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Press Release Summary - Federal

Fri, Feb. 12, 2016

Agriculture and Agri-Food

Agriculture Minister **Lawrence MacAulay** (Cardigan, PEI) announced up to \$709,138 in federal funding for a project with the University of Prince Edward Island's Atlantic Veterinary College to create diagnostic tests that will make it easier to safeguard the health of Canada's bovine and swine herds. The full release is available [online](#). Call 613-773-7972.

Bank of Canada

The bank announced the inaugural winners of its student Scholarship and Work Placement Program. The four successful applicants for 2016 are: **Hanna Macdonald**, 4th year marketing, Ryerson University; **Waseem Manan**, 2nd year financial economics, University of Toronto; **Zackery Secord**, 3rd year finance, Concordia University; and **Michael Wong**, 3rd year commerce, Queen's University. Each student is awarded a scholarship of \$4,000 per year for tuition costs and also have the opportunity to participate in a paid summer or part-time work placement at the Bank of Canada. The full release is available [online](#).

Finance Canada

As the Department of Finance continues its pre-budget consultations, Finance Minister **Bill Morneau** (Toronto Centre, Ont.) met with a group of Canada's leading private sector economists to gather their views on the Canadian and global economies. The private sector economic forecasts have been used as the basis for fiscal planning since 1994 and introduce an element of independence into the Government's fiscal forecast. This practice has been supported by international organizations such as the International Monetary Fund. The full release is available [online](#). Call 613-369-5696.

Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** (Papineau, Que.) issued a statement: "When we were elected, we promised real change to improve the lives of Canadians - change based on what people from coast to coast to coast have told us they want. After the first 100 days, I am proud of the progress we have made towards that goal," said Trudeau. "Today, I am happy to announce that our government will create an additional 35,000 summer jobs for students this year. Through the Canada Summer Jobs program, we will invest up to an extra \$113 million to help young Canadians get the valuable work experience they need," he said. "While I am excited about what we have accomplished in the first 100 days, I know there is still much to do to help Canadian families. In the upcoming budget, we will continue with our plan to invest in strengthening the middle class with a new Canada Child Benefit and historic investments in job-creating infrastructure," said Trudeau. The full release is available [online](#). Call 613-957-5555.

Statistics Canada

Statistics Canada published its Survey of Household Spending, 2014. Canadian households spent an average of \$59,057 on goods and services in 2014. The full release is available [online](#).

Statistics Canada released its Survey of Advanced Technology: Use of geomatics and geospatial technologies, 2014. Nearly 1 in 10 enterprises in industries covered by the 2014 Survey of Advanced Technology used global positioning system (GPS) technology, making it the most widely adopted geomatics and geospatial technology. The full release is available [online](#).

Statistics Canada issued its Fertilizer Shipments Survey, second quarter 2015/2016. Shipments of monoammonium phosphate within Canada increased by 79,000 tonnes (+12.2 per cent) from the second quarter of the 2014/2015 fertilizer year to 728,000 tonnes in the second quarter of 2015/2016. The full release is available [online](#).

Statistics Canada announced that new motor vehicle sales data for Canada and the provinces are now available for December 2015. The full release is available [online](#).

Statistics Canada announced that the Electric Power Selling Price Index (2009=100) from September to December 2015 is now available [online](#).

Statistics Canada announced that financial performance data for businesses in Canada with annual total revenue between \$30,000 and \$5 million in 2014 are now available upon request. The full release is available [online](#).

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Minister **Navdeep Bains** (Mississauga-Malton, Ont.), joined by Government House Leader **Dominic LeBlanc** (Beauséjour, N.B.), announced up to \$12.6 million in funding for six innovative projects across Atlantic Canada. These projects are funded under the Atlantic Innovation Fund component of ACOA's innovation programming. Call 343-291-1777.

On behalf of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Minister Navdeep Bains (Mississauga-Malton, Ont.), Liberal MP **Scott Simms** (Coast of Bays -Central-Notre Dame, N.L.) announced \$552,676 in funding for the Town of Gander's Phase II of the re-development of Cobb's Pond Rotary Park. The full release is available [online](#). Call 709-772-2984.

On behalf of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Minister Navdeep Bains (Mississauga-Malton, Ont.), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Small Business and Tourism **Gudie Hutchings** (Long Range Mountains, Nfld.) announced \$250,000 in federal funding for the Special Olympics Canada 2016 Games Organizing Committee Inc. to host the event, which will take place March 1-5, 2016 in Newfoundland and Labrador. The full release is available [online](#). Call 709-772-2984.

On behalf of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Minister Navdeep Bains (Mississauga-Malton, Ont.), Liberal MP **Mark Eyking** (Sydney-Victoria, N.S.) announced over

\$216,000 in funding for two emerging tech companies located in Sydney. Orenda Software Solutions is receiving \$141,031 through ACOA's Business Development Program to create a social media mining/monitoring software. PizzaGO is receiving \$75,000 via the Business Development Program to commercialize an app on the iOS and Android platforms that will enable independent restaurants to offer customers the option of ordering online. The full release is available [online](#). Call 902-426-3470.

On behalf of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Minister Navdeep Bains (Mississauga-Malton, Ont.), Public Services and Procurement Minister **Judy Foote** (Random-Burin-St. George's, Nfld.) announced \$168,609 in funding for the Town of Glovertown to begin Phase I of the Glovertown Town Centre Plan, which will improve the landscaping of public property, enhance the streetscape inside the Town Centre area and simplify navigation throughout the community and on surrounding roadways. The full release is available [online](#). Call 709-772-2984.

[Natural Resources Canada](#)

Natural Resources Minister **Jim Carr** (Winnipeg South Centre, Man.) welcomed **Pedro Joaquín Coldwell**, Mexico's Secretary of Energy, and Dr. **Ernest Moniz**, United States Secretary of Energy, to Winnipeg, Man., for the North American Energy Ministers Meeting. The ministers signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Climate Change and Energy Collaboration, which will expand the energy relationship between the three countries. This agreement will see Canada, Mexico and the United States collaborate and share information on key areas such as low-carbon electricity; clean energy technologies; energy efficiency; carbon capture, use and storage; climate change adaptation; and reducing emissions from the oil and gas sector, including from methane. The three countries will work together to increase alignment and ensure that the North American energy sector is developed responsibly, effectively and efficiently. The full release is available [online](#). Call 343-292-6837.

[Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#)

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency updated a Jan. 29, 2016 food recall warning to include additional product information identified during the CFIA's food safety investigation. Mannarich Food Inc. is recalling Mannarich Food brand Fuzhou Fish Balls and Parker Lee brand noodle products from the marketplace because they contain egg which is not declared on the label. People with an allergy to egg should not consume the recalled products which have been sold in Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Quebec and may have been distributed in other provinces. The full release is available [online](#).

[Transport Canada](#)

On behalf of Transport Minister Marc Garneau (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Westmount, Que.), Transport Canada has ordered Nissan Canada to immediately inform certain vehicles owners of a safety issue. The safety issue applies to owners of 2005 and 2006 Nissan X-Trail models. A defect in the fuel reservoir filler pipe coating could result in dangerous fuel leaks if unrepaired. While these vehicles were recalled by Nissan in 2014, the department remains very concerned the defect hasn't

been corrected in enough of the affected vehicles. The Minister of Transport obtained the authority to order a manufacturer to further inform vehicle owners of a safety issue in 2015. This power, known as a Subsequent Notice Order, has never before been invoked. The full release is available [online](#). Call 613-991-0700.

National Defence

The first group of Canadian Army soldiers from 5 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, based in Valcartier, Que., departed for Poland in support of Operation REASSURANCE. Throughout February, approximately 220 soldiers from 5 CMBG will relieve fellow Brigade members who have participated in several multi-national exercises, focusing on developing better interoperability with NATO allies as well as showcasing their capabilities and leadership skills on the world stage. The full release is available [online](#). Call 613-996-2353.

National Defence Minister **Harjit S. Sajjan** (Vancouver South, B.C.) attended his first North Atlantic Treaty Organization Defence Ministers' Meeting on Feb. 10-11 at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. Sajjan highlighted Canada's commitment to NATO and exchanged views with his NATO counterparts on how to best strengthen the defence, deterrence and cooperative security of the Alliance. Sajjan also participated in a meeting of defence ministers from countries contributing to the Global Coalition to Counter the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). Sajjan will next travel to Munich, Germany to participate in the Munich Security Conference. The full release is available [online](#). Call 613-996-2353.

