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I am proud to say that Alberta has a true partner in Confederation for the first time in over a decade. Our most recent budget demonstrates that commitment to Alberta in real and substantial ways.

Let's start with infrastructure. Compared to the previous Conservative government, we have funded more than ten times the amount of projects in Alberta in one year than they approved in their last three years in government. Of particular note to the people of Calgary, we have guaranteed Green Line funding which will link the downtown to the deep southeast and have made critical investments in flood mitigation.

Our government knows we need to scale up what works and that's exactly what we are doing. And guess what, that knowledge-based economy is what we're investing in right here in Calgary.

Some examples include our \$75 million investment into the University of Calgary to develop low carbon technology for our oil and gas companies to fuel a world that still wants oil, but needs carbon reduction. Further, there was an additional \$78 million through the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund to build the University of Calgary as a possible hub for a future site of a supercluster. This is in addition to \$82 million from the province, philanthropy, and the university's own infrastructure dollars. These investments have been greeted and celebrated as historic, incredible, and game-changing, particularly in the pages of the Herald.

In total from Budget 2017, we are going to be investing over \$950 million in agriculture, agri-food, clean tech, and clean resources. This is a strong and powerful indication that our government's commitment to seeing the knowledge-based economy of Calgary, Alberta and the Prairies grow and prosper.

No one should dismiss the fact that Albertan entrepreneurs are innovative, capable, and energetic. Our government recognizes this, and we are committed to helping them compete in the 21st century....

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[budget.gc.ca](http://budget.gc.ca)

### Read the Full Update:

[www.KentHehrMP.ca/news-nouvelles/Budget-2017-and-Alberta](http://www.KentHehrMP.ca/news-nouvelles/Budget-2017-and-Alberta)

## What They're Saying:

"Mayors are going to be very pleased with what we have seen today on transit, which is a stable and predictable long-term, unprecedented level of federal investment in transit."

> **Mayor Don Iveson**  
Mayor of Edmonton

"The National Housing Strategy is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for change. To be effective, we must invest in all parts of the housing continuum, including affordable homeownership."

> **Mark Rodgers**, President & CEO  
Habitat for Humanity Canada

"We are pleased to see the government is strategically investing in people and ideas to build a more prosperous Canada."

> **Dr. Elizabeth Cannon**, President  
University of Calgary

"Our members have repeatedly told us they want to die at home surrounded by family members, but all too often they are dying in hospital surrounded by tubes. CARP is pleased to see the government deliver on its homecare funding commitment to help chronically ill and dying Canadians live and die – at home."

> **Wanda Morris**  
Canadian Association of Retired Persons

"We are very pleased to see changes to the tax regime that will increase access to tax credits and reduce some of the burden on caregivers. These critical investments have the potential to greatly improve health and health services for Indigenous communities. CNA heartily welcomes these commitments to address current, persistent inequalities."

> **Barb Shellian**, President  
Canadian Nurses Association

"We're very, very, very pleased to see \$11.2 billion dollars over 11 years to help solve the issue of housing across the nation. This really is a very historic commitment from a federal government."

> **Mayor Naheed Nenshi**  
Mayor of Calgary

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**BUDGET  
2017**

**INVESTING  
IN HOUSING &  
CHILD CARE**

**NEW  
PIPELINE  
APPROVALS**

**SERVING  
OUR  
VETERANS**

**CELEBRATING  
#CANADA150**

# Investing in Housing, Families, and Child Care in #Budget2017



Minister Kent Hehr speaking at the fourth Biennial Homelessness Research Symposium. (April 2017)

Budget 2017 makes good on a commitment to invest in affordable housing for Canadians. Without a safe, affordable place to call home and raise a family, Canadians are less secure. Without access to affordable housing it's harder to accomplish every other goal **because without a home it's impossible to make a life**— be it raising healthy children to pursuing education, jobs and opportunities.

