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Carbon price could be 'off the table' by the next election after rollback for heating oil: Liberal strategist

In the wake of the federal government announcing changes to the carbon tax, a former Liberal Party strategist is predicting that the carbon price might not be part of the Liberals' plan when the next election rolls around.

During the Sunday Strategy Panel on CTV's Question Period, David Herle, former pollster and chief campaign strategist for the Liberal Party under former Prime Minister Paul Martin, said that he thinks the carbon price could be off the table by the next election.

Earlier this week, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced changes to the federal carbon price, including a three-year pause on deliveries of heating oil in all jurisdictions where the federal fuel charges in effect.

"I think this is just the first of a lot of shuffling off the edge of the carbon tax," Herle told CTV's Vassy Kapelos in regards to news.

He referred to the carbon price as a "big policy mistake," adding that they may have to "chip away at it."

"I think that there's actually a reasonable supposition the carbon tax itself is off the table by the time of the next election."

The federal carbon pricing program, which places a price on each tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions with the aim of cutting down on emissions, has been a cornerstone of the federal government's platform for years. The change announced



Thursday comes in the face of slipping popularity in Atlantic Canada.

When asked if the electoral significance of Canadians whose votes are centred around climate policy may be decreased going into an election due to the cost of living crisis, Herle said climate change is likely not the top issue for most Canadians.

"It's never been important. It's not a significant voting factor for most Canadians," Herle said. "And it won't be the number one thing on almost anybody's mind going into the ballot box."

As recently as the 2021 federal election, climate change was high on many voters' minds. A 2021 survey from Nanos Research, commissioned

The Bank of Canada says home price drops driven by the recent hikes to interest rates weren't as steep as monetary policymakers would usually expect, thanks largely to "structural" lack of supply.

But economists who spoke to Global News say the housing correction likely isn't finished, with more declines to come.

Carolyne Rogers, senior deputy governor at the Bank of Canada, discussed the central bank's view of the housing market on Wednesday after holding interest rates steady for the second consecutive time.

She said that the housing market has been more resilient to rate hikes to date than historical patterns would have suggested.

Rogers explained that home purchases are among the most sensitive parts of the economy to respond to interest rate changes, as they're big-ticket items typically bought with a loan.

"As interest rates come down, house prices will move up a bit and they'll come off as interest rates come back up," she said of historic norms.

"We haven't seen that same dynamic," Rogers continued.

"They've come off a bit this time, but we're not seeing, relative to the degree of rate increases, the decline in house prices that we would expect."

Home prices did see a material drop in the first stages of the Bank of Canada's tightening cycle.

Between March 2022 when the central bank began its rate hikes to January 2023 when it announced a "conditional pause" in tightening, Canadian Real Estate Association data shows an 18-per cent drop in the aggregate benchmark price of a home.

After that point, home prices rose another eight per cent in the spring rebound before peaking again in June, with a relatively slow decline in aggregate prices observed nationally since then.

Bank of Canada expected a steeper home price decline. Why it could still come



Stephen Brown, deputy chief North America economist at Capital Economics, tells Global News that the housing correction proceeded "broadly" as expected in the first stage of the Bank of Canada's tightening cycle.

"Really, it's that rebound that was the surprise," he says of the spring resurgence.

Home prices might have further to fall. From the Bank of Canada's view, the "structural lack of supply" of homes has been a barrier to a steeper housing correction.

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. has said the country needs to add some 3.5 million housing units to restore affordability in the market by 2030.

"Really, until we address that supply issue, interest rates on their own are not going to help get back to a housing affordability situation," Rogers said Wednesday.

Rachel Battaglia, an economist with RBC, agrees that home prices have been "buoyed" by a lack of available supply in spite of higher

Canada's policy rate was on pause, fixed mortgage rates tied to bond yields have not eased — something that helped to give some buyers a leg up in the housing market in the spring, Brown says.

This time around, Brown expects higher interest rates will continue to drag on home resales, driving a price decline of roughly five per cent from today's levels.