National Defence announced that Her Majesty's Canadian Ships (HMCS) Edmonton and Saskatoon will depart Esquimalt to participate on Operation CARIBBE 2016, embarking on Canada's 10th year of contributions to Op MARTILLO – the multinational campaign against transnational criminal organizations in the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean. The full release is available [online](#). Call 613-996-2353.

National Defence announced that approximately 900 Canadian Army Regular and Reserve Force soldiers, Royal Canadian Air Force personnel, and Canadian Rangers from across Ontario will be training in Pickle Lake and 13 Northern Ontario communities, from Feb. 13-21, as part of field training Operation TRILLIUM RESPONSE 2016. Call 613-996-2353.

National Defence announced that members of 103 Search and Rescue Squadron from 9 Wing Gander, Newfoundland, are returning home after training with the Icelandic Coast Guard and local Search and Rescue teams from Feb. 9-12, 2016. The full release is available [online](#).

Canadian Heritage

On behalf of Sport and Persons with Disabilities Minister Carla Qualtrough (Delta, B.C.), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities **Stéphane Lauson** (Argenteuil–La Petite-Nation, Que.) announced \$2,575,000 in support to the four-stage Cross-Country Ski Tour Canada 2016 - FIS World Cup in Gatineau, Montréal, Québec City and Canmore. The full release is available [online](#). Call 819-934-1122.

Infrastructure Canada

On behalf of Infrastructure and Communities Minister Amarjeet Sohi (Edmonton Mill Woods, Alta.), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities **Pablo Rodriguez** (Honoré-Mercier, Que.) and Quebec Minister for Recreation and Sport **Luc Fortin** participated in the inauguration of important new infrastructure at the J.-M.-Jeanson water treatment plant in Sherbrooke. Government representatives highlighted the \$24.2 million in funding for the project provided through the federal Gas Tax Fund and the Government of Quebec's contribution. The full release is available [online](#). Call 613-991-0947.

Infrastructure Canada

Infrastructure and Communities Minister **Amarjeet Sohi** (Edmonton Mill Woods, Alta.) announced over \$73.3 million in funding from the federal Gas Tax Fund for 57 capital and capacity building projects in communities across British Columbia. The projects were selected through the application-based Strategic Priorities Fund. Sohi was accompanied at the announcement by **Peter Fassbender**, B.C. Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development; **Al Richmond**, president of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities; and Surrey Mayor **Linda Hepner**. The full release is available [online](#). Call 613-219-0149.

Canadian International Trade Tribunal

The Chairperson of the Canadian International Trade Tribunal, **Stephen Leach**, announced the appointment of Joy Nott, president of the Canadian Importers and Exporters Association, as vice-chairperson of its Advisory Committee. Nott will be replacing former vice-chairperson **Cam Vidler** and will join **Lawrence L. Herman**, chairperson of the Advisory Committee, as well as fellow vice-chairperson **Dalton Albrecht**. The full release is available [online](#). Call 613-993-3595.

National Energy Board

The National Energy Board released Canadian Energy Dynamics: Highlights of 2015, providing insight, statistics and regional descriptions that frame the key developments in Canada's energy markets in 2015. Dynamic changes in supply, demand, and infrastructure continually shape Canada's energy sector. 2015 saw a six-year low in crude oil prices, with West Texas Intermediate ending the year around \$35 per barrel. Natural gas prices also remained low in 2015. Canadian exports of electricity reached a record high of 58 terawatt hours in 2015 due to new supply and lower than expected domestic demand. In addition, non-hydro renewable capacity continued to grow in 2015, with solar capacity expanding by 11 per cent and wind capacity growing by 8 per cent; however, annual additions of non-hydro renewable capacity slowed considerably in 2015. The full release is available [online](#). Call 587-538-2154.

Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Minister **Navdeep Bains** (Mississauga-Malton,

Ont.) announced a total investment of \$244,511 support two projects with the Hearst Economic Development Corporation. A \$200,000 investment will help to promote off-trail powder-riding to new Francophone markets, and \$44,511 to further promote trails within the Northeast Community Network region, an area which spans from Kirkland Lake to Constance Lake, to snowmobile enthusiasts worldwide. The full release is available [online](#). Call 705-626-6119.

On behalf of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Minister Navdeep Bains (Mississauga-Malton, Ont.), Liberal MP **Don Rusnak** (Thunder Bay-Rainy River, Ont.) announced \$1,185,000 in federal support for two projects that will help boost business development and growth, create regional economic development opportunities and enhance tourism. The Rainy River Future Development Corporation will receive \$900,000 to provide small and medium-sized enterprises with access to capital and business counselling services in the Rainy River region for a three-year period. The remaining \$285,000 will assist the RRFDC in developing a three-year regional planning and implementation initiative on behalf of eight communities within its service area. The full release is available [online](#). Call 705-690-0957.

Transportation Safety Board of Canada

In its investigation report (A14A0067), the Transportation Safety Board of Canada found that a lack of visual references and low visibility due to weather led to a collision with terrain involving a Piper PA-31 in Grand Manan, New Brunswick. The full release is available [online](#). Call 819-994-8053.

Global Affairs Canada

Foreign Affairs Minister **Stéphane Dion** (Saint-Laurent, Que.) announced that he will meet with **Fumio Kishida**, Japan's Minister for Foreign Affairs, during Kishida's visit to Ottawa on Feb. 12, 2016. The two ministers will discuss various elements of Canada-Japan bilateral relations, including regional and international security concerns, trade, climate change and people-to-people exchanges. The full release is available [online](#). Call 343-203-7700.

International Trade Minister **Chrystia Freeland** (University-Rosedale, Ont.) and Small Business and Tourism Minister **Bardish Chagger** (Waterloo, Ont.) announced that more than 29 projects submitted to the CanExport program by small and medium-sized enterprises from across the country were approved for funding. CanExport is a new program, launched on Jan. 5, 2016, that will provide \$50 million over five years to help Canadian SMEs explore and take advantage of export opportunities in new markets. The full release is available [online](#). Call 613-992-7332.

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Minister **Navdeep Bains** (Mississauga-Malton, Ont.) and Agriculture Minister **Lawrence MacAulay** (Cardigan, PEI), together with Prince Edward Island Premier **Wade MacLauchlan**, announced investments in research commercialization centres. In Charlottetown, PEI, the Natural Products Canada will receive \$14 million over five years, in support of its work in the development and marketing of natural products. In Montréal, Que., the Centre for Commercialization of Cancer Immunotherapy will receive funding of \$15 million over five

years to develop, translate and commercialize cancer immunotherapy. These recipients are the two successful applicants from the most recent competition in the Centres of Excellence for Commercialization and Research program. Call 343-291-1777.

On behalf of Science Minister Kirsty Duncan (Etobicoke North, Ont.), Environment and Climate Change Minister **Catherine McKenna** (Ottawa-Centre, Ont.) celebrated 15 new and renewed Canada Research Chairs. The University of Ottawa will receive \$13.8 million for these chairs, an additional \$12.6 million through the Research Support Fund to cover the indirect costs of research at the university, as well as more than \$2.3 million in infrastructure support through the Canada Foundation for Innovation. The federal government is investing more than \$238 million in support of 119 new and renewed Canada Research Chairs in universities across Ontario, their labs and equipment, and the indirect costs of research. The full release is available [online](#). Call 343-291-1777.

Science Minister **Kirsty Duncan** (Etobicoke North, Ont.) was in Washington, D.C., this week, where she met with important science officials of the United States and moderated a panel discussion on Arctic research and international collaboration. She also participated in the Governor General's round table, meeting with Canadian innovators and education leaders based in the D.C. area. During her visit, minister Duncan met with **Charlie Bolden**, NASA Administrator; **Kathryn Sullivan**, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association; Dr. **John Holdren**, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology; and other senior U.S. officials. In addition, she attended the New Zealand reception during the American Association for Advancement of Science's (AAAS) annual meeting, where she met with Sir **Peter Gluckman**, Chief Science Advisor to the Prime Minister of New Zealand. Call 343-291-2700.

Press Release Summary - Non-Governmental

Fri, Feb. 12, 2016

[Conservative Party of Canada](#)

Conservative Party International Development Critic **Deepak Obhrai** (Calgary Forest Lawn, Alta.) expressed concern over comments made by International Development Minister **Marie-Claude Bibeau** (Compton-Stanstead, Que.) that Canadian aid could help ISIS militants. "Canadians should be extremely concerned by the comments made by the Minister that there will be no oversight on the part of the Government to ensure Canada's aid dollars don't go to enemy combatants," said Obhrai. "These are the most heinous criminals and terrorists in the world and the complete carelessness showed by the Minister is shameful. The fact that Canadian dollars could be directly or indirectly helping ISIS combatants is something that needs to be addressed immediately," he said. The full release is available [online](#). Call 613-947-4567.

