through Calgary Midnapore. This past Canada Day, Stephanie was honoured to participate in celebrations commemorating Canada's 150th birthday.

"Celebrating with each of you and hearing your concerns remind me daily of why I chose to serve," she said.

Stephanie was also pleased to hear from Seniors at the Calgary Zoo Breakfast, young families at the Parkland Canada Day Breakfast, and new Canadians at the Heritage Park Citizenship Ceremony. Yet another highlight for Stephanie was the Calgary Stampede. She had the opportunity to attend several events and meet with hundreds of constituents.

"I've heard concerns about the economy from many constituents, and I understand. I fully intend to work with my Conservative colleagues to stop Justin Trudeau's attack on the middle-class and businesses," she stated.

(RIGHT: Stephanie gets ready to help serve breakfast at the Calgary Stampede.)



Stephanie Vital in Keeping the National Energy Board in Calgary



This past summer the Liberal Government's Task Force recommended that the National Energy Board be moved from Calgary to Ottawa. Without even holding a public hearing in Calgary, Justin Trudeau was ready to eliminate hundreds of jobs held by hard-working Albertans.

When she heard about the recommendation, Stephanie acted immediately. Stephanie has been a consistent and outspoken advocate to keep jobs in Alberta, especially in regards to keeping the NEB where local decisions are made, right here in Calgary. This issue is very important to her and Stephanie was proud to sign a recent petition to the House of Commons to that effect.

While the latest news that Prime Minister Trudeau is now proposing to 'maybe' keep the NEB Offices in Calgary, Stephanie is committed to continuing to be vigilant in order to ensure that Calgary and Albertan voices are heard and not forgotten when it comes to local decision making, jobs, and our natural resources.



ABOVE (clockwise from top left):

On April 3rd, 2017, Stephanie Kusie was elected the Member of Parliament for Calgary Midnapore with 77.2% of the vote. One month later Interim Party Leader Rona Ambrose and Chair of the Conservative Alberta Caucus, MP Blaine Calkins, were both by her side as she was officially walked into the House of Commons to take her seat in Parliament;

Stephanie was happy to have the opportunity to thank former-Calgary Midnapore MP Jason Kenney for his support and encouragement during the federal by-election. The two caught up at a Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee (CJPAC) event during the Calgary Stampede;

Stephanie uses a variety of platforms to communicate with constituents. Here she is taping a Canada Day message to be aired on local stations for Canada's 150th;

Stephanie was sworn-in as a Member of Parliament on May 2nd, 2017 and was touched to have many of her family and friends in attendance to share that milestone with her—not least of which was her very proud son, Edward.



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