As part of a new National Housing Strategy, the Government will invest more than **\$11.2 billion** in a range of initiatives designed to build, renew and repair Canada's stock of affordable housing and help to ensure that Canadians have adequate and affordable housing that meets their needs.

In addition to these new investments, the Government is also preserving baseline funding for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation related to the expiry of long-term social housing operating agreements, so that Canadians have access to housing options that are affordable and meet their needs.

Read more about our inclusive National Housing Strategy here:

[www.LetsTalkHousing.ca](http://www.LetsTalkHousing.ca)

Budget 2017 is moving forward on investing in child care spaces. To give kids and their parents a real and fair chance at success, the Government will invest **\$7 billion** to support and create more high-quality, affordable child care spaces across the country, including programs for Indigenous children living on- and off-reserve. These investments could support as many as 40,000 new subsidized child care spaces for low- and modest-income families in the next three years.

Access to child care often makes or breaks a family being able to return to work or **pursue their dreams**. The lack of affordable, high-quality child care often means making difficult choices—some parents may have to sacrifice retirement savings to pay for child care, while others may leave their careers. Increasing the current number of affordable child care spaces for low- and modest-income families helps give our kids the best possible start in life, and makes it more affordable for parents to continue learning, or return to work after having a child.

Read more about our investments in Canadian families here:

[www.esdc.gc.ca](http://www.esdc.gc.ca)



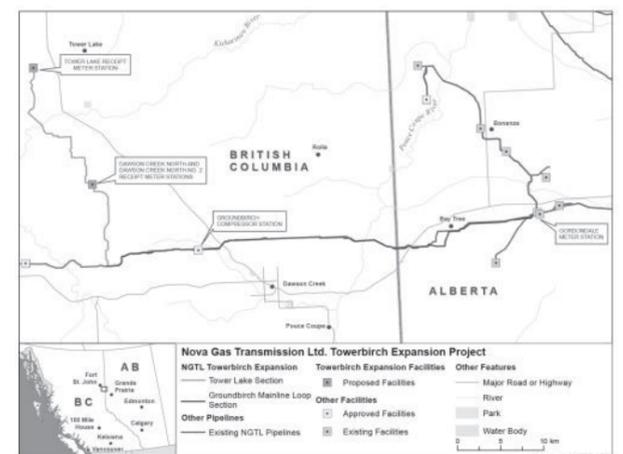
Minister Kent Hehr posing for a photo with the great team at Calgary Urban Project Society, which is a non-profit dedicated to helping individuals and families overcome poverty. (Feb 2017)

## More Pipelines Approved

In addition to the pipelines approved last year (Kinder Morgan and Line 3), and February's approval of Keystone XL by the American administration, our government approved NOVA Gas' expansion of its natural gas pipeline system in northern Alberta. It will add 3,000 jobs during construction, and more than a billion dollars to Canada's economy. This project will also ensure we have the infrastructure to take Canada's resources to market.

Read more about the project online here:

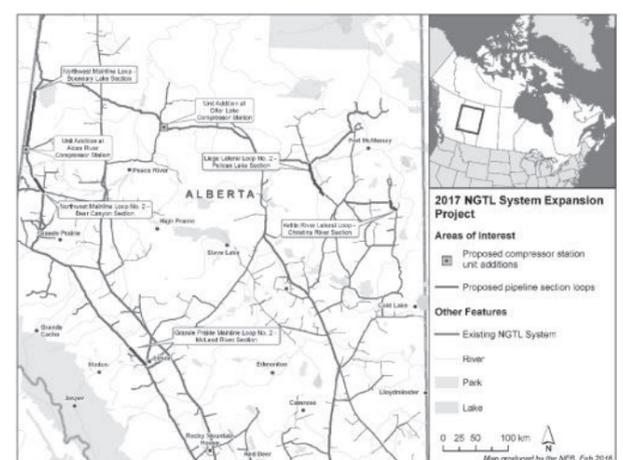
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The Government of Canada also approved Nova Gas' application to expand its natural gas pipeline system — to connect new gas fields to the system to meet growing demand for Alberta gas. It will create up to 750 jobs during construction, adding \$439 million dollars to the Canadian economy, and it will also make sure we have the infrastructure to bring Canada's resources to market.