[Macdonald-Laurier Institute](#)

The Macdonald-Laurier Institute celebrates former prime minister Sir Wilfrid Laurier in its February issue of *Inside Policy* magazine. "Laurier had a plan to make sure that this unprecedented flowering would be no seasonal bloom, briefly drawing passerby's glance before withering away", write **Brian Lee Crowley**, **Niels Vieldhuis** and **Jason Clemens** in the issue's cover feature. "He was putting in place a plan to fill, not a decade or two, but a full century with Canada's rise to prominent adulthood on the world stage". The full release is available [online](#). Call 613-482-8327 x 105.

[Congress of Aboriginal Peoples](#)

Dwight Dorey, National Chief of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, is in Vancouver to participate in the 2016 Inspire Awards. "These awards celebrate the achievements of some of our most outstanding Indigenous youth and individual achievers," said Dorey. "I look forward to the watching the performances and listening to the stories of a truly amazing group of individuals – we should be very proud to celebrate the range of talent of the Indigenous peoples of Canada!" This year, 14 awards in areas such as arts, business, education, politics, and law and justice will be presented. The full release is available [online](#). Call 613-747-6022 x 197.

[Gitxaala First Nation](#)

The finding by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency that the Pacific Northwest LNG project will not lead to significant adverse impacts on the Skeena salmon fishery is welcomed and will be carefully reviewed, said Tsimshian Chiefs representing Metlakatla, Gitxaala, Kitselas, and Kitsumkalum First Nations. "Not only has each of our First Nations' teams undertaken extensive analysis, we have pulled together to work collaboratively to respond to this massive project," said Gitxaala Chief **Cliff White**. "CEAA's findings reflect the work we have undertaken and the

independent research we have commissioned. We expect to be very involved in monitoring all aspects of this project." The Chiefs will bring forward strong conditions for the project to provide full confidence that the environment will be properly monitored and protected. Call 778-884-1392.

Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis

The Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis published a new report showing that an imbalance in infrastructure investment levels in Ontario by tier of government (federal, provincial and municipal) continues to exist, and that investment remains below what the economy needs to support its best chance of success. "While governments benefit from what productive public infrastructure does for economic growth, investment in Ontario is still well below what is needed to maximize economic prosperity," said report author **Paul Smetanin**, CANCEA president and CEO. "The pledge of the recently-elected federal Liberal government to increase federal funding of public infrastructure investment is a step in the right direction and it is hoped that with it brings a new era of cooperation between Ottawa, Queen's Park, and municipalities to determine long-term, sustainable approaches to infrastructure investment in Ontario," he said. The full release is available [online](#). Call 416-782-7475 x 401.

Canadian Council for Career Development

Career developers from across Canada are applauding the government's decision to double funding for the Canada Summer Jobs Program. Under this plan, the government expects to double the total number of jobs for youth from the 34,000 positions in 2015 to 69,000 in the summer of 2016. The increase will be made possible by a new investment of up to \$113 million in 2016. More information is available [online](#).

All Upcoming Committee Meetings

Mon, Feb. 15, 2016

COMMONS COMMITTEES

International Trade

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 306, The Valour Building, 151 Sparks St. at 8:45 am
 - On the Agenda:
Briefing Session on the Priority Trade Issues for the Government of Canada, other than the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)
 - Witnesses
 - Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development
 - Susan Bincoletto, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Business Development and Chief Trade Commissioner
 - Kirsten Hillman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade Agreements and Negotiations
 - David Morrison, Assistant Deputy Minister, Americas and Chief Development Officer
 - Steve Verheul, Chief Trade Negotiator, Canada-European Union

Canadian Heritage

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 7-52, 131 Queen Street at 8:45 am (In Camera)
 - On the Agenda:
Committee Business

Justice and Human Rights

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 253-D, Centre Block at 8:45 am
 - On the Agenda:
Election of Chair

Public Accounts

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 112-N, Centre Block at 8:45 am
 - On the Agenda:
Election of Chair

Veterans Affairs

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 7-52, 131 Queen Street at 11:00 am
 - On the Agenda:
Election of Chair

Citizenship and Immigration

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 306, The Valour Building, 151 Sparks St. at 11:00 am
 - On the Agenda:
Election of Chair

Environment and Sustainable Development

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 268, The Valour Building, 151 Sparks St. at 11:00 am
 - On the Agenda:
Committee Business

Finance

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 253-D, Centre Block at 11:00 am (Televised)
 - On the Agenda:
Pre-Budget Consultations 2016
 - Witnesses
 - Assembly of First Nations
 - Roger Augustine, Regional Chief, New Brunswick / Prince Edward Island
 - Atlantic Institute for Market Studies
 - John Williamson, Vice President, Research
 - Atlantic Provinces Economic Council
 - Finn Poschmann, President and Chief Executive Officer
 - Canadian Airports Council
 - Daniel-Robert Gooch, President
 - Canadian Labour Congress
 - Angella MacEwen, Senior Economist, Social and Economic Policy
 - Conference Board of Canada
 - Glen Hodgson, Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist
 - Canada Green Building Council
 - Thomas Mueller, President and Chief Executive Officer
 - Canadian Cattlemen's Association
 - Dennis Laycraft, Executive Vice-President
 - Green Budget Coalition
 - Annie Bérubé, Coordinator
 - Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

- Natan Obed, President
- Métis National Council
 - Clément Chartier, President
- Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce
 - Steve McLellan, Chief Executive Officer

Procedure and House Affairs

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 112-N, Centre Block at 11:00 am
 - On the Agenda:
Initiatives toward a family-friendly House of Commons
 - Witnesses
 - Library of Parliament
 - Andre Barnes, Analyst

Public Safety and National Security

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 228, The Valour Building, 151 Sparks St. at 11:00 am (In Camera)
 - On the Agenda:
Committee Business

Status of Women

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 112-N, Centre Block at 3:30 pm
 - On the Agenda:
Briefing Session on Status of Women Canada; (in camera) committee business
 - Witnesses
Status of Women Canada
 - Meena Ballantyne, Head of Agency
 - Linda Savoie, Senior Director General, Women's Program and Regional Operations Directorate
 - Nanci-Jean Waugh, Director General, Communications and Public Affairs
 - Justine Akman, Director General, Policy and External Relations
 - Anik Lapointe, Chief Financial Officer and Director, Corporate Services

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 228, The Valour Building, 151 Sparks St. at 3:30 pm (In Camera)
 - On the Agenda:
Committee Business

Industry, Science and Technology

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 8-53, 131 Queen Street at 3:30 pm
 - On the Agenda:
Election of Chair

Fisheries and Oceans

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 7-52, 131 Queen Street at 3:30 pm
 - On the Agenda:
Election of Chair

Foreign Affairs and International Development

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 268, The Valour Building, 151 Sparks St. at 3:30 pm
 - On the Agenda:
Briefing with appropriate officials from Global Affairs Canada to provide members with an update on current concerns within their mandate related to foreign affairs and international development
 - Witnesses
 - Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development
 - Vincent Rigby, Assistant Deputy Minister , Strategic Policy
 - Alex Bugailiskis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Europe, Middle East and Maghreb
 - Mark Gwozdecky, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Security and Political Affairs
 - Sarah Fountain Smith, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Global Issues and Development

Government Operations and Estimates

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 253-D, Centre Block at 3:30 pm
 - On the Agenda:
Election of Chair

Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities

- Wed, Feb. 17, 2016. Room 268, The Valour Building, 151 Sparks St. at 3:30 pm
 - On the Agenda:
Election of Chair

Agriculture and Agri Food

- Wed, Feb. 17, 2016. Room 228, The Valour Building, 151 Sparks St. at 3:30 pm (In Camera)
 - On the Agenda:
Committee Business

Natural Resources

- Wed, Feb. 17, 2016. Room 237-C, Centre Block at 3:30 pm
 - On the Agenda:
Election of Chair

Official Languages

- Wed, Feb. 17, 2016. Room 253-D, Centre Block at 3:30 pm
 - On the Agenda:
Election of Chair

Health

- Wed, Feb. 17, 2016. Room 306, The Valour Building, 151 Sparks St. at 3:30 pm
 - On the Agenda:
Committee Business

National Defence

- Thu, Feb. 18, 2016. Room 362, East Block at 8:45 am
 - On the Agenda:
Election of Chair

