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A WORD FROM SORAYA

Dear fellow citizens:

I wish you all a new year filled with love, peace and health. After two years of pandemic, I hope you were able to celebrate, as it should be, with your friends and loved ones.

Throughout the holiday season, our community organizations worked tirelessly to help the most vulnerable. Our volunteers were present, and I would like to take this opportunity to warmly thank them for their vital work, which reflects the unity and generosity of the people residing in Hochelaga.

2022 has been a difficult year for all of us. Housing prices and inflation have had a significant impact on family incomes, students and seniors, which is why our government has strengthened the country's social safety net and will continue to do so in 2023.


I remain optimistic. The economy is picking up again and the unemployment rate is falling in Canada. In Ottawa, we are working to create a benefit to strengthen the financial security of people of working age with disabilities. The Canadian dental benefit, which has been in effect since December 1, 2022 for children under 12, will be extended to young people aged 12 to 18, seniors and people with disabilities.

My priority is to provide you with the support you need. I'm here for you.

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2023 PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATIONS: YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

You have until February 10, 2023 to submit your suggestions and share your priority issues.

Visit the pre-budget consultation website: letstalkbudget2023.ca

I invite you to contact me by filling out the short questionnaire on the **last page**. I will personally relay your priorities to the Minister of Finance.



ON-SITE VISIT



This year once again, my team and I were happy to support community organizations during the Holiday Season: sharing stores, making baskets, transportation and more!



Christmas dinner with Carrefour Montrose



Volunteering for the Hochelaga-Maisonneuve Collective Kitchen



Some shopping at the Habitations L'Escalier market



Preparation of food and support for families at the Hochelaga-Maisonneuve sharing store



Unloading of a delivery for the next bazaar of the Hochelaga Community Center



Support for families during the 30th edition of the Rosemont sharing store

In 2022, nearly \$36 million was invested in Hochelaga projects. Here are some concrete examples:

\$750,000

Renovation of the Raymond-Préfontaine park chalet

\$3.5 million

Modernization of equipment at the Catelli plant

\$781,000

Development of eco-responsible packaging at ITEGA

\$967,000

Support for the *Anonyme* organization

\$4 million

Subsidies to sports associations

\$1.6M

Canada Summer Jobs

\$110,000

Nouveaux Horizons Seniors Program

\$540,000

Support for the publishing of community magazines

\$412,000

Expansion of the *Exode* shelter

412 000\$

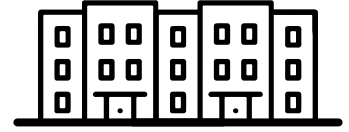
Renovations of 28 residential buildings

READY FOR 2023?

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR YOUR ADDITIONAL \$500 IN CANADA HOUSING BENEFIT?

Until March 31, 2023

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



Make your request through **My CRA Account** or by calling **1-800-282-8079**. An explanatory video is also available on Youtube under the title “**One-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit – walkthrough**”



HAVE YOU MADE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOUR CHILDREN AT THE DENTIST?

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 aged 12 and younger. The Canadian Dental Benefit covers certain unreimbursed care by the provincial plan.

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CHANGES TO EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Employment Insurance sickness benefits are extended from 15 to 26 weeks! Now, ill or injured workers who applied after December 18, 2022 will be eligible for the longer version of these benefits.

SURVEY FOR CITIZENS OF THE CONSTITUENCY

What issues should be in the 2023 budget?

CHECK 4 ANSWERS

- Reduce the cost of living
- Invest in economic growth
- Support the cultural community
- Improve health care
- Make housing more affordable
- Protect the environment
- Improve the immigration system
- Invest in infrastructure and transport
- Defend the minority rights
- Other _____

Comment



MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Since 2020, the Rapid Housing Initiative has created thousands of affordable housing units across the country. Interested organizations can prepare for project submissions in the coming months. Do not hesitate to contact me if you need further information.

DID YOU KNOW?

Built according to the plans of the architect Charles-Aimé Reeves in 1914, the former Académie Jeanne-d'Arc is inconspicuous on the avenue of the same name, near rue La Fontaine. From 1901 to 1911, the population of the City of Maisonneuve tripled. In response to the population increase in the western part of the municipality, the school board built a new school for boys.

Originally directed by the Brothers of the Christian Schools, the Joan of Arc Academy retained its educational vocation for 65 years. The school changed its name to La Dauversière at the start of the 1932 school year, then adopted the name of parish of Saint-Mathias-Apôtre when it was created in 1948.

In 1978, the school was one of the first five francophone schools in Montreal to offer intensive English beginning the first year of elementary school. However, the adventure was short-lived since the school closed its doors in June 1979. Today, the Osmose Housing Cooperative replaces the former academy.



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