

MONTHLY UPDATE

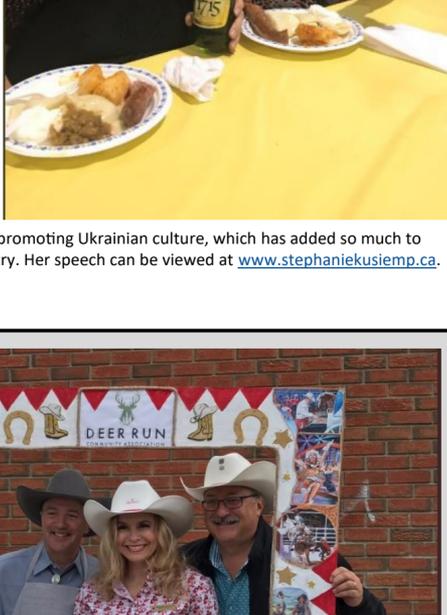
As the House of Commons recesses for July and August, Members of Parliament head back to their constituencies for the summer months. Stephanie wants to bring you up to date on some of the work she has done on your behalf since her last monthly update. Constituents will also soon be receiving a newsletter in their mailboxes, with more detailed information about key topics. As residents of Calgary Midnapore—including Stephanie—focus on spending time with their friends and families over the next few months, our next update will be issued at the end of August.

Happy summer!

IN AND AROUND THE RIDING

Calgary Ukrainian Festival 2019

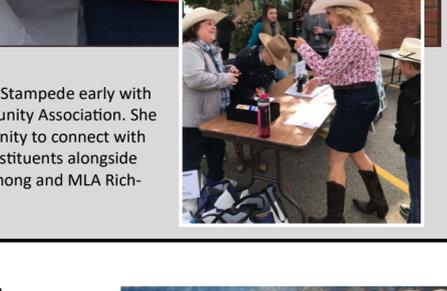
Every year, Stephanie looks forward to attending the Ukrainian Festival, held in her riding of Calgary Midnapore. This year's celebration was extra special as the Festival celebrated its 10th anniversary. Stephanie attended with many members of her extended family and enjoyed sampling traditional food and beverages. She also made a speech in the House of Commons honouring the Festival's decade of successfully promoting Ukrainian culture, which has added so much to our province and country. Her speech can be viewed at www.stephaniekusie.ca.



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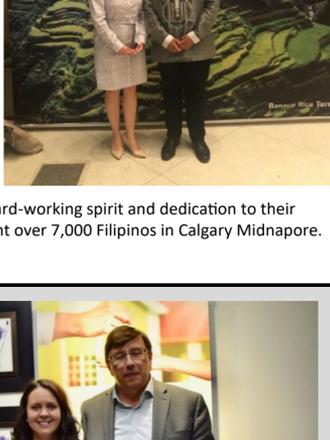
Deer Run Breakfast

Stephanie kicked off Stampede early with the Deer Run Community Association. She enjoyed the opportunity to connect with many wonderful constituents alongside Councillor Peter Demong and MLA Richard Gotfried.



Filipino Heritage Month and Independence Day

Stephanie attended the Philippine Independence Day function on Parliament Hill with her intern, Klaus (Simon) Bondoc. June 2019 was the first Filipino Heritage Month in Canada, celebrating the contributions that Filipino Canadians have made in our society. This year is also the pilot year of the Canadian-Philippine Interparliamentary Program, which brought young Filipino-Canadian academics from all across the country to intern under a Member of Parliament or a Senator. Individuals like Simon continue to inspire all Canadians with their hard-working spirit and dedication to their families. Stephanie is proud to represent over 7,000 Filipinos in Calgary Midnapore.



Caucus outreach

As a trilingual Member of Parliament, Stephanie is often asked to represent the Conservative Party at events within the Latino and francophone communities. She recently attended meetings with stakeholders in Quebec City, where she heard from groups concerned about issues such as affordable housing. She was joined by the Conservative candidate for the riding, Bianca Boutin.