JOINT COMMITTEES

Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 253-D, Centre Block at 7:00 pm (In Camera)
 - On the Agenda:
Physician-Assisted Dying, Consideration of Draft Report

- Wed, Feb. 17, 2016. Room 253-D, Centre Block at 5:30 pm (In Camera)
 - On the Agenda:
Consideration of Draft Report

Library of Parliament

- Thu, Feb. 18, 2016. Room 268, The Valour Building, 151 Sparks St. at 12:00 pm
 - **Cancelled**
~~On the Agenda:~~
~~Election of Joint Chairs~~

SENATE COMMITTEES

Official Languages

- Mon, Feb. 15, 2016. Room 257, East Block at 5:30 pm (In Camera)
 - On the Agenda:
 - Consideration of a draft agenda (future business)

Aboriginal Peoples

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 160-S, Centre Block at 9:30 am (Webcast)
 - On the Agenda:
 - (In Camera) Consideration of a draft agenda (future business)
 - (In public) Study on the federal government's constitutional, treaty, political and legal responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples. TOPIC: Indian Moneys Program.
 - Witnesses
 - Indigenous and Northern Affairs
 - Sheilagh Murphy, assistant deputy minister, Lands and Economic Development
 - Allan Clarke, director general, Economic Research and Policy Development Branch, Lands and Economic Development
 - Claudia Ferland, director general, Individual Affairs Branch, Resolution and Individual Affairs
 - Witness(es) to follow
- Wed, Feb. 17, 2016. Room 160-S, Centre Block at 6:45 pm (Webcast)
 - On the Agenda:
 - Study on the federal government's constitutional, treaty, political and legal responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples. TOPIC: Border crossing issues and the Jay Treaty
 - Witnesses

- Witness(es) to follow

National Finance

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 705, Victoria Building at 9:30 am (In Camera)
 - On the Agenda:
Consideration of a draft agenda (future business).

Agriculture and Forestry

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 2, Victoria Building at 5:00 pm (Webcast)
 - On the Agenda:
 - Study on international market access priorities for the Canadian agricultural and agri-food sector
 - Witnesses
 - Canada Pasta Makers Association
 - Don Jarvis, executive director
 - Grain Farmers of Ontario
 - Markus Haerle, vice-chair
 - Producteurs des grains du Québec
 - William Van Tassel, first vice-president
- Thu, Feb. 18, 2016. Room 2, Victoria Building at 8:00 am (Webcast)
 - On the Agenda:
 - Study on international market access priorities for the Canadian agricultural and agri-food sector
 - Witnesses
 - Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council
 - Robin Horel, president and CEO
 - Further Poultry Processors Association of Canada
 - Robert DeValk, executive director
 - Ian Hesketh, vice-chair
 - Canadian Meat Council
 - James Laws, executive director
 - Maple Leaf Consumer Foods
 - Troy Warren, vice president - Business Optimization - Red Meats

Fisheries and Oceans

- Tue, Feb. 16, 2016. Room 505, Victoria Building at 5:00 pm (In Camera)
 - On the Agenda:
 - Consideration of a draft agenda (future business)

Human Rights

- Wed, Feb. 17, 2016. Room 9, Victoria Building at 11:30 am (Webcast)

- On the Agenda:
 - Bill S-201, An Act to prohibit and prevent genetic discrimination
- Witnesses
 - Senate of Canada
 - Liberal Senator James Cowan, sponsor of the bill
 - Canadian Coalition of Genetic Fairness
 - Bev Heim-Myers, chair of the Canadian Coalition for Genetic Fairness and CEO of the Huntington Society of Canada
 - Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association
 - Frank Swedlove, president and CEO
 - Frank Zinatelli, vice president and general counsel
 - Canadian Institute of Actuaries
 - Witness(es) to follow

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

- Wed, Feb. 17, 2016. Room 257, East Block at 4:15 pm (Webcast)
 - On the Agenda:
 - Study on matters pertaining to delays in Canada's criminal justice system
 - Witnesses
 - Public Prosecution Service of Canada
 - Brian Saunders, director of Public Prosecutions
 - George Dolhai, deputy director of Public Prosecutions
- Thu, Feb. 18, 2016. Room 257, East Block at 10:30 am (Webcast)
 - On the Agenda:
 - Study on matters pertaining to delays in Canada's criminal justice system
 - Witnesses
 - Criminal Lawyers' Association
 - Leo Russomanno, member and criminal defence counsel
 - Canadian Council of Criminal Defence Lawyers
 - Greg DelBigio, member

Banking, Trade and Commerce

- Wed, Feb. 17, 2016. Room to be determined at 4:15 pm (Webcast)
 - On the Agenda:
 - Study on the present state of the domestic and international financial system. TOPIC: The causes and effects of the recent decline in the Canadian Dollar exchange rate.
 - Witnesses
 - Conference Board of Canada
 - Glen Hodgson, senior vice-president and chief economist
 - Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
 - Armine Yalnizyan, senior economist
 - Fraser Institute
 - Herbert Grubel, senior fellow
 - C.D. Howe Institute

- Daniel Schwanen, vice president, research (by video conference)
- Thu, Feb. 18, 2016. Room to be determined at 10:30 am (Webcast)
 - On the Agenda:
 - Study on the present state of the domestic and international financial system. TOPIC: The causes and effects of the recent decline in the Canadian Dollar exchange rate.
 - Witnesses
 - Canadian Chamber of Commerce
 - Hendrik Brakel, senior director, Economic, Financial and Tax Policy
 - Canadian Federation of Independent Business
 - Ted Mallett, vice-president and chief economist

Foreign Affairs and International Trade

- Wed, Feb. 17, 2016. Room 160-S, Centre Block at 4:15 pm (Webcast)
 - On the Agenda:
 - Study on foreign relations and international trade generally. TOPIC: Argentina: Political, Economic and International Prospects
 - Witnesses
 - Global Affairs Canada
 - Witness(es) to follow
- Thu, Feb. 18, 2016. Room 160-S, Centre Block at 10:30 am (Webcast)
 - On the Agenda:
 - Study on foreign relations and international trade generally. TOPIC: Bilateral, regional and multilateral trade agreements: Prospects for Canada
 - Witnesses
 - As an individual
 - Pierre Marc Johnson, counsel, Lavery Lawyers
 - Ciuriak Consulting Inc.
 - Dan Ciuriak, director and principal
 - As an individual
 - Eugene Beaulieu, professor, Department of Economics and director, International Economic Policy, University of Calgary

Transport and Communications

- Wed, Feb. 17, 2016. Room 2, Victoria Building at 6:45 pm (Webcast)
 - On the Agenda:
 - Study on emerging issues related to its mandate and ministerial mandate letters.
 - Witnesses
 - Cabinet
 - Heritage Minister Mélanie Joly
 - Transport Minister Marc Garneau
 - Infrastructure Minister Amarjeet Sohi
 - Canadian Heritage
 - Graham Flack, deputy minister

- Transport Canada
 - Witness(es) to follow
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Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

- Thu, Feb. 18, 2016. Room 257, East Block at 9:00 am (Webcast)
 - On the Agenda:
 - Study on emerging issues related to its mandate
 - Witnesses
 - Office of the Auditor General of Canada
 - Julie Gelfand, commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development
 - Andrew Ferguson, principal
 - Kimberley Leach, principal
 - Kari Swarbrick, director

Social Affairs, Science and Technology

- Thu, Feb. 18, 2016. Room 705, Victoria Building at 10:30 am (In Camera)
 - On the Agenda:
 - Consideration of a draft agenda (future business).

