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Calendar



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Dear constituents,

Thank you for your incredible support and the honour to have the opportunity to represent Calgary Midnapore in Ottawa once again. While it will be a challenging session as my colleagues and I work to provide a strong, united Opposition to the minority Liberal government, we are ready for it.

Unlike Mr. Trudeau, Conservatives know that when Western Canada succeeds, Canada succeeds. As your Member of Parliament I am going to not only keep standing up for Canada's energy industry but also look for bold and innovative solutions within the federation that work for all Canadians.

As the recently-appointed Shadow Minister of Families, Children and Social Development for the Official Opposition, I am eager to do my part to help make life more affordable for Canadian families and ensure they have the opportunity to achieve a suitable standard of living.

Over the past four years the government divided Canadians and damaged our economy. During the 43rd Parliament I plan on working even harder to ensure that repairing those divisions will be considered a priority.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Stephanie' in a cursive script.



Once federal election results are deemed official by Elections Canada, Party Whips are notified and then Members must be "sworn in" by the Clerk of the House of Commons. This allows them to once again be recognized as elected Members of Parliament. Stephanie was honoured to have been sworn in as the MP for Calgary Midnapore for the second time on November 22nd, 2019, surrounded by proud friends and family.

Notes :

2020 January

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THE PEACE TOWER

One of the most recognized landmarks in Canada, the Peace Tower is a splendid architectural piece with exquisite exterior and interior features. The name symbolizes the principles for which Canada fought in the Great War, as well as the high aspirations of the Canadian people. National and provincial symbols and emblems, combined with the country's natural heritage, were selected for the main entrances of Canada's most important public building.





MEMBER OF SHADOW CABINET

Stephanie was honoured to be asked to take on a new role in the Official Opposition Shadow Cabinet—that of Shadow Minister for Families, Children and Social Development. As the mother of a young son herself, she is committed to do what she can to help make life more affordable for Canadian families and ensure they have the opportunity to achieve a suitable standard of living.

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2020 February

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THE CHAMBER

The House of Commons Chamber is the most spacious room of the Centre Block. The architects made provisions for 320 members, and the galleries were designed to accommodate 580 people. The Chamber's grand design and high level of decoration are in keeping with the prestige of a plenary meeting room for Canada's most important democratic institution.





INTERNATIONAL LESSONS

While Deputy Shadow Minister for Health, Stephanie was asked to participate in a learning opportunity in Nairobi, Kenya where she was able to see first-hand the challenges facing women and children in that country. That knowledge will continue to serve her well as she undertakes her new role as Official Opposition Shadow Minister for Families, Children and Social Development.

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2020 March

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THE SPEAKER'S CHAIR

The Speaker's Chair is an exact replica of the original designed for the British House of Commons around 1849. The Members of the United Kingdom Branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association presented the Chair to the Canadian House of Commons on May 20, 1921 which ended a long tradition for the House of Commons. Since 1874, each outgoing Speaker had been presented with the elaborate chair or throne from which he had presided over House sessions .





COMMUNICATING WITH CONSTITUENTS

In addition to quarterly mailings to all households, MPs use a variety of other methods to stay in touch with their constituents such as smaller, more frequent mailings; social media; and electronic newsletters. On top of their Parliamentary and Party obligations, Members also: conduct meetings; visit organizations; attend events; host informal and formal social gatherings; and read and respond to correspondence.

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2020 April

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HALL OF HONOUR

This impressive ceremonial hall is used for state occasions, parliamentary events, and formal processions such as the Speaker's Parade. The Hall of Honour is part of the central axis of the Centre Block, joining Confederation Hall to the Library of Parliament, and providing access to the main committee rooms.



IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS



Members rise regularly in the Chamber to speak on behalf of their constituents. Whether it be participating in the daily Question Period, discussing legislation, presenting petitions, or joining in emergency debates on topics of urgent concern, MPs' schedules can change with little notice as they are often required to be in the Chamber unexpectedly.

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CONFEDERATION HALL

The main entrance to the Centre Block leads into the most important ceremonial spaces in the building: Confederation Hall and the adjoining Hall of Honour. Planned as the central axis of the building, Confederation Hall leads north through the Hall of Honour to the Library of Parliament, west to the Commons Chamber, and east to the Senate Chamber. The main entrance foyer and interior focal point, it is remarkable for its grand architectural design, generous proportions and detailed sculptural program.





STANDING COMMITTEES

There are a number of House of Commons Standing Committees, and each Member of Parliament will generally sit on at least one. Since being elected in 2017, Stephanie has been a member of several Committees: Status of Women, Official Languages and Procedure and House Affairs.

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2020 June

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THE SENATE

The Upper House of Canada's Parliament, the Senate's 105 members are appointed and hold their seats until age 75. The Senate's purpose is to consider and revise legislation, investigate national issues, and most crucially according to the constitution — give the regions of Canada an equal voice in Parliament. Long regarded by many Canadians as a place of unfair patronage and privilege, the Senate is a controversial institution for many.





CALGARY STAMPEDE

Since 1886, Calgary has welcomed visitors every summer to experience "the best of the west". Known as the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth, the Stampede features family fun, outstanding entertainment and world class rodeo competition. Stephanie has enjoyed introducing her son to this one-of-a-kind event, and the Kusie family are looking forward to this year's Stampede, taking place from July 3-12, 2020.

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2020 July

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THE LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

Overlooking the bluffs of the Ottawa River and the province of Québec, the Library of Parliament has been admired since it opened in 1876. The Library of Parliament started in the legislative libraries of Upper and Lower Canada in the 1790s. These libraries were merged in 1841, the year the United Province of Canada was founded.