TD Bank economist Rishi Sondhi echoed Brown's forecast in a report released Thursday, calling for a five per cent drop in average prices and a 10-per cent drop in sales activity by the end of the first quarter of 2024, at which point he expects activity to pick up again.

Mortgage holders feeling vulnerable: Brown's estimates for the housing correction assume there won't be a high degree of forced selling among current homeowners, many of whom are feeling stressed about renewing their mortgages into a higher interest rate environment.

A Royal LePage report released Thursday shows 31 per cent of mortgage holders are set to renew in the next 18 months. Of that cohort, 74 per cent say they're worried about the impact of higher interest rates, according to the survey based on Nanos polling between Sept. 8-14.

Despite anxiety among homeowners, the Bank of Canada's latest Monetary Policy Report released alongside Wednesday's decision shows higher rates haven't yet caused too many problems in the mortgage space.

While the central bank indicates that

"financial stress" has risen among households since the pandemic, it finds that delinquency rates for mortgages remain "at all-time lows."

The same can't be said for other types of credit, which are seeing a growing share of borrowers falling behind on payments by 60 days or more, the report showed. It singled out delinquency rates on car loans as surpassing pre-pandemic levels as of late.

While the Bank of Canada report says indicators of financial stress "point mainly to non-mortgage holders," Brown notes it would be a mistake to assume the people struggling to make payments on car loans and credit card debt aren't also the same ones facing rising mortgage costs.

Consumers will typically do everything in their power to avoid missing mortgage payments and having to sell their home, he says, which could mean defaulting on other loans first.

When people cut their spending elsewhere to stay on top of rising mortgage payments, that's a force that can chill the economy and lead some companies to job cuts, Brown explains. That loss of income can act as the final domino that forces a homeowner to default on their mortgage.

"We see weakness in those auto loans, credit cards as a precursor to a weaker economy and job losses, that then triggers higher delinquency rates for mortgages," he says.

If the Bank of Canada feels it has to keep its policy rate higher for longer, and the economy sees a deeper downturn than expected, Brown says a steeper price drop of 10-20 per cent is in the cards next year.

"If the bank is forced to keep interest rates high for longer ... then it increases the risk that we see job losses and therefore forced home sales and therefore a much, much greater weakening of the housing market," he says.

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Is the Chinese government trying to acquire land and companies to spy on Canada?

Canada has blocked attempts by the Chinese government to acquire properties near sensitive and strategic locations over espionage concerns, according to the head of Canada's leading intelligence agency.

"We have seen in the past acquisition of land, acquisition of different companies where when you start to dig a little bit further, you realize that there is another interest," Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) director David Vigneault said in a recent interview with CBS News' 60 Minutes (opens in a new tab). "And we have seen and blocked attempts by the (People's Republic of China) to acquire locations near sensitive, strategic assets of the country where we knew that the ultimate purpose was for spying operations."

Vigneault was interviewed alongside FBI director Christopher Wray and other Five Eyes intelligence chiefs. Created during World War II, the Five Eyes is an intelligence alliance between the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand

and the CSIS director's Chinese espionage claims on Monday, and he was indirect in his response.

"I am quite familiar with the work that Canada has done to protect our national interests, the protection of critical infrastructure, and I'm not going to talk in any detail about the intelligence we've relied upon or even actions that have been taken," Blair, who served as public safety minister between 2019 and 2021, told reporters. "I've been a member of this cabinet now for over six years and we have engaged in many such actions over the past six years."

China's embassy in Ottawa did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

John Ferris, a history professor at the University of Calgary and a fellow at the university's Centre for Military and Strategic Studies, says he has no doubt that these problems are real.

"A decade ago, around the oil patch in Calgary, the general belief was that of Chinese purchases of Canadian energy companies was for purposes of acquiring technology and espionage," Ferris told CTVNews.ca. "Vigneault's other points seem to me to refer to Chinese entities buying properties from which they can intercept cell phone communications, or other electronic emanations, e.g. from PCs, whether from government or private organizations."

move was that its diplomats in Canada could not safely get to work.