Calendar of Upcoming Events

This Week

Mon, Feb 15th, 2016

- Montreal, QC - 9:00 am EST
On behalf of Science Minister Kirsty Duncan (Etobicoke North, Ont.), Transport Minister **Marc Garneau** (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Westmount, Que.) will highlight the Government of Canada's support of research and innovation at Université de Montréal. A media availability will follow. This event will take place at Université de Montréal, Roger-Gaudry Pavillon, Room H-425 (reception desk at the main entrance), 2900 Édouard-Montpetit Blvd. Call 343-291-1777.
- Ottawa - 11:00 am EST
On behalf of Heritage and Official Languages Minister Mélanie Joly (Ahuntsic-Cartierville, Que.), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development **Greg Fergus** (Hull-Aylmer, Que.) will take part in a flag-raising ceremony to celebrate National Flag of Canada Day. This event will take place at Confederation Park, Laurier Ave. W. Call 819-997-7788.
- Ottawa - 12:00 pm EST
Environment and Climate Change Minister **Catherine McKenna** (Ottawa-Centre, Ont.), who is also Minister for Parks Canada, will be welcoming visitors and skaters for a true Parks Canada experience on the Rideau Canal at Winterlude. This event will take place at the junction of the Rideau Canal National Historic Site and Dows Lake, 1000 Colonel By Dr. Call 613-797-2730.
- Gatineau, QC - 2:00 pm EST
National Revenue Minister **Diane Lebouthillier** (Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Que.) along with Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development **Greg Fergus** (Hull-Aylmer, Que.), will highlight new tax measures which will give families more money to help with the high cost of raising their kids. This event will take place at the Snowflake Stage in Snowflake Kingdom (Winterlude), Jacques-Cartier Park, rue Laurier. Call 613-995-2960.
- Whitehorse, YK - 3:00 pm EST (Local Time: 12:00 pm PST)
The Northern Planning Conference 2016 runs Feb. 15-17. The North is changing: climate change, settlement of land claims, northern co-management and governance, access and global demand of the North's natural resources and the opening of the northwest passage are all contributing to what is being defined as the 'New North'. This conference will involve planners from across Canada's north, integrated resource managers, northern economic and social experts and aboriginal, territorial, provincial and federal government representatives. The intent is to share, learn, build capacity and establish a northern planning network. This event will take place at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, 1171 Front St. Register [online](#).

Tue, Feb 16th, 2016

- Ottawa - 7:30 am EST
Hill Times Events hosts a panel discussion examining Physician-Assisted Death. Panelists **Anne Sutherland Boal**, CEO of the Canadian Nurses Association; Dr. **Jeff Blackmer**, Canadian Medical Association; and **Maureen McTeer**, author and lawyer specializing in health policy and medical law, will discuss the issue, asking questions such as what factors must the legislation include? How does legislation protect the most vulnerable in society? How will legislation ensure that all Canadians have access to this choice? This event will take place at the Delta Ottawa City Centre, Pinnacle Room, 101 Lyon St. Register [online](#).
- Ottawa - 10:00 am EST
The House of Commons resumes sitting this week and will continue to sit until Feb. 26.
- Ottawa - 10:00 am EST
Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** (Papineau, Que.) is expected to hold a Cabinet meeting. Call 613-957-5555.
- Edmonton, AB - 11:30 am EST (Local Time: 9:30 am MST)
The Edmonton Chamber of Commerce presents guest speaker **Tim McMillan**, president and CEO of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, delivering a keynote speech on 'The Future of Oil and Gas in Alberta.' This event will take place at The World Trade Centre Edmonton, #600 - 9990 Jasper Ave. Call 780-426-4620.
- Toronto, ON - 11:45 am EST
The Canadian Club of Toronto launches its Canada 150 speakers series with a discussion featuring former prime minister **Paul Martin**, former politician and Canadian envoy **Michael Wilson** and **David Rosenberg**. Bloomberg's **Amanda Lang** will moderate the event. As Canada approaches its 150th birthday, the question is, how do we collectively ensure Canada is as prosperous at 200 years old and beyond? How do we remain a strong G20 nation? The Canadian Club, in cooperation with the Rotman School of Management, has assembled a framework and analysis to explore this vital question and nurture a platform to advance a long-term plan for the next generation. This event will take place at the Royal York Hotel, 100 Front St. W. Call 416-364-5590.
- Ottawa - 12:00 pm EST
The Canadian Club of Ottawa hosts a luncheon presentation featuring Dr. **Cindy Forbes**, president of the Canadian Medical Association. This event will take place at the Chateau Laurier ballroom, 1 Rideau St. Call 613-569-2877.
- Ottawa - 5:30 pm EST
Join Famous Five Ottawa and the founders of the Campaign for an Equal Senate, **Donna Dasko** and **Ceta Ramkhalawansingh**, for cocktails, conversation and camaraderie. This event will take place at Metropolitan Brasserie, 700 Sussex Dr. Call 613-292-0326.
- Ottawa - 5:30 pm EST

The Canadian Welding Bureau Group invites Members of Parliament and advisers to its annual event, celebrating the opportunities and challenges of the welding industry today. This event will take place at the Shaw Centre, 55 Colonel By Dr. Register at cwbevent@envionicspr.com.

- Ottawa - 6:00 pm EST
Governor General **David Johnston** will present a series of Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Awards. He will also deliver a speech on the importance of collaboration, learning and innovation, and will recognize the work of outstanding and highly promising scientists and engineers who are part of Canada's academic research community. The names of the award recipients will be announced on the day of the ceremony, in the morning. This event will take place at Rideau Hall, 1 Sussex Dr. Call 613-990-9324.
- Ottawa - 6:00 pm EST
Part of the National Capital Commission's Capital Urbanism Lab 2015–2016 lecture series, join us for a discussion on the urban forest and the vital role it plays in the city. We will explore the benefits of the urban forest in terms of community health and regional biodiversity, as well as the aesthetic and ecological benefits it provides. Panelists include Dr. **Tom Smiley**, Bartlett Tree Research Laboratory, Charlotte, N.C., USA; Dr. **Jérôme Dupras**, Université du Québec en Outaouais; and **Diana Beresford-Kroeger**, author and scientist. This event will take place at the Capital Urbanism Lab, 100 Sparks St., 4th Floor. Call 613-239-5678 x 5257.

Wed, Feb 17th, 2016

- Ottawa - 9:15 am EST
The New Democratic Party is expected to hold its caucus meeting. This event will take place in Room 112-N, Centre Block, Parliament Hill. Call 613-222-2351.
- Ottawa - 10:00 am EST
The Liberals are expected to hold a caucus meeting. This event will take place in Room 237-C, Centre Block, Parliament Hill. Call 613-627-2384.
- Ottawa - 10:00 am EST
The Conservatives will meet for their national caucus meeting. Contact coryhann@conservative.ca.
- Toronto, ON - 11:45 am EST
The Canadian Club of Toronto hosts a luncheon presentation with **Jean-Pierre Blais**, chairman of the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission, on "Staying informed: TV news in an era of change." This event will take place at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, 123 Queen St. W. Call 416-364-5590.
- Toronto, ON - 12:00 pm EST
The Empire Club of Canada hosts a presentation by **Sergio Marchi**, president and CEO of the Canadian Electricity Association. This event will take place at Arcadian Court, 401 Bay

St., 8th floor. Call 416-364-2878.

- Ottawa - 5:30 pm EST
Equal Voice hosts a members only event to welcome the women of the 42nd Parliament. This event will take place at the Rideau Club, 99 Bank St. Register at rsvp@equalvoice.ca.
- Ottawa - 6:00 pm EST
The University of Ottawa's Faculty of Law hosts the Catherine Helen MacLean Memorial Lecture, featuring former Liberal MP **Irwin Cotler** who will speak on: "Towards a Human Rights Foreign Policy for Canada." This event will take place in FTX147, Fauteux Hall, 57 Louis-Pasteur Ave. RSVP clawconf@uottawa.ca

Thu, Feb 18th, 2016

- Waterloo, ON - 1:00 pm EST
CIGI's International Law Research Program hosts "What Canada Needs to Do After Paris", a preconference to the "Climate Choices Canada Conference" (Feb 18-20, 2016). This workshop includes two panel discussions on climate change from a legislative and policy perspective. CIGI Post-Doctoral Fellow **Maria Panezi** and Queen's University Professor of Economics and Financial Policy **Thomas J. Courchene** will discuss how best to design carbon-reducing legislation while encouraging clean air technology innovation. Then CIGI Senior Research Fellow **David Estrin** and others will discuss the need and means to leverage Canadian public concern for a better climate. This event will take place at Balsillie School of International Affairs, 67 Erb St. W. Register [online](#).

Sun, Feb 21st, 2016

- Ottawa - Feb 21st-Feb 26th
The 2015 Teachers Institute on Canadian Parliamentary Democracy will take place from Feb. 21-26, 2016. The Teachers Institute is a unique professional development opportunity for teachers of governance and citizenship education. The program brings together approximately 70 educators from across the country, for an intensive, informative week on Parliament Hill. It is coordinated by the Library of Parliament and supported by the Speakers of both the Senate and the House of Commons. More details are available [online](#).