Read more about the project online here:

<http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/resources/19424>



Read additional information on approving and building pipelines online:

[www.KentHehrMP.ca/pipelines](http://www.KentHehrMP.ca/pipelines)

# Serving Our Veterans Better

I have my role as Member of Parliament for Calgary Centre— and also serve Canadians as a cabinet minister in Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s government. As Canada’s Minister of Veterans’ Affairs the health and well-being of Veterans is a priority. Allow me give you an update.

Canada’s veterans have dedicated their lives to the defence of our country. They deserve our unwavering support and gratitude.

I am working hard to ensure that during my time as Minister, Veterans and their families see an improvement to the services and benefits available to them. I was given an ambitious mandate by the Prime Minister and am working hard with my team to implement our promises. I feel we are well on our way.

Now that we’re nearly two years and two budgets into this work allow me a moment to give you an update as to where we’re at with serving our veterans better.

In Budget 2016, we delivered \$5.6B towards increased financial security and service delivery improvement by increasing the Disability Award and the Earnings Loss Benefit to 90% of pre-release salary, reopening offices closed by the former government and hiring close to 400 front-line staff.

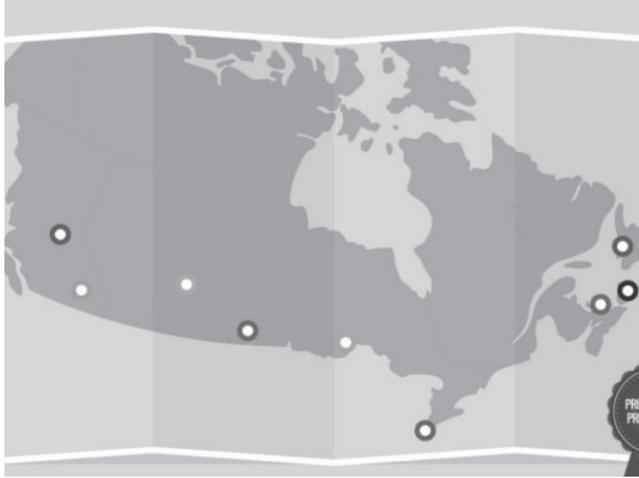
With Budget 2017 we took further action to:

- Ensure veterans receive the skills, training, and education they need to succeed.
- Better support the families of ill and injured veterans;
- Invest in mental health support for veterans at risk, including the creation of a Centre of Excellence for PTSD and related mental health conditions that affect veterans and their families.

#Budget2017 also announced that our government will move forward with its plan to fulfill its commitment to re-establish a lifelong pension option for ill and injured veterans.

We have made considerable progress in our work to develop the pension for life option, and our government will announce further details this year.

These nine offices were closed by the previous government against the wishes of veterans. It has been an honour and a pleasure re-establishing them, and adding an extra one, to keep up with the needs of veterans and their families.



## Reopened 9 Veterans Offices

- ◀ Sydney, Nova Scotia
- ◀ Corner Brook, Newfoundland
- ◀ Prince George, British Columbia
- ◀ Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- ◀ Brandon, Manitoba
- ◀ Thunder Bay, Ontario
- ◀ Windsor, Ontario
- ◀ Charlottetown, PEI
- ◀ Kelowna, British Columbia
- ◀ ... & an extra one (#10) in Surrey, BC

## Up to \$80,000 for Veterans to Get an Education



After putting themselves in harm’s way in service to our country, our women and men in uniform deserve a successful transition to civilian life. A smooth transition is vital for the overall well-being of our veterans and their families.

