

BUDGET 2022 FAILED CANADIANS

On April 7th, 2022 the NDP-Liberal government presented their spending priorities through Budget 2022. Stephanie was very discouraged to see that despite the current cost-of-living crisis, the socialist coalition failed to either demonstrate any fiscal restraint or present credible solutions to these serious problems. Many Calgary Midnapore constituents can't afford more taxes while they are already struggling to pay their bills or put groceries on their table.

Neither Mr. Singh nor the Prime Minister seem to realize that a strong economy allows for strong social programs. An evaluation of the \$50 billion announced in the budget makes it clear that they have deliberately chosen not to focus on targeted spending that would actually lift people out of poverty through good paying jobs that can keep up with inflation.

Instead, they decided to actually enlarge the government by creating an increased reliance on federal programs and subsidies. Stephanie and her Conservative colleagues had asked for a plan for growth, that included trade-enabling infrastructure projects and innovation to support our supply chain resiliency. These types of policies and investments would have actually boosted our productivity and improved our competitiveness in the global marketplace. Instead, the avalanche of unfocused government spending announced in the federal budget will only further fuel inflation and hold Canadians back.

Budgets are supposed to be about spending and saving. With Budget 2022 this government has demonstrated that they have no intention to save money or reduce the federal deficit. Conservatives believe that a plan only to spend is not a real plan and future generations will have to face the growing burden.

Stephanie will continue to stand up for her constituents in Calgary Midnapore by advocating for fiscal responsibility and ensuring that the Official Opposition continues to scrutinize this high-spending, tax-loving Prime Minister.

BUDGET 2022 FACTS AND FIGURES:

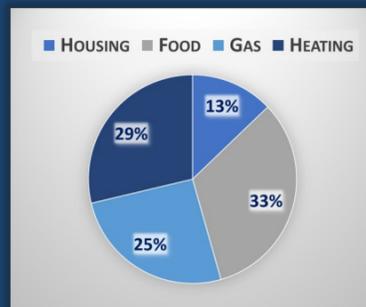
\$0 Zero dollars toward the requested \$428 Billion in Canada Health Transfers requested by the provinces.

33% The amount Canada would still need to increase our national defense spending by to meet the NATO requirement of 2% GDP.

\$868K Canada's average home price this year, up 30%.

COST OF LIVING SURVEY RESPONSE

In her last household mailing, Stephanie asked constituents of Calgary Midnapore where the increase to the cost of living has hit them the hardest. The breakdown of that feedback can be seen at right.



DID YOU KNOW??

... that the Midnapore Train Station at Heritage Park is actually the original station which once resided in Midnapore village?

In 1912, passenger service was introduced between Calgary and Fort Macleod, but due to a wartime lack of manpower and decreased business, Midnapore station closed in 1918. The Canadian Pacific Railway sold the station to Heritage Park in 1964 for one dollar.

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CASEWORK UPDATE

Over the past few weeks, our office has received questions from dozens of constituents regarding passport renewals. Many people had their passports expire during the pandemic and now that travel is possible again, the number of renewal requests is in the thousands per day leading to significant delays. Stephanie has joined several of her colleagues in asking the Minister to quickly address this problem—you can read a copy of their letter at www.stephaniekusiemp.ca.)

There are two dedicated passport offices in Calgary: the Service Canada location in Sundance (23 Sunpark Dr SE #120) and in the Harry Hayes building downtown (220 4 Ave SE Suite 150). These offices can ONLY be accessed if you are travelling in under 25 days and require urgent processing. Appointments are highly recommended as lineups are long and it's possible you could be turned away if they reach the daily capacity. Appointments can be made through the e-service portal which can be found at <https://eservices.canada.ca>.

If you wish to renew your passport but are not travelling in the next 25 days, it is advised that you either mail your application to Passport Canada or visit a Service Canada location in person (a location that is not designated a passport only office). You can use the same web portal as above to make an appointment/view all Service Canada locations.



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Dear Constituents,

Putin's illegal invasion of Ukraine has cast a dark shadow over all our lives and activities. This malicious attack on a sovereign nation has shocked the world and has quickly become the focus of our national conversations. As we work with our global allies to stop this war, we must also be careful not to lose sight of key issues here, at home.

Canadians are facing a cost-of-living crisis, record high inflation (6.7 per cent), and a housing shortage. Thirty-one per cent of respondents to a recent Ipsos survey conducted for Meyers Norris Penny (MNP) Ltd. said they don't earn enough to pay both their bills and debt payments, and close to half said they are within \$200 of insolvency.