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Mon, Feb 22nd, 2016

- Ottawa - 8:45 am EST
With 197 newly elected Members of Parliament, a Federal Budget to be tabled shortly and a challenging fiscal situation, the need for MPs to be able to scrutinize the Budget and Main Estimates is vital. Four distinguished former MPs—**Paul Dewar**, **Peter Milliken**, **Shawn Murphy** and **James Rajotte**—will join Accountability Associates Founder **Geoff Dubrow** to co-facilitate a workshop that guides MPs through the process of decoding and deciphering the Budget and Main Estimates. This event will take place at The Hub Ottawa, 71 Bank St., 6th Floor. Call 613-868-1866.
- Toronto, ON - 11:45 am EST
The Economic Club of Canada host a luncheon presentation featuring Dr. **Peter Pisters**, president and CEO of the University Health Network, on "Returning to the Canadian Healthcare System." Pisters will reflect on returning to Canada after 30 years in the American health care system, offering his observations over his first year at UHN and what he believes are some of the opportunities for sustainable change. This event will take place at The Hilton Toronto, 145 Richmond St. W. Call 416-306-0899.
- Toronto, ON - 12:00 pm EST
The C.D. Howe Institute hosts a roundtable luncheon with former Conservative MP **Brian Jean**, current leader of Wildrose and Alberta's Official Opposition, on "Alberta's Economic and Fiscal Crisis: What Albertans and Canadians Can Do." This event will take place at C.D. Howe Institute, 67 Yonge St., Suite 300. Call 416-865-1904.
- Ottawa - 4:00 pm EST
Genome Canada hosts Genomics on the Hill. Meet some of Canada's most renowned genomic scientists and "end users" who are applying genomics to benefit Canadians across many sectors, including health, agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture, environment, energy and mining. This event will take place at Room 256-S Centre Block. RSVP 613-751-4460.
- Halifax, NS - 4:30 pm EST (Local Time: 5:30 pm AST)
Green Party leader **Elizabeth May** (Saanich-Gulf Islands, B.C.) will speak about democratic reform in Canada. This event will take place at Room 105, Weldon Law Building, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University. Call 902-494-3495.
- Ottawa - 5:30 pm EST
The Entertainment Software Association of Canada (ESAC) hosts its annual showcase for parliamentarians and Hill staff. Play some of the best new video games and technologies and learn more about this dynamic sector of the Canadian economy. This event will take place in

the Drawing Room, Fairmont Chateau Laurier, 1 Rideau St. RSVP at 416-620-7171.

Tue, Feb 23rd, 2016

- Ottawa - 7:45 am EST
The Conference Board of Canada hosts a two-day symposium on "Public Sector HR 2016". Today's public sector HR leaders are living in a time of change. New and disruptive technologies are transforming whole industries, the millennial generation is taking on more responsibility in the workplace, and citizens will never demand less from their governments. As the public sector changes, HR must step up to the plate. Speakers include **Lauren Hunter** and **Abe Greenspoon** from the Inspire Innovation Hub, Natural Resources Canada; **Sarah Haufe**, senior advisor, Values, Ethics and Workplace Wellbeing, Global Affairs Canada; and **Sylvain C. Souigny**, executive director, Canadian Food Inspection Agency. This event will take place at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier, 1 Rideau St. More details [online](#).
- Regina, SK - 4:00 pm EST (Local Time: 3:00 pm CST)
The Institute of Public Administration of Canada, Saskatchewan chapter, hosts a presentation by **Ryan Androsoff**, senior advisor, Chief Information Officer Branch, Treasury Board Secretariat, on "Digital Government Today: International Perspective and Lessons for the Future." This event will take place at the University of Regina campus, CK 187, Kinesiology Building. Details [online](#).
- Ottawa - 5:00 pm EST
Maclean's magazine and *L'Actualité* host a "Welcome to the Hill" event for Members of Parliament. This two-hour cocktail reception will feature a speaker and past Parliamentarians who will share their wisdom. We will also honour our annual Lifetime Achievement Award winner. This event is by invitation only and will take place at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier, 1 Rideau St.
- Ottawa - 5:30 pm EST
Chef **Michael Smith** will make an appearance as the Canadian Produce Marketing Association's "Half Your Plate" brand ambassador at an exclusive reception for Members of Parliament. Smith will perform a fruit and veggie cooking demonstration and discuss the importance of eating more fruits and vegetables. Media are invited to attend. This event will take place at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier, 1 Rideau St. Call 613-878-3312.
- Ottawa - 6:00 pm EST
MPs are invited to meet CEOs from the largest manufacturing employer in Canada. Join us for conversation about how the food, beverage and consumer products sector has become the top manufacturing industry in Canada and why it should remain a top priority for government. This event will take place at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier, Quebec Suite, 1 Rideau St. RSVP 416-510-2480.
- Ottawa - 6:30 pm EST
Debi Daviau, president of the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada, invites you to join scientists and other federal public service professionals for some candid conversation and celebration. This event will take place at the Metropolitan Brasserie, 700

Sussex Dr. RSVP at gr@pipsc.ca.

Wed, Feb 24th, 2016

- Washington, DC - 12:00 pm EST
The Canadian International Trade Tribunal will also be holding a technical exchange with members and staff of the Australian Anti-Dumping Commission, part of the 37th anniversary of the International Trade Update. This event will take place at Georgetown University Law Center. Call 613 993-3595.
- Ottawa - 5:00 pm EST
Samara Canada is hosting a shindig. This event will take place at the Aulde Dubliner Pub, second floor, 62 William St. Cash bar.
- Ottawa - 5:30 pm EST
eBay Canada invites Parliamentarians and advisers to come celebrate its 11th annual Entrepreneur of the Year Awards. This event will take place at the Metropolitain Brasserie, 700 Sussex Dr. Register at ebayevent@environicspr.com.
- Gatineau, QC - 5:30 pm EST
The Macdonald-Laurier Institute hosts a dinner, panel discussion and reception to celebrate the 175th birthday of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Attendees will be able to mingle with Ottawa luminaries from business, industry associations, the civil service and politics at a reception and dinner. We'll cap off the evening with a panel discussion featuring former interim Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada **Bob Rae**, historian **Patrice Dutil**, and Montreal business leader **Michel Kelly-Gagnon**. Historian and author **Charlotte Gray** will moderate. This event will take place at the Canadian Museum of History. Call 613-482-8327.

Thu, Feb 25th, 2016

- Ottawa - Feb 25th-Feb 27th
The Manning Centre's annual conference is *the* event for conservatives in Canada to attend. Conservative MPs **Tony Clement** (Parry Sound-Muskoka, Ont.), **Michael Chong** (Wellington-Halton Hills, Ont.) and entrepreneur **Kevin O'Leary** have all confirmed they will speak about why they're considering a run for Conservative Party leader. This event will take place at the Shaw Centre, 55 Colonel By Drive. Call 403-255-8100.
- Fredericton, NB - 10:45 am EST (Local Time: 11:45 am AST)
As part of its Chamber and Rotary Distinguished Speaker Series, the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce welcomes **Brent Homan**, director general, Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada. Homan, who is involved in PIPEDA investigations, will share some lessons learned from investigations and offer practical advice that small businesses can put to use right away. This event will take place at the Fredericton Inn, 1315 Regent St. Call 506-458-8006.
- Toronto, ON - 11:45 am EST

The Economic Club of Canada hosts "Atlantic Canada and the Costs of Climate Change: Making the Case for a National Flood Program." Nova Scotians know all too well the losses that flooding and other severe weather can inflict. But neither Nova Scotians nor Canadians as a whole are ready for the increase in severe weather that climate change is bringing. Canada is the only G7 country without a national flood program. Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) and the property and casualty insurance industry it represents believe Canada needs such a plan. **Don Forgeron**, president and CEO of IBC and a native Nova Scotian, will speak on an initiative the industry is advocating for: a made-in-Canada program for managing flood risk. He will also address how flood and the IBC's proposed plan will affect Atlantic Canada. This event will take place at Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel, 1919 Upper Water St. Call 416-306-0899.