That was despite High Commissioner Sanjay Kumar Verma saying in an interview with The Canadian Press three weeks earlier that he was "very satisfied" with Canada for ramping up protections.

The diplomatic mission said it chose to resume processing some visa services starting on Thursday "after a considered review of the security situation that takes into account some recent Canadian measures in this regard."

On Wednesday afternoon, Immigration Minister Marc Miller called the move "a good sign" after "an anxious time" for his many Canadians.

"Our feeling is that a suspension should never have happened in the first place," he added.

Emergency Preparedness Minister Harjit Sajjan said the resumption of visa processing is good news, but wouldn't speculate on what message New Delhi is trying to send.

"It's good to see that we have resumed that. It would have been nice (if) they didn't take it in the first place," Sajjan told reporters.

He added that Ottawa is still seeking India's help as it works to investigate the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

India resuming some visa services for Canadians, at consulates and abroad

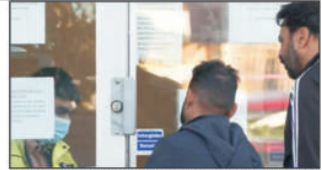
India's high commission in Canada said on Wednesday that the country's officials will resume processing some types of visa applications for Canadians applying from across the country as well as abroad.

The decision came a month after New Delhi suspended the services in Canada and for Canadian citizens worldwide.

The high commission said it is resuming business, medical and conference visas, as well as entry for people with family ties in India, beginning on Thursday.

Restrictions seem to remain in place when it comes to visas for tourists, students, journalists and missionaries.

"Further decisions, as appropriate, would be initiated based on continuing evaluation of the situation," reads a press release from the high commission, which confirmed that the changes apply to missions in Canada as well as to



Canadian abroad who are applying at Indian missions in third countries. The resumption of what India calls an entry visa, which is restricted to "persons of Indian origin," or spouses or children of such persons or of Indian citizens, follows upon online from Canadians who have been unable to visit their relatives during the country's wedding season.

India introduced the restrictions on visas last month after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced in the House of Commons that Canada's intelligence services were probing "credible" information about a "potential link" between India's government and the killing of a Canadian Sikh leader in British Columbia.

India stopped issuing visas in Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver on Sept. 21, and eventually stopped serving Canadian citizens in other parts of the world, too.

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Developer guests at Doug Ford family wedding got fast-track zoning approvals from government

There's fresh scrutiny of how Premier Doug Ford's government issued dozens of fast-track approvals to remove select properties, some of them owned by developers who also stood to benefit from Greenbelt land swaps.

Minister's zoning orders (MZOs) are a powerful tool the province can use to expedite development on a specific parcel of land. At the stroke of a pen, a cabinet minister overrides local planning rules, avoids public consultation and changes what can be built on the property.

The Ford government has handed out MZOs at an unprecedented pace: at least 110 of them since 2019. By contrast, previous Liberal governments issued just 18 between 2003 and 2018.

A tally by the Ontario NDP finds that just four guests at a Ford family wedding reception benefited from as many MZOs as previous Liberal governments issued in total over the course of their 15 years in power.

For years, the Ford government has defended its use of MZOs as a way to spur housing construction or to clear away red tape from urgent provincial projects such as long-term care facilities.

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primarily looking at properties that were granted MZOs where work has not yet substantially begun.

9 MZOs to 1 company

The New Democrat went to Calandra to focus more on whether the government played favorites in handing out the fast-track zoning approvals. Publicly available records compiled by the NDP show: "Fast Developments, owned by Shakir Rehmatullah, has received nine MZOs, more than anyone else in Ontario. The orders speed the way for the company to develop more than 8,000 new houses on properties that include farmland and rural locations. Rehmatullah has described himself as a friend of Ford."

"Companies owned by Mario Cortellucci or his family benefited from six MZOs for properties in Vaughan, Mississauga and Caledon. The fast-tracked projects include a warehouse and distribution centre and mixed-use (residential and commercial) developments. Members of the Cortellucci family donated more than \$12,000 to Ford's PC leadership campaign, according to Elections Ontario records.