More than ever, families are in need of relief — but the government did not provide any in Budget 2022, which was tabled just days after the Liberals raised their federal carbon tax by 25 per cent, going from \$40 per tonne to \$50 per tonne. This move alone added financial strain on families who simply want to heat their homes and get themselves to work or hockey practice. I fundamentally oppose this punitive style of taxation and will continue to work with my

Conservative colleagues as the Official Opposition to hold this new socialist coalition government to account —and offer solutions that make life better for all Canadians.

Parliament will soon rise for the summer, and I am looking forward to returning home to spend time with my family and the amazing people of Calgary Midnapore. We have Canada Day celebrations and ten days of Stampede fun ahead of us!

I plan to host a Meet & Greet and would love to see you there! To keep updated on this event and other news and announcements, please subscribe to receive my emails at www.stephaniekusiemp.ca.

I wish you a fun and memorable summer — enjoy every minute with your loved ones.

Sincerely,

Stephanie

Stephanie Kusie,
Member of Parliament

UPCOMING LEGISLATION

C-9 An Act to amend the Judges Act
Minister of Justice

C-11 An Act to amend the Broadcasting Act and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts
Minister of Canadian Heritage

C-14 An Act to amend the Constitution Act, 1867 (electoral representation)
Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities

C-18 An Act respecting online communications platforms that make news content available to persons in Canada
Minister of Canadian Heritage

FOREIGN AFFAIRS VIRTUAL TOWNHALL

To help address constituents' questions and concerns regarding current geopolitical tensions, Stephanie hosted a virtual town hall with special guest, MP Michael Chong (Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs). The discussion ranged from the war in Ukraine to the defence of the Arctic, along with Canada's relationships with China and the USA. MP Chong spoke about what Canada has proactively done in the past to preserve its democracy, what we should be doing to uphold it now, and the need for a strong foreign policy plan as we move forward — including protecting both our land and our Canadian values from foreign interference.



THE WORLD NEEDS MORE CANADIAN OIL & GAS

Since 2015 Justin Trudeau has worked to destroy Canada's oil and gas sector, resulting in tens of thousands of lost jobs across Canada. Stephanie continues to advocate on behalf of Canadian workers in the energy sector who spent years funding billions in social programs and supplying our nation with environmentally and socially responsible energy.

Now, when the world needs Canadian oil and gas more than ever, the Liberal government has joined forces with the NDP and is unfortunately moving forward with what they are calling a 'Just Transition.' Stephanie knows that there is nothing 'just' about it when it causes our allies to rely on energy sourced from dictators and human rights violators.

The House of Commons Standing Committee on Natural Resources recently conducted a study on 'Creating a Fair and Equitable Canadian Energy Transformation.' While the Liberal government is intent on carrying out its commitment to phase out our oil and gas sector, it is clear that a world without Canadian oil and gas will only continue to penalize the tens of thousands of hard-working Canadians and reward those who don't care about human rights or their carbon footprint.

Stephanie and her Conservative colleagues recognize the importance of Canada's responsibly-produced oil and gas that the world both wants and needs. Under Justin Trudeau, Canada will only continue to sit on the sidelines and lose tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars to countries who do not share our values of environmental protection, human rights, or freedom.



PORTFOLIO UPDATE

As part of her Caucus responsibilities, Stephanie has been working hard on the Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion File. The House of Commons HUMA Committee has wrapped up a study on Labour Shortages, Working Conditions and The Care Economy. Members heard from many valuable witnesses outlining the struggles employers are facing to fill positions and retain workers. The Committee also released their report from the previous parliament on the impact of COVID-19 on seniors. Additionally, Stephanie has been working hard to hold the government accountable on the many portfolio-related policy initiatives announced in the 2022 budget .



SHOULD SOCIAL MEDIA BE REGULATED BY THE GOVERNMENT?

In 2021, the Liberals forced Bill C-10 through the House of Commons without allowing a full debate at the Heritage Committee to address many outstanding concerns from experts and parliamentarians over how this legislation affects Canadians' rights and freedoms on the internet. The Official Opposition opposed the legislation and thankfully, it did not clear the Senate before Mr. Trudeau called a federal election. But now we have round two, in the form of C-11, and it is just as flawed.

While the Liberals claim there is now an exemption for user generated content, this legislation allows the CRTC to regulate any content that generates revenue 'directly or

indirectly.' That means virtually all content would still be regulated including independent content creators earning a living on social media platforms like YouTube.

Bill C-11 is another unacceptable attempt by the Liberal government to regulate the internet and restrict free speech. Stephanie and her Conservative colleagues will be carefully reviewing every aspect of this Bill and expect the Liberal government to allow it to undergo the full study and review it requires. Conservatives will continue to bring forward amendments to protect Canadians' free speech and the livelihoods of independent content creators.