TRILATERAL COMMISSION

Occasionally MPs are asked to represent their respective Parties in various ways. In 2018, Stephanie was very honoured to accept the invitation to become a member of the Trilateral Commission. Founded in 1973, this non-governmental, non-partisan, policy-oriented discussion group brings together leaders from the worlds of business, government, academia, media and civil society. It offers a global platform for open dialogue aimed at finding solutions to the great geopolitical, economic and social challenges of our time, something that Stephanie believes is greatly needed.

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MEMORIAL CHAMBER

This Chamber is a solemn room which encourages reflection, a sense of peace and respect. The focal point is an altar containing the Book of Remembrance that holds the names of over 66,000 Canadians who died during WWI. Six more altars around the Chamber contain Books of Remembrance listing those who died in conflicts from the Nile Expedition to the Korean War, and in the service of Canada to this day.





ENCOURAGING YOUTH

MPs are often asked to visit schools and speak to students about the Parliamentary process. As a mother, and having served as the Shadow Minister for Democratic Institutions, Stephanie truly enjoys the opportunity to share her experience with young Calgarians and hopefully encourage future generations to become involved in public service.

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NEW WEST BLOCK CHAMBER

The West Block now includes the interim House of Commons, a glass-roofed structure built into its courtyard, which also gives the building 50% more usable space. The West Block is a greener, fully accessible and barrier-free building with modern broadcast facilities.





PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATIONS

There are a number of inter-parliamentary associations which Members of Parliament can join, depending on their particular field of expertise or interest. Due to Stephanie's 13 years of experience in Canada's diplomatic corps, she continues to serve on the Executive of the Canadian Association of ParlAmericas. Given her fluency in English, French and Spanish, she was asked to moderate a session at the 15th ParlAmericas Plenary Assembly in Victoria, British Columbia.

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THE MACE

The mace is one of the most important symbols that we inherited from the British parliamentary tradition and continue to use today. It is a massive sceptre, heavy and ornate, which is kept in the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms. It symbolizes the authority of the Speaker and the right conferred on the Commons by the Crown to meet and pass laws.





REMEMBRANCE DAY

While November 11th provides us the opportunity to express our thanks to all Canada's veterans and current military personnel, this year marks the 75th anniversary of several momentous events from WWII. The Liberation of the Netherlands (May) and the surrender of Germany on May 7th 1945 followed by the declaration of Victory in Europe (V-E Day) on May 8th, 1945 led to celebrations among Allied nations.

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CENTENNIAL FLAME

The Centennial Flame is located in front of the Centre Block of Parliament. First lit on January 1, 1967 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Confederation, it has become a symbol of Canada and a gathering place for visitors to Parliament Hill. Each province and territory that was part of Canada in 1967 is represented around the Centennial Flame.





CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Like everyone, despite their busy schedules MPs prioritize time with their families, especially during special times of the year like Christmas. Stephanie, James and Edward hope that everyone in Calgary Midnapore has the chance to share the holidays with those that they love. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Kusie family!

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2020 December

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HOLIDAY SEASON

The Christmas Lights Across Canada program was introduced in 1985 and an event is held on Parliament Hill in early December to launch the program as well as the multimedia show that is projected every evening on the Centre Block until early January. The Christmas Lights Across Canada program symbolically links Canadians from coast to coast to coast and offers a great way for all to get into the holiday spirit!



WHAT DOES AN MP OFFICE DO?

Members of Parliament typically have two offices: one in their riding and another in one of the various buildings within the Parliamentary precinct. Some MPs, depending on the geographic size of their ridings, may choose to have additional riding offices to ensure that they are offering access to as many constituents as possible.

THE CONSTITUENCY OFFICE:

We provide assistance to the constituents of Calgary Midnapore in areas that relate to the federal government, its departments, and its policies. Some of the most frequent questions and concerns involve:

- Citizenship and Immigration (CIC)
- Employment Insurance (EI)
- Canada Pension Plan (CPP)
- Old Age Security (OAS)
- Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)

Constituents can contact their Member of Parliament by phone, email, letter or fax, however it is important to provide your mailing address with all requests. MPs can receive 5,000-10,000 emails alone every month and they want to make sure they give priority to their constituents.

Members of Parliament will also host various outreach events throughout the year to meet and hear directly from constituents. (To ensure you are aware of my events, you may wish to join my electronic mailing list by sending an email or by calling the office.)

MPs can also provide congratulatory messages or certificates for special birthdays, anniversaries or significant milestones. Please see my website (www.stephaniekusiemp.ca) for more information on how to request any of these, or call my office at 403-225-3480.

THE PARLIAMENTARY HILL OFFICE:

While every Member of Parliament organizes their offices to suit their own needs, and those of their constituents, generally the Hill office is responsible for issues related to Ottawa. This includes: coordinating the Member's Parliamentary schedule; travel; committee meetings; stakeholder meetings; preparing briefing material for meetings, Committee and various pieces of legislation; writing speeches; processing requests from other Parliamentary offices; responding to correspondence; and a variety of other responsibilities as needed.

When constituents visit Ottawa with the intention of touring Parliament, they should consider contacting their Member's Hill office as staff may be able to assist visitors to Parliament Hill in securing tour tickets and seats for the daily Question Period. It is important to give as much notice as possible to ensure preferred dates and times can be accommodated.

I hope this calendar provides you with some useful information about your Member of Parliament, and Canada's Parliament in general. The Library of Parliament offers more detailed history and explanations of procedure than I could outline here, at www.parl.gc.ca. As well, you can watch the House of Commons and Standing Committees, review legislation before the House and Senate, and access electronic copies of the Hansard, which is the daily record of everything said in the House of Commons.

My staff and I are here to help you. If you have a question or a problem with a federal department, do not hesitate to let me know and we'll do our very best to assist you.

Sincerely,