"Two companies (the Rice Group and Lakeview Community Partners) that have been represented by lobbyist Nico Fidani-Diker were granted MZOs for projects in Caledon and Mississauga. Fidani-Diker worked for more than two years in the premier's office, including a stint as Ford's executive assistant.

"Craft Development, whose president is Carmine Nigro, received an MZO for a project in Kawartha Lakes. Ford appointed Nigro to be chairman of the LCBO in 2019 and a board member of Invest Ontario in 2022. Ford also appointed Nigro to be chairman of Ontario Place, and he is currently the sole member of its board of directors. When the MZO

was issued, Nigro was vice president of the PC Ontario Fund, the fundraising arm of Ford's party. The integrity commissioner's investigation reported that Rehmatullah "had his hand" in these specific requests that led to the Ford government approving Greenbelt land parcels for housing.

Rehmatullah and Fidani-Diker both confirmed to the integrity commissioner they attended Ford's daughter's wedding in August 2022. Meanwhile, publicly posted photos from the event showed that Cortellucci and Nigro were guests at the wedding reception, seated at Ford's table.

The Greenbelt investigations released this summer by the auditor general and integrity commissioner found a small number of developers used their access to a senior political staffer to get their land approved for housing development, a process that boosted the collective value of their properties by \$8.3 billion.

Ford had promised not to touch the Greenbelt back in the 2018 election campaign. Then in 2022 his government approved housing construction on 15 parcels of land in the protected area.

For nearly a year, Ford repeatedly defended the move as a way to get housing built. In September, he called it a mistake, apologized for breaking his promise and announced he's reversing all the Greenbelt removals. Then last week, Calandra announced the government is reversing another of its controversial moves to open more land for housing: boundary expansions and zoning changes it forced on 12 municipalities, including Ottawa, Hamilton and Waterloo Region.

Whether Calandra will continue the trend by reversing many of the MZOs remains to be seen.

"There are a couple of MZOs where they were issued and no work has been done to advance the goal of building houses or building long-term care or building hospitals," Calandra said in a question period last Tuesday. "If we're not seeing the action to do what the MZO was issued for, I'll revoke them." The government has previously revoked two of the 100-plus MZOs it has issued, but only after the companies involved abandoned the projects amid controversy. "The government granted an MZO in October 2020 to allow development on a protected wetland in Peckham. Just days before the developer was poised to begin bulldozing the wetland to build a giant distribution warehouse, CBC News revealed that Amazon Canada was the potential tenant. Amazon soon pulled out of the project and the government scrapped its approval to build on the wetland."

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Raj Kundra SLAMS Troll For Asking People To Boycott His Film, UT 69', And Labeling Him A 'Sick Man'

Raj Kundra has been making waves since he dropped the trailer of his biopic, UT 69. However, many users aren't impressed with the latest development and many have resorted to a boycott of the film. Now, Raj has finally reacted to the allegations and demanded proof for all the claims made against him.

UT 69, will be Raj Kundra's acting debut with his biopic, which will track down his experience of his confinement days in the Arthur Road Jail. The businessman was taken under jail custody back in 2021 due to his alleged involvement in an adult film racket case.

The filmmaker and businessman's decision to do a film on his life experience received positive responses. However, some of the users remained unimpressed about the same. In one particular incident, one user dropped a cryptic post while asking others to boycott UT 69.

Taking to X (formerly known as



Twitter), an internet user dropped a cryptic post while asking others to boycott Raj Kundra's film, UT 69. The user wrote, "The way this man has insulted the dignity of women, his film should be banned. Boycott this movie. Sick man."

Now, Raj Kundra has finally replied to the tweet and maintained how it is easy to throw stones, but he back the statement with evidence. He wrote: "Plz do name even ONE woman who can back your claims man. Easy to throw stones but plz back the statement with evidence. God bless you my dear. This hatred of people is only created by the media."