- Washington, DC - 12:00 pm EST
Stephen Leach, chairperson of the Canadian International Trade Tribunal, will deliver a luncheon address entitled "Resolution of Trade Disputes: A View from Our Neighbor to the North" at the 37th anniversary of the International Trade Update. This event will take place at Georgetown University Law Center. Call 613 993-3595.
- Ottawa - 5:30 pm EST
The Ottawa International Writers Festival hosts a discussion with **Stephen Saideman**, professor at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University, about his new book "Adapting in the Dust: Lessons Learned from Canada's War in Afghanistan". Author Meets Readers is an informal discussion on the latest research and books emerging from Carleton's Faculty of Public Affairs. Everyone is invited to join the discussion on today's most pressing issues and challenges. This event will take place at Irene's Pub, 885 Bank St. Call 613-562-1243.
- Ottawa - 5:30 pm EST
The Institute for Research on Public Policy invites you to join **Graham Fox**, president of the IRPP, and the editors, to the launch of *Income Inequality: The Canadian Story*, volume V in the series *The Art of the State*. This book is the result of a two-year collaboration between the IRPP and the Canadian Labour Market and Skills Researcher Network. Twenty-seven of Canada's leading experts in the field have gathered to examine income inequality trends in Canada, the factors contributing to its marked increase since the early 1980s, as well as the role of policy. Their research and analysis will inform the public discourse on this issue of central concern for all Canadians for years to come. Families, Children and Social Development Minister **Jean-Yves Duclos** (Québec, Que.) is expected to be the guest of honour. This event will take place at Metropolitain Brasserie, 700 Sussex Dr. Call 514-985-2461.

Sat, Feb 27th, 2016

- Cornwall, ON - 9:30 am EST
New Democrats from across Eastern Ontario are gathering to provide input to the Federal Post-Election Review prior to Convention, learn about the Ontario NDP's plans leading up to the April 2018 provincial election, and exchange ideas with colleagues from other ridings about how to strengthen our presence in Eastern Ontario. This event will take place at Navy

Veterans Association, 30 Sixth St. E. Register [online](#).

Mon, Feb 29th, 2016

- Ottawa - 1:00 am EST
The House of Commons will take break from sitting this week. MPs will return on March 7.
- Vancouver, BC - Feb 29th-Mar 1st
The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) will host a two-day national event that will bring together subject experts, workers, employers, and governments to share their knowledge and experience around current and emerging health and safety issues. CCOHS' Forum 2016: The Changing World of Work will take place on February 29 and March 1, 2016, in Vancouver, British Columbia. More information is available [online](#).

Tue, Mar 1st, 2016

- Yellowknife, NT - Mar 1st-Mar 3rd
The Institute of Public Administration of Canada presents the Northern Governance Conference 2016. Bringing together public administrators from all levels of government, the #NGC2016 will discuss challenges and showcases solutions on capacity building, research and policy in the North. More details [online](#).
- Online - 9:00 am EST
Statistics Canada is expected to release the GDP by industry, national, for February 2016.
- Vancouver, BC - 12:00 pm EST (Local Time: 9:00 am PST)
The Public Policy Forum, in partnership with the Alberta Energy Regulator, the National Energy Board, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and EY, host the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Energy Regulators Summit. This event is a presentation of the research findings and a discussion about the implications of this new regulatory framework that enables regulators to meet the diverse demands of our times. Participants may pose questions to the speakers during a facilitated group discussion following the presentations. Details [online](#).
- Ottawa - 7:00 pm EST
Carleton University presents its Dick, Ruth, and Judy Bell Lecture. Former clerk of the Privy Council **Kevin Lynch** will speak on "Can Canada become an innovation nation, and why does it matter?" This event will take place in the Conference Rooms, 2nd floor, River Building, Carleton University, 1125 Colonel By Dr. Register carleton.ca/fpa/bell.

Wed, Mar 2nd, 2016

- Vancouver, BC - 12:00 pm EST (Local Time: 9:00 am PST)
Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** (Papineau, Que.) and the premiers will meet with First Nations, Inuit, and Metis leaders.

- Vancouver, BC - Mar 2nd-Mar 4th

The three-day Globe 2016 Leadership Summit for Sustainable Business opens today, featuring sessions on "Disruptive Innovation and Technology: What will it Really Take to Move the Needle on Climate?", "Accelerating the Energy Transition" and "The Road from Paris & Climate Prosperity: How Carbon Action Can Re-Energize Economies" among others. Macleans reports that Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** (Papineau, Que.), Environment and Climate Change Minister **Catherine McKenna** (Ottawa-Centre, Ont.) and Innovation, Science and Economic Development Minister **Navdeep Bains** (Mississauga-Malton, Ont.) are expected to head a large federal delegation to this conference. This event will take place in the East Building, Vancouver Convention Centre, 1055 Canada Pl. More details are available [online](#).

Fri, Mar 4th, 2016

- Ottawa - 6:00 pm EST

The School of Public Policy and Administration Student Society at Carleton University invites you to the 19th Annual SPPA Gala, a night of dinner and networking, with a keynote address by **John Manley**, president and CEO of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives. Dr. **Daochi Tong**, assistant minister of Commerce for the People's Republic of China and 1994 SPPA Alumnus, will be attending in person to accept the 2016 Bissett Alumni Award. Formal attire required. This event will take place in the in the Barrick Salon, Canadian Museum of Nature, 240 McLeod St. Register [online](#).

Mon, Mar 7th, 2016

- Ottawa - Mar 7th-Mar 8th

The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples hosts the 2015 Aboriginal Economic Prosperity Symposium. The forum will provide a venue for Creative Leaders within the Canadian business and labour industries to come together to create new strategies for Aboriginal economic success. The objective of the symposium is to generate a new space for discourse regarding employment of Aboriginal Peoples within mainstream industries and create new entrepreneurial opportunities by fostering potential partnerships. This event will take place at the Brookstreet Hotel, 525 Legget Dr. More details [online](#).

- Ottawa - 10:00 am EST

The House of Commons resumes sitting this week until March 11.

- Toronto, ON - 12:00 pm EST

The Albany Club hosts its Political Series Luncheon featuring Yukon Premier **Darrell Pasloski**. This event will take place at 91 King St. E. Call 416-364-5471.

- Ottawa - 6:00 pm EST

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) hosts its annual Taste of the Arctic event. Join hundreds of Ottawa foodies and influential decision-makers to sample northern culture and cuisine. This event will take place at the National Arts Centre, 53 Elgin St. Register [online](#).

Tue, Mar 8th, 2016

- Halifax, NS - 5:30 pm EST (Local Time: 6:30 pm AST)
The Springtide Collective hosts the second Nova Scotia Better Politics Awards. The awards are a celebration of politicians, public figures, and community leaders who are making a positive impact on the state of democracy in Nova Scotia. The winners of the 2016 Better Politics Awards will be announced, following a keynote address from **Kevin Page**, Canada's first Parliamentary Budget Officer. Page holds the Jean Luc Pepin Research Chair at the University of Ottawa and is the author of *Unaccountable: Truth and Lies on Parliament Hill*. This event will take place at Loyola Conference Hall, Sobey Bldg., Saint Mary's University. Register [online](#).

Thu, Mar 10th, 2016

- Washington, DC - 6:00 pm EST
Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** (Papineau, Que.) and his wife **Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau** will be welcomed for an official visit and state dinner at the White House with U.S. President **Barack Obama**. The two leaders are expected to discuss economic, climate, security and border matters, according to CNN. Call 613-957-5555.

Mon, Mar 14th, 2016

- Ottawa - 1:00 am EDT
The House of Commons is taking a break week, and will resume sitting on March 21.

Tue, Mar 15th, 2016

- Halifax, NS - 10:30 am EDT (Local Time: 11:30 am ADT)
As part of its Distinguished Speaker Series, the Halifax Chamber of Commerce welcomes Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Minister **John McCallum** (Markham-Thornhill, Ont.) to discuss "Canada's Continuing Story of Immigration." This event will take place at Halifax Harbourfront Marriott Hotel, 1919 Upper Water St. Call 902-481-1350.

Mon, Mar 21st, 2016

- Ottawa - 10:00 am EDT
The House of Commons resumes sitting this week and will continue until March 24.
- Ottawa - 7:00 pm EDT
Is protest broken? **Micah White**, co-creator of Occupy Wall Street and author of *The End of Protest: A New Playbook for Revolution*, thinks so. Recent years have witnessed the largest

protests in human history. Yet these mass mobilizations no longer change society. Join us for a conversation on activism at a crossroads between innovation and irrelevance. This event will take place at Southminster United Church, 15 Aylmer Ave. Call 613-562-1243.

Fri, Mar 25th, 2016

- Ottawa - 1:00 am EDT
The House of Commons will take a two-week break for Easter, resuming business on April 11.

Tue, Mar 29th, 2016

- Ottawa - Mar 29th-Mar 30th
The Mackenzie Institute hosts "Canada's Defence Perspectives 2020-2050: Recapitalization and the Canadian Forces" from March 29-30, 2016. The conference will engage military and civilian officials of the Department of National Defence, the defence and security industry, and academia in a series of expert panels to inform recommendations for future Canadian defence planning. Some panelists and speakers include former Liberal Defence Minister **David Pratt**; **Hugh Segal**, chair of the NATO Association of Canada; **Yves Brodeur**, former Canadian ambassador to NATO; and **Stephen Burt**, assistant chief of Defence Intelligence, Canadian Forces Intelligence Command. This event will take place at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier, 1 Rideau St. Register [online](#).