Calgary Midnapore teacher, Carol Bilawchuk, honoured



Please join Stephanie in congratulating Calgary Midnapore's Carol Bilawchuk on receiving the Prime Minister's Certificate of Achievement for Teaching Excellence. The certificate is awarded to those who have made remarkable achievements in education and for their commitment to preparing their students to succeed in this digital age.

Carol's dedication to her students at St. Francis of Assisi Academy radiates through her fun and engaging school projects which help both the local and international community. She went above and beyond her role as an educator by creating a holistic student experience and demonstrating outstanding leadership. Thank you, Carol, for serving the children of our community with pride and passion. To learn more about Carol's story and achievements, visit: <https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/pmte-ppmee/nsf/eng/wz02351.html>

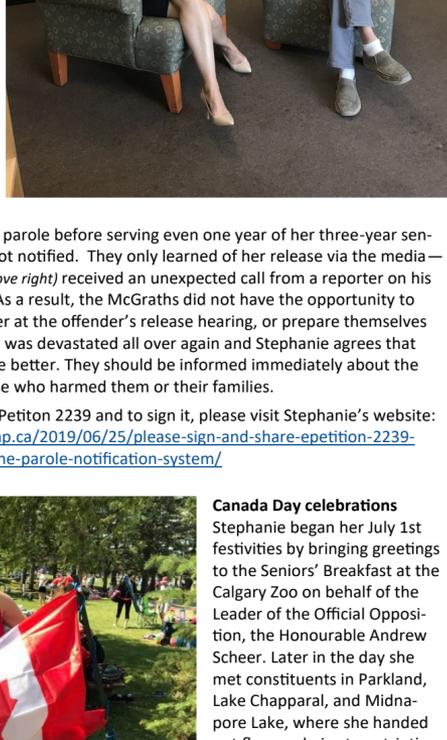
E-Petition 2239—working to help protect victims of crime

Stephanie recently joined with the McGrath family of Calgary Midnapore to launch e-Petition 2239 which asks the government to strengthen Canada's parole notification system.

In 2015 the McGraths suffered the tragic loss of their 18 month-old daughter Ciera at the hands of a negligent day home owner.

When the offender became eligible for day parole before serving even one year of her three-year sentence, the family was not notified. They only learned of her release via the media—when Mr. McGrath (above right) received an unexpected call from a reporter on his way home from work. As a result, the McGraths did not have the opportunity to represent their daughter at the offender's release hearing, or prepare themselves emotionally. The family was devastated all over again and Stephanie agrees that victims of crime deserve better. They should be informed immediately about the possible release of those who harmed them or their families.

To learn more about e-Petition 2239 and to sign it, please visit Stephanie's website: <http://stephaniekusie.ca/2019/06/25/please-sign-and-share-epetition-2239-regarding-changes-to-the-parole-notification-system/>



OUTSIDE THE RIDING



Brothers celebrate 50th birthday in Ottawa

Constituent Mark Conacher and his brothers Quinn, Charles and Gavin marked a 50th birthday with a trip to the nation's capital. All four Albertans are from different constituencies and they and their respective MPs met for a unique photo as they toured Parliament Hill.



WOMEN DELIVER 2019

Representing the Conservative Party, Stephanie joined thousands of delegates from around the world to attend the Women Deliver Conference in Vancouver. Held every three years, the 2019 event was focused on gender equality and the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women. As Conservatives have the strongest legacy on record in terms of investing in global health, Stephanie was honoured to take part in the Conference, and hear directly from those affected how much that support has helped.

(LEFT: meeting the First Lady of Burkina Faso.)