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Tiger Shroff & Disha Patani to rekindle on-screen chemistry in Jagan Shakti's Hero No. 1: Report

In a thrilling development for Bollywood fans, the sizzling duo of Tiger Shroff and Disha Patani is all set to see the silver screen ablaze once again. After their real-life breakup last year, as per reports, the two actors are reuniting for an action-packed cinematic venture, Hero No. 1, directed by the renowned filmmaker Jagan Shakti. However, while fans are certainly on cloud nine with this development, they have learnt that contrary to reports, the film has not been titled Hero No. 1. In fact, the Tiger-Disha starrer currently remains untitled.

This electrifying casting decision is generating immense buzz and anticipation, especially considering the couple's previously acclaimed on-screen chemistry. Tiger and Disha have shared the screen in the past in Baaghi 2 which released in 2018, and their dynamic pairing had garnered significant attention and admiration from fans. Interestingly, Disha Patani steps into the leading lady's role, which was originally earmarked for Sanam Khalid. Sanam had to step out of the project due to scheduling conflicts, creating the perfect opportunity for Disha to make her mark in this exciting action thriller. The film, produced by Pojo Entertainment, promises an exhilarating combination of high-octane action and captivating storytelling. Tiger Shroff and Disha Patani, known for their exceptional dance skills and commendable on-screen performances, have a substantial fan following. Their reunion on the big screen is seen as a major attraction for the film, and their dynamic pairing is expected to win over millions of fans. Director Jagan Shakti, recognized for his impactful storytelling in his films like Mission Mangal, brings his narrative prowess to this action-packed venture.

Finishing higher on the table is a goal' - Shakib

Bangladesh are hopeful of a strong comeback in the ongoing ICC World Cup after a poor start with them losing five games in the tournament. Bangladesh's qualification for the 2025 Champions Trophy is at stake as the ICC announced that the top seven sides at the end of the league stage will qualify for the tournament along with hosts Pakistan.



Bangladesh are currently placed ninth in the league table and are scheduled to take on Pakistan in their next game on October 31 before facing Sri Lanka and Australia. "Apart from the Champions Trophy, finishing higher on the table is a goal," Shakib told reporters ahead of the game against Pakistan. "We haven't performed up to expectations. If we can't get some good results, we can be slightly disappointed and then reflect on how we can do better." Bangladesh Cricket Board president Nazimul Hasan held several meetings with the Tigers after their disappointing loss to Netherlands as it pretty much killed their slender hopes of making it to the semifinal. "We discussed it in our team meetings. We talked about how to overcome this situation. We have to show it in action. Talk is cheap when it's not working. We will do it on the ground so that everyone can see what we're doing," Shakib said. "We felt bad on that day (after losing to Netherlands), but we have to look forward, which everyone tried to do. We did what we can make things better. We can change the situation of the team with our actions. We are here to play the World Cup. Every match is as important as it gets. We will take one game at a time. We don't think about anything else other than performing to the best of our ability." Shakib added that every individual will need to make their own plans to get back into form and only then they can showcase collective results which he feels is currently required for them to get over the lean patch. "Only an individual can bring himself back to form," he remarked. "First you have to perform individually and then it happens collectively. It is up to the individual to motivate himself. I want to perform as well. I am trying to find out."

Fakhar says players dejected by poor show but haven't given up

KOLKATA: The Pakistan camp is dejected by the way the team have fared so far in the World Cup but the players are not ready to give up yet, says opener Fakhar Zaman. Heaps of criticism have been thrown towards the national side for having failed to turn up as the number one ranked ODI side were going into the 50-over showpiece. Pakistan have registered only two victories in their six matches in the tournament so far, and with just three more to go, achieving a place in the semi-finals will require no less than a miracle. Although hurt by their own performances, Pakistan will look to find their drive through belief. "As cricketers, we can't give up and we haven't," Fakhar told a gathering of reporters at the team's hotel in Kolkata on Sunday. "I've seen how everyone is still hopeful and keeping up the hard work," added the left-hander who is currently sidelined due to a knee injury. "I see every day how diligently they [players] work to try and rectify their weaknesses."

