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A WORD FROM YOUR MP

Dear fellow citizens,

The holidays are once again upon us, and it's time for hot chocolates and family reunions! However, I'm aware that the rising cost of living is stressful and upsetting for a lot of people who are searching for decent housing and striving to put food on the table without having to worry about making it through the end of the month.

This is why we had to act swiftly by strengthening the social safety net in this country, by improving many social programs and by working to create solutions that will put more money into your pockets. I have provided you with a list of these new programs on the last page of this newsletter.

With the new year upon us and inflation affecting the global economy, the main goal of our government will be to keep making life more


affordable by building a greener and more inclusive economy.

I would like to underscore the resilience of the people of Hochelaga. The involvement of our community is strong. Thank you to the organizations and volunteers who work hard to make this period a magical moment in the lives of citizens.

I would like to wish you a very happy festive season filled with love, joy and happiness!

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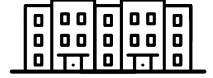
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NEWS ON HOUSING



1.7M FOR THE MAISON TANGENTE IN HOCHELAGA!

Funded by the federal government, this project made it possible to convert a triplex into six affordable housing units to accommodate young people in difficulty or experiencing homelessness!

These new constructions are much more than a roof over your head: they are the symbol of a new beginning.

Being able to afford housing in which you can live with dignity makes all the difference.

\$69M TO COUNTER THE HOUSING CRISIS IN MONTREAL!

Housing needs are glaring in the metropolis.

\$69 million have been allocated to the City of Montreal and the Société d'habitation et de développement de Montréal, which will make it possible to renovate 4,700 housing units across the city.

353 units will be renovated in Hochelaga!

These apartments are located on Adam, Aird, Dézéry, De Chambly, La Fontaine, Létourneux, Ontario, Rouen and Saint-Catherine streets.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



«LET'S HAVE BRUNCH TOGETHER» AT CHIC RESTO POP!

I had lunch with the citizens of Hochelaga at the famous Chic Resto Pop.

It was an opportunity for me to see you in person and to spend some quality time together after two long years of closures and isolation.

We talked about real business and the adoption of new government measures to make life more affordable. I wanted to congratulate you on your resilience and your courage during these two last years.

Lastly, I collaborated with community organizations to highlight the exceptional work of committed personalities in the neighborhood! I awarded them medals in boxes proudly designed by Boulot vers, a local company that helps young people reintegrate the job market.

I'm already looking forward to the next edition! 😊



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day tradition is important. This year, I attended the ceremony organized at the Repos Saint-François-d'Assise. We must honor the sacrifices of the men and women who have served our nation. And let's not forget those who bravely wear the uniform. It is our duty to remember, so as never to forget.

DRAGON DE CUIVRE

From October 15 to 21, we highlighted small businesses in our neighborhood!

In Hochelaga, our streets are full of local businesses that drive our economy. During small businesses week, I introduced you to the Copper Dragon, an SME which seeks to democratize role-playing games. In addition, everything is in French!

This boutique is managed by Karine Loïselle who received funding from the federal government for the promotion of female entrepreneurship.



DID YOU KNOW?

In order to encourage small businesses, efforts are being made to reduce credit card fees so that they don't have to choose between lowering their tight margins and passing the fees on to their customers.

ACTING SWIFTLY TO MAKE LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE

About 3 million low-income or minimum-wage workers who will see an increase in the Canada Workers Benefit this year!

SENIORS

10% INCREASE in the Old Age Security (OAS) pension for people aged 75 and over since July 2022.

\$20M over two years to the New Horizons for Seniors program to support more projects that improve the quality of life of seniors.



HEALTH

CANADIAN DENTAL BENEFIT **New measure!**

Apply from **My CRA Account** starting **December 1!**

Families who do not have private insurance and whose household income is less than \$90,000 per year can apply for up to \$1,300 over two years to help cover dental costs for their children under 12 years of age.



REDUCE THE COST OF LIVING

INDEXATION OF MAJOR BENEFITS TO INFLATION

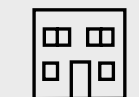
Indexation will affect the following benefits: Canada Child Benefit, Canada Pension Plan, OAS and Guaranteed Income Supplement.

DOUBLE GST CREDIT

About 11 million low- and middle-income households received a one-time payment this fall to help pay for groceries and other essentials!

INCREASE in the Canada Workers Benefit (CWB)

I also serve as Parliamentary Secretary for Housing. I work with front-line responders so that everyone can live with dignity and have a roof over their heads. Here are some of the measures we have put in place!



HOUSING

SUPPLEMENT of \$500 in Canada Housing Benefit

New measure!

- If your family is a tenant and has a net income of less than \$35,000
- If you are an individual with an income of less than \$20,000
- If you spend at least 30% of your income to pay for your accommodation.

Apply through **My CRA Account** starting **December 12!**

BAN the purchase of Canadian properties for foreign buyers

As of January 1, 2023, we will put in place a policy prohibiting the purchase of Canadian properties for foreigners for a period of 2 years. This is a step forward that will counter real estate speculation.

1% annual TAX on unoccupied or underutilized units owned by foreign owners

This tax has the effect of increasing the supply of housing and forcing non-resident foreign owners to pay their fair share in Canada.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**“ I know we’re going through difficult times...
Better days lie ahead, and together we shall prevail.
By building an economy that works for everyone.
By building a Canada where everyone has access to a good job that will allow them to
earn a decent income for honest work.
And by building a Canada where no one is left behind. ”**

– The Honorable Chrystia Freeland,
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

