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A word from Soraya

Dear fellow citizens,

It is a pleasure to speak to you during this holiday season, a special time that rhymes with happiness, gifts and family reunions.

A lot has happened in Hochelaga this fall! The electoral redistribution was completed, and I am proud to announce that the constituency will officially change its name. At my request, it will henceforth be called Hochelaga-Rosemont-Est, and it will expand to the limits of Saint-Léonard. More details are provided on the last page of this newsletter.

On November 13, I attended the first Eastern Summit to announce major investments for the community and our businesses. It took a lot of work to make this event memorable. The Summit demonstrated that the East has enormous potential and that we can all work together to develop the territory in an intelligent and sustainable way. On the



sidelines of the Summit, I announced \$8M in funding for the creation of a new green space in Hochelaga-Maisonneuve.

Work continues in Ottawa to reduce the cost of living and accelerate the construction of affordable housing. We are currently focusing our efforts on passing Bill C-56 which, in addition to eliminating the GST on new rental construction, will put an end to anti-competitive mergers by large companies. In order to promote healthy collective bargaining, we have also introduced Bill C-58 aimed at strengthening the rights of workers. Employers under federal jurisdiction will no longer



be able to call on replacement workers in the event of a strike or lockout.

I wish all our citizens a wonderful holiday and a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year! Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments.

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SOMMET DE L'EST

Last November 13, all of Eastern Montreal came together for its first summit, a commitment that I had made to you in 2021.

To reflect to the potential of Eastern Montreal and to revitalize the region, this historic meeting brought together elected officials, the private sector and the community sector. It was also the perfect time to announce significant funding for Hochelaga and the East:

\$10M over 3 years dedicated to the East of Montreal

which will allow businesses to develop innovative projects;



\$11M in grants

to set up new production lines and acquire specialized equipment: Laboratoires MZL, ITEGA du Collège de Maisonneuve, Aliments Merjex, Aliments Ouimet-Cordon Bleu, Catelli, Industries Unicor, C3i Cancer Immunotherapy Center, Kotmo;

\$300,000 for the creation of the Carrefour d'innovation bioalimentaire,

a project led by the Collège de Maisonneuve, the Hochelaga-Maisonneuve Collective Kitchen and PME-MTL Centre-Est and whose mission will be to support food distribution organisations.

Federal government lays foundations for new green space

On November 10, along with my colleague Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, I announced that our government will pay **up to \$8M** to the City of Montreal to create a new green space in the railway territory of Viauville.

I am very proud to have delivered on one of my main electoral commitments, and ultimately, we will be able to convert this into a greenspace for local families and their children to play and grow in. What was initially just a vision became a reality by making your voices heard in Ottawa. For the young people of today and those of tomorrow, this greenspace will make a real difference.

I would like to thank all the partners and people in the neighborhood who will take part in carrying out this project, which will certainly have a positive impact on the quality of life in the neighborhood.



FALL ECONOMIC STATEMENT

On November 21, Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland presented an economic update that will help vulnerable families and individuals cope with the rising cost of living. Here is a summary.

In the housing sector, we announced:

- **A \$1.8 billion agreement with the Quebec government.** This agreement, financed equally, will make housing more affordable for Quebecers;
- **The elimination of the GST on new rental housing,** and on new housing cooperatives as well;
- **Repurposing more federal land** to build more housing;
- **Tightening rules for short-term rental platforms** such as Airbnb and new ways to help cities wanting to regulate such platforms.

Results and investments National Housing Strategy

September 2023

151,805

New units

241,133

Renovated units

339,615

Households benefiting from measures to access affordable housing

9,734

New or renovated shelter places

48,630

Housing for women and their children



To fight against inflation, we announced:

- **Competition law reform** to eliminate unfair practices that increase costs. This will lead to more choices and lower prices;
- **A partnership with the five largest grocery chains in the country.** This will lead to price stabilization at the grocery store and more competition in the food sector;
- **Measures to combat unwanted charges.** This will lead to a decrease in bank fees, cellular roaming fees and even air carrier fees;
- **A new employment insurance adoption benefit.** Adopting parents will be able to share 15 weeks of benefits;
- **An elimination of the GST on psychotherapy services.** You will pay less for your mental health care.

From
~~Hochelaga~~

To
Hochelaga-Rosemont-Est

ELECTORAL REDISTRICTING

Why change the name?

While the name “Hochelaga” refers to the district of the same name which barely corresponds to a fifth of the total area of the constituency, the new name, “Hochelaga-Rosemont-Est”, is more inclusive and representative of neighborhood realities. It incorporates the toponym of the east of the Rosemont-La Petite Patrie district with which the citizens of this district identify first and foremost. Thus, nearly 25,000 citizens, integrated into the Hochelaga constituency