Pakistan, after losing against India, Australia and Afghanistan clinically, bounced back with renewed fire and energy to almost get back to winning ways against the high-flying South Africa, only to lose by one wicket in Chennai on Friday. Fakhar believed Pakistan demonstrated their ability to rise from adversity in the clash against the Proteas. "You saw how we gave tough time to South Africa," said the 33-year-old, adding that criticism was a given if the team don't win. "Whenever we start losing matches, many negative things come up but when days are good even our mistakes go unseen," Fakhar quipped. The explosive batter was assured there have been no let-ups in Pakistan's preparation and training ahead of the remaining matches in India. "On match days, you have to be the team who commit less mistakes than the opponent," he highlighted. "But so far most of the time it has been the other way round for us."

Ankita Lokhande On Her Break-Up With Ex-Boyfriend, Late Sushant Singh Rajput: 'It Was Very Difficult For Me To Move On'

Ankita Lokhande's romantic involvement with her former partner, the late Sushant Singh Rajput, was a widely discussed subject at the time. Their paths initially crossed while collaborating on the popular television series, Pavitra Rishta, leading to the blossoming of a love story. Nevertheless, fate had different intentions, and by the conclusion of 2016, their paths diverged. In the present day, Ankita has found happiness in her marriage to her beloved, Vicky Jain.

In that same disclosure, Ankita went on to explain that when her now-husband, Vicky, came into her life, she had reservations about his role in her life. She mentioned that, initially, she regarded him as nothing more than a friend. Furthermore, she revealed that for an extended period, she held onto the hope that Sushant



would return. Just prior to her participation in Bigg Boss 17, Ankita Lokhande engaged in an interview with Naved, during which she candidly discussed the challenging period in her life following her separation from the late Sushant Singh Rajput. She expressed the complexity of moving forward from the past, underscoring the extended period of togetherness she had shared with her former partner. "Taking a look back at her breakup with Sushant, Ankita said, "It was very difficult for me to move on past the break up as it was a very long relationship. It happens when one moves on and the other cannot. It took me almost two and half years to overcome that pain. I took my time and I couldn't move on as I couldn't imagine dating anyone else."

Inzamam-ul-Haq quits as chief selector; PCB sets up probe

The turmoil within the Pakistan team continues to persist, with Inzamam-ul-Haq resigning from his position as the chief selector of the national team. Simultaneously, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has formed a five-member committee to investigate allegations of conflict of interest in the World Cup squad selection process. The PCB on Monday said it has set up a panel to inquire following which Inzamam, a Pakistan legend and a former captain, said he would like to step aside pending inquiry.

The PCB earlier said, "Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has set up a five-member fact-finding committee to investigate allegations in respect of conflict of interest reported in the media pertaining to the team selection process. The committee will submit its report and any recommendations to the PCB Management in an enclosed manner. We are cricketers and we are available all the time to serve the country. Since I am facing an inquiry, and as the nature of my job is, I should step down and let them conduct the probe. I am a human and it hurts. I have a 20-year cricket career during which I represented Pakistan. I am not someone who people don't know. When such allegations are



Inzamam-ul-Haq, former captain and chief selector, is shown in a meeting.

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Ontario Breaks Ground on Long-Term Care Home in Mississauga

New home will bring 160 much-needed long-term care beds to the city.

MISSISSAUGA - Construction is underway on a 160-bed building for Ivan Franko Homes' new long-term care home in Mississauga. This home is one of 67 long-term care home projects fast-tracked this fall with support from the Ontario government's increased construction funding subsidy. This is part of the government's commitment to build more than 58,000 new and upgraded long-term care beds across the province.

"Congratulations to Ivan Franko Homes on their ground-breaking for a new home. Our government is fixing long-term care and ensuring we build homes for seniors in the communities they helped build," said Stan Cho, Minister of Long-Term Care.