Wed, Mar 30th, 2016

- Edmonton, AB - 1:30 pm EDT (Local Time: 11:30 am MDT)
Lynn Patterson, deputy governor of the Bank of Canada, will publicly address the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce to discuss in detail the adjustments now underway in the Canadian economy in the wake of slumping energy prices. This event will take place at the The Westin Hotel, Devonian Room, 10135 100 St NW. Call 780-426-4620.

Thu, Mar 31st, 2016

- Toronto, ON - 5:30 pm EDT
The Pearson Centre will launch its new Pursuing Justice Project, which will focus on advancing justice, diversity and inclusion as key underpinnings of a peaceful and successful country. Former prime minister **Jean Chr tien** will be an honorary co-chair along with former prime ministers **John Turner**, **Kim Campbell** and **Paul Martin**. Ontario MPP **Indira Naidoo-Harris** will moderate the dialogue with former Liberal MP **Irwin Cotler**. Mingle with federal and provincial parliamentarians, ministers and former prime ministers, and support the Pearson Centre! This event will take place at the King Edward Hotel. Register [online](#).
- Ottawa - 6:00 pm EDT

The Embassy of the United States in Ottawa and the U.S. Department of State's office of Art in Embassies, in partnership with the National Gallery of Canada, announce the continuation of the Contemporary Conversations (#artconvoAIE) series for a second season. This evening's artist is **Kiki Smith**, whose diverse and highly influential body of work includes sculpture, printmaking, photography, drawing, and textile. Balancing a quiet sensitivity to the natural world with a keen awareness of contemporary social issues, Smith's work constantly invites us to reexamine ourselves, our histories, and our places in the world. This event will take place at the National Gallery of Canada, 380 Sussex Dr. Register [online](#).

Mon, Apr 4th, 2016

- Ottawa - Apr 4th-Apr 5th
The Conference Board of Canada presents the "Canadian Immigration Summit 2016: Creating Tomorrow's Immigration System". This two-day event is convening more than 250 leading representatives from government, business, education, non-profits and immigrant-serving organizations from across Canada. Delegates will tackle attraction, settlement, labour market integration, and regulatory challenges. They will discuss how to optimize immigrants' valuable contributions to Canada's economic competitiveness, and social and cultural vitality; the role and meaning of citizenship in immigration context; and how cross-sectoral stakeholders can help ensure the success of resettled refugees in Canada. This event will take place at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier, 1 Rideau St. More details [online](#).

Wed, Apr 6th, 2016

- Ottawa - Apr 6th-Apr 7th
The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a public hearing on April 6 or 7, 2016 in Ottawa, ON, to consider an application from Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) to extend the Chalk River Laboratories operating licence for a period of 17 months. Chalk River Laboratories is located near Chalk River, ON. Call 613-996-6860.

Thu, Apr 7th, 2016

- Toronto, ON - 5:00 pm EDT
Canada's Public Policy Forum hosts its 29th Annual Testimonial Dinner and Awards. Join us as we honour distinguished leaders from all sectors of Canadian society who have made outstanding contributions to the quality of public policy and good governance in our country and abroad. This event will take place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Call 613-238-7858 x 248.

Fri, Apr 8th, 2016

- Edmonton, AB - Apr 8th-Apr 10th
NDP members will meet in Edmonton, Alberta for the NDP Federal Convention. The event will

be held from April 8, 9 and 10, 2016 at the Shaw Centre. More information is available [online](#).

Mon, Apr 11th, 2016

- Ottawa - 10:00 am EDT
The House of Commons resumes sitting this week, and will continue to sit until April 22.

Thu, Apr 21st, 2016

- Ottawa - 12:30 pm EDT
The Ottawa Women's Canadian Club hosts a luncheon presentation by former senator **Sharon Carstairs** on "Ensuring You Get the Care You Need at the End of Life." Carstairs, now retired from the Canadian Senate, has been a strong supporter of palliative care throughout her career as both a politician and a life-long volunteer in her native Winnipeg. Carstairs is a former leader of the Liberal party in Manitoba, and leader of the opposition in the Legislative Assembly. This event will take place in the Fairmont Chateau Laurier Ballroom, 1 Rideau St. Call 613-523-0098.

Thu, May 5th, 2016

- Toronto, ON - May 5th-May 8th
The Fraser Institute will hold the first of three Economics for Journalists programs. Many of today's issues, such as health care, income inequality, the environment, and foreign aid, have economic implications. This graduate-style seminar will equip journalists with the tools needed to decipher today's economy and become more adept at analyzing the policies put forward by politicians and advocacy groups, and the public's response to these policies. Call 604-688-0221 x 525.

Tue, May 10th, 2016

- Toronto, ON - 8:00 am EDT
The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission and the National Film Board will host the Discoverability Summit. This will be a unique and authoritative event that will enable participants to discuss strategies, tools and approaches to improve the discoverability of content and to make it easier for viewers to find the content that they want. Attendance will be by invitation as there are a limited number of seats. More details to come. Call 819-997-9403.

Thu, May 12th, 2016

- Toronto, ON - May 12th-May 15th
The Fraser Institute will hold the second of three Economics for Journalists programs. Many of

today's issues, such as health care, income inequality, the environment, and foreign aid, have economic implications. This graduate-style seminar will equip journalists with the tools needed to decipher today's economy and become more adept at analyzing the policies put forward by politicians and advocacy groups, and the public's response to these policies. Call 604-688-0221 x 525.

- Ottawa - 6:00 pm EDT
The Embassy of the United States in Ottawa and the U.S. Department of State's office of Art in Embassies, in partnership with the National Gallery of Canada, host the second of three "Contemporary Conversations" with U.S. artists. **Theaster Gates** has expanded his scope of artistic practice to include issues of land use, space policy, and race. These topics that he explores under the larger umbrella of Black Space are the heart of a series of ongoing public conversations Gates has initiated. This event will take place at the National Gallery of Canada, 380 Sussex Dr. Register [online](#).

Thu, May 19th, 2016

- Ottawa - 12:30 pm EDT
The Ottawa Women's Canadian Club hosts a luncheon presentation featuring **Giuliano Zaccardelli** on "INTERPOL: A Global Police Organization dealing with threats to Public Safety and Security." A former commissioner of the RCMP, Zaccardelli most recently established and held the position of Director of Strategic and Business Planning at INTERPOL. Zaccardelli has been an outspoken proponent of intelligence led and integrated policy at the local, provincial, national and international levels as one of the means to combat serious global crime and security threats. This event will take place at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier, 1 Rideau St. Call 613-523-0098.

Thu, May 26th, 2016

- Winnipeg, MB - 8:00 am EDT (Local Time: 7:00 am CDT)
The federal Liberals will hold their convention from May 26-29.
- Vancouver, BC - 11:00 am EDT (Local Time: 8:00 am PDT)
The federal Conservatives will hold their convention from May 26-29.
- Vancouver, BC - May 26th-May 29th
The Fraser Institute will hold its final Economics for Journalists programs. Many of today's issues, such as health care, income inequality, the environment, and foreign aid, have economic implications. This graduate-style seminar will equip journalists with the tools needed to decipher today's economy and become more adept at analyzing the policies put forward by politicians and advocacy groups, and the public's response to these policies. Call 604-688-0221 x 525.

Thu, Sep 29th, 2016

- Ottawa - 6:00 pm EDT

The Embassy of the United States in Ottawa and the U.S. Department of State's office of Art in Embassies, in partnership with the National Gallery of Canada, host the final in the series of "Contemporary Conversations" with U.S. artists. **Anne Chu**'s sculptures are based on ancient sources, relics, and folklore, as well as on objects and ideas that bridge the physical and spiritual worlds. Focusing on the way materials can morph and evolve from one thing into another while blending a variety of historical and cultural references, Chu's work explores the realms between representation and abstraction, subject and object, color and form. This event will take place at the National Gallery of Canada, 380 Sussex Dr. Register [online](#).

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Private Members' Bill Information Can be Found [Online](#)

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C-2	An Act to amend the Income Tax Act
C-3	Appropriation Act No. 4, 2015-16
C-4	An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code, the Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act, the Public Service Labour Relations Act and the Income Tax Act
C-5	An Act to repeal Division 20 of Part 3 of the Economic Action Plan 2015 Act, No. 1
S-1	An Act relating to railways