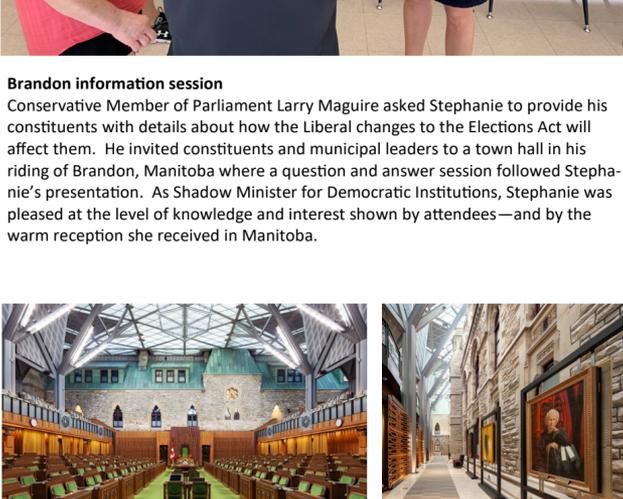


Women Deliver 2019—Neglected and Tropical Diseases

Due to her continued work on the issues of research and prevention of rare and neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), the Canadian Network for NTD's asked Stephanie to speak at their June 5th panel event in Vancouver. She was honoured to help keep attention on the effects of these diseases, which she saw personally during her visit to Kenya last year alongside a RESULTS Canada delegation.

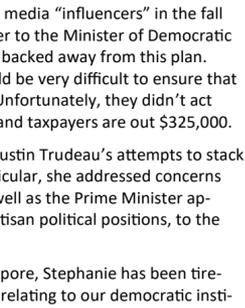
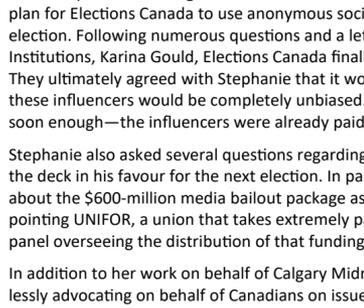
Meeting with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The House of Commons Standing Committee on International Human Rights received a briefing from Michelle Bachelet, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR) (pictured at left). Stephanie was asked to attend the in-camera Committee meeting on behalf of the Conservative Party and welcomed the opportunity to question the Commissioner. The Office of the UNHCHR works to provide assistance to governments to promote internationally protected human rights.



Brandon information session

Conservative Member of Parliament Larry Maguire asked Stephanie to provide his constituents with details about how the Liberal changes to the Elections Act will affect them. He invited constituents and municipal leaders to a town hall in his riding of Brandon, Manitoba where a question and answer session followed Stephanie's presentation. As Shadow Minister for Democratic Institutions, Stephanie was pleased at the level of knowledge and interest shown by attendees—and by the warm reception she received in Manitoba.



Wrap up

As mentioned above, the House of Commons has adjourned until the fall. The June recess marked the conclusion of the first Parliamentary session in the newly-renovated West Block Building (pictured above).

The House of Commons and Senate Chambers have both been relocated while the main Centre Block Building undergoes extensive renovations and restoration over the next decade. The House Chamber is now located in what used to be a courtyard. Although much smaller than its former home, visitors can still visit the House of Commons and take tours of the historic building.

In the weeks prior to the House of Commons adjourning, Stephanie voiced her deep concerns about Liberal changes to the election process during Question Period. She questioned the government about the significant flaws involved with the plan for Elections Canada to use anonymous social media "influencers" in the fall election. Following numerous questions and a letter to the Minister of Democratic Institutions, Karina Gould, Elections Canada finally backed away from this plan. They ultimately agreed with Stephanie that it would be very difficult to ensure that these influencers would be completely unbiased. Unfortunately, they didn't act soon enough—the influencers were already paid, and taxpayers are out \$325,000.

Stephanie also asked several questions regarding Justin Trudeau's attempts to stack the deck in his favour for the next election. In particular, she addressed concerns about the \$600-million media bailout package as well as the Prime Minister appointing UNIFOR, a union that takes extremely partisan political positions, to the panel overseeing the distribution of that funding.

In addition to her work on behalf of Calgary Midnapore, Stephanie has been tirelessly advocating on behalf of Canadians on issues relating to our democratic institutions and processes—something she will continue to do in advance of October's federal election.