"Today marks a significant milestone for Mississauga. When construction is complete, 160 residents will have a new, modern

and comfortable place to call home." The new home will provide 75 new beds and 85 upgraded beds. The home is expected to welcome its first residents in winter 2025. The new building will feature design improvements, including larger resident common areas and air conditioning throughout the home. The design is centred around resident home areas, each of which creates a more intimate and familiar living space for up to 32 residents, with dining and activity areas, lounges and bedrooms.

"After many years of planning and advocacy, I am thrilled that work is now finally underway to build this important long-term care home in my riding. This new LTC facility by Ivan Franko Homes will connect residents to the care they need without pulling them from their community," said Sherif Sabawy, Member of Provincial Parliament for Mississauga-Eton Mills. "I thank the government of Ontario for continuing

to provide our seniors with connected and convenient care, and congratulate Ivan Franko Homes on this incredible milestone!"

The new home will also be part of a campus of care, which helps integrate the long-term care home into the broader health care system and ensures residents can conveniently connect to the care they need. Ivan Franko Mississauga will offer culturally appropriate services to the Ukrainian-Canadian community.

As a result of the government's supplemental increase to the construction funding subsidy, designed to stimulate the start of construction for more long-term care homes across Ontario, 67 projects received ministry approval to construct between April 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023. This means 11,199 new and upgraded beds are now being built to modern design standards across the province.

The government is fixing long-term

care to ensure Ontario's seniors get the quality of care and quality of life they need and deserve, both now and in the future. The plan is built on four pillars: staffing and care; quality and enforcement; building modern, safe and comfortable homes; and connecting seniors with faster, more convenient access to the services they need.

The Chair of the Board of Ivan Franko Homes, George Harhota, had the following to say: "We extend our sincerest gratitude to the Province of Ontario, to Minister Stan Cho, and to former Minister Paul Calandra. The IFH Campus of Care will be the most advanced elder health-care facility in Canada, serving the full spectrum of older adults, from active, independent people in their 60s and 70s, to seniors with varying degrees of need for supportive health care, to those with frailties needing 24/7 care. The true measure of a community is how well it respects and supports its elderly. The Campus of Care will advance the Ivan Franko Homes legacy of providing a secure, caring, and inspirational environment for Ukrainian seniors. After a lifetime of contributing to our community, overcoming challenges, and raising families, our seniors deserve nothing less."

brothers, who remain undeterred by the oppressive Indian occupation forces in their struggle for self-determination."

The High Commissioner reiterated that the brave struggle of Kashmiris for their right to self-determination has proven that India's brutality and military might can never suppress the Kashmiris. He underscored that the peoples of Kashmir have already chosen their path, and Pakistan will continue to extend moral, diplomatic, and political support to the indigenous and legitimate Kashmiri struggle for their right to self-determination.

The High Commissioner also highlighted the historical significance of October 27th when Indian forces entered in the valley against will of Kashmiris. He condemned the continued brutal use of force by the Indian Occupation Forces and Indian illegal steps taken since 5 August 2019 including imposition of strict curfew and complete lockdown of the valley of IIOJK. "It is imperative that the international community must come forward and demand India's compliance with its international obligations in line with UN Security Council's resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir", he added.

Meanwhile in Europe, Russia's war against Ukraine has continued. The White House warned on Oct. 26 that Russia still has some offensive capability, and may be able to achieve some tactical gains in the coming months.

Ottawa has repeatedly vowed continued support for Ukraine while

Global stability is 'fracturing.' For Canada, the stakes are high, Joly warns

The current era of global stability, built from the ruins of the Second World War, is "fracturing," Foreign Affairs Minister Melanie Joly warned Monday.

And for Canada, the stakes are high. That warning comes from prepared remarks set to be delivered by Joly on Canada's place in an uncertain world at the Economic Club of Canada. She is set to make the speech at 12:40 eastern, and Global News will livestream it at the top of this page.

"Our world is marked by geopolitical turbulence, unpredictability and uncertainty. The tectonic plates of the world order are shifting beneath our feet," an advance copy of Joly's speech shared with Global News reads.

"And, the structures that are built upon them are fracturing."

Joly's remarks come at a time when Canada is witnessing major conflicts play out on the global stage, as well as souring relations with two major nations. STORY CONTINUES BELOW ADVERTISEMENT

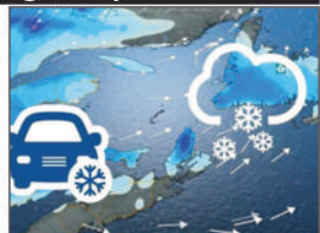
Israel's conflict with Hamas in Gaza has sparked worries of a wider conflict in the Middle East, with Iranian-backed Hezbollah regularly exchanging fire with Tel Aviv troops near the Israel-Lebanon border.

On Israel, Joly's remarks call for a humanitarian pause in Gaza to get foreign nationals out and aid in. She said 400 Canadians are in Gaza, and believes two are being held captive by Hamas. Seven Canadians have died in the conflict.

Roughly 1,400 have died in Israel since Hamas's deadly Oct. 7 attack, according to Israeli authorities, with the Hamas-run Gaza health ministry saying roughly 7,000 are dead there amid retaliatory Israeli airstrikes.

Meanwhile, relations with China have been low since the imprisonment of the "two Michaels" in 2018 shortly after the RCMP's arrest of Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou on an extradition order to the U.S. They were released in 2021 after the U.S. dropped its request against Wanzhou.

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emphasizing Israel's right to self-defence in accordance with international law.

Canada's relations with India and China - two major players on the world stage - have also reached a low point.

A diplomatic row with India has deepened after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in September publicly said the country had "credible evidence" that agents of the Indian government may have been involved in the summertime killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Canadian Sikh leader.

India strongly denied those allegations. The two countries expelled diplomats, and Canada had to reduce the size of its presence in the country after India threatened to revoke diplomatic immunity from 41 diplomats and their families. New Delhi temporarily paused visa services in Canada, only to reinstate them last week.

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two peoples."

In the north, Canada will be exercising its sovereignty on its Arctic land and water, including safeguarding the Northwest Passage, which serves as the gateway to the Arctic.

"Canada will work to identify and adapt to evolving threats in the Arctic. We will make the investments necessary to reinforce our Northern security and critical infrastructure," her speech reads.

"We will also invest in economic development in the region, in partnership with Indigenous peoples."

Joly added Canada will not accept any form of foreign interference, citing the creation of the public inquiry and the government's ongoing work in establishing a foreign agents registry.

On pragmatic diplomacy, Joly stresses a need for engagement with non-aligned countries "with rare exceptions."

"With the world's security at stake, our security at stake, we cannot just rely on our old friends. We will double down on forward-leaning engagement, and we will need to extend our hand to new partners around a broad coalition of states (around the world)," she said.

"We are committing to increasing our presence at the United Nations and in multilateral institutions, and we will also respond to the frustration and calls for change from low and middle-income countries as we focus on making both World Bank and the IMF (International Monetary Fund) more effective."

Joly also highlighted the expansion of Canada's diplomatic footprint, with new embassies in eastern Europe, Rwanda and Fiji.

"The world is at an inflection point. We are in the midst of a geopolitical rebalancing. Global powers are shifting their weight to disrupt the peace that Canadians fought, and gave their lives for. As increasingly frequent and complex crisis shake the foundation of the system that has kept us safe," Joly said.

"We must now chart a path towards building a steady footing for our children, reinforce the international system that has brought about global stability, and reshape it to become more inclusive. Canadians can be assured that our eyes are wide open on this challenge, and we are dedicated to ensuring that Canada, and our diplomats around the world, are equipped to tackle these challenges."

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The Pakistan High Commission in Ottawa and the Consulates General in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver observed "Kashmir Black Day" and organized Photographic Exhibitions

October 26, 2023, depicting the atrocities of Indian occupation forces in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK) which were attended by the members of the Pakistani community.

In a video message on the occasion of "Kashmir Black Day" High Commissioner Zabeer A. Janjua said, "we have come together to express our unflinching support and solidarity to Kashmiri

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