To help our veterans and their families, #Budget2017 proposes to amend legislation to create a new Education and Training Benefit. In short, this benefit would provide more money for veterans to go to college, university or a technical school after they complete their service. Veterans with 6 years of eligible service would be entitled to up to \$40,000 of benefits, while veterans with 12 years of eligible service would be entitled to up to \$80,000 of benefits.

## What They’re Saying on #Budget2017:

“These significant service and support improvements are exactly what the veterans stakeholder community has been asking for and will have a positive effect on the lives of veterans, their families and caregivers. MDSC congratulates the Government of Canada and supports these initiatives fully.”  
**> Mood Disorders Canada**

“The True Patriot Love Foundation (TPL) expressed its congratulations today to the Government of Canada on the latest budget, specifically its commitment to support Canadian Armed Forces Members and Veterans.”  
**> True Patriot Love Foundation**

### Winners of the 2016 / 2017 Budget: Veterans & Their Families

- ◀ In 2016’s and 2017’s media coverage on the federal budget both veterans and their families were called “winners” by the Toronto Star and other agencies.
- ◀ The only department was widely lauded as ‘winning’ for their respective constituency group in both years was the Ministry of Veterans’ Affairs.



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## How Are You Celebrating Canada's 150th Birthday?

Thirteen recreational and cultural facilities in Calgary will be upgraded with the Government of Canada's Community Infrastructure Program (CIP) investment of \$2,738,214. The improvements made with the funding will help upgrade the facilities and support Calgary's community spirit.

The Government of Canada wants to empower communities as part of its celebration of the 150th anniversary of Confederation. The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program responds to the significant demand for community infrastructure improvements across Western Canada.

Get the inside scoop on my website:

- [www.KentHehrMP.ca/Canada-150/](http://www.KentHehrMP.ca/Canada-150/)



Minister Kent Hehr posing with Mayor Naheed Nenshi, just after an announcement where the Government of Canada deployed some \$2.7 million to Calgary communities for renovating hockey rinks, community centres, and more. To get more details check out [www.KentHehrMP.ca/Canada-150](http://www.KentHehrMP.ca/Canada-150) (Mar .2017)

## Events Happening in Calgary Centre

Neighbour Day in East Village—Sat. June 17<sup>th</sup>  
East Village Neighbourhood Association  
Where: East Village

2017 Scarboro BBQ—Sat. June 17<sup>th</sup>  
Scarboro Community Association  
Where: Scarboro Hall (1727—14 Ave SW)

Canada Day at Olympic Plaza, 10 AM—9 PM  
City of Calgary  
Where: Olympic Plaza (228—8 Ave SW)

Fireworks Over Centre St Bridge—July 1<sup>st</sup>, 11 PM  
City of Calgary  
Where: Visible from many areas along Bow River

Lilac Festival—Sun. June 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM-6 PM  
4th Street Business Redevelopment Zone  
4th Street SW, 13 ave and Elbow Dr,

East Village Street Fair, Show & Shine—July 1<sup>st</sup>  
East Village Neighbourhood Association  
Where: East Village (610 8 Ave SE)

### Submit Your Events:

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or **submit online** at  
[KentHehrMP.ca/Event-Invitation-Form](http://KentHehrMP.ca/Event-Invitation-Form)

Chinese Cultural Centre Street Festival—July 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>  
Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre  
Where: Chinatown, 197 1 St SW

## CELEBRATE CANADA 150 WITH A LAWN SIGN



Get a Canada Flag Lawn Sign for July 1<sup>st</sup> —  
we'll deliver, install, and pick it up afterwards.

Don't have a lawn? Email the office at [Kent.Hehr@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Kent.Hehr@parl.gc.ca) and ask about picking one up for your window, balcony, or business.

### Request one online:

[KentHehrMP.ca/Canada-150/](http://KentHehrMP.ca/Canada-150/)

#### How are you celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday?

- Getting a Canada Flag Lawn Sign from my MP!
- Celebrating with my community by going to a Canada 150 Event!
- Learning more about Canada 150 by visiting [Canada150.ca](http://Canada150.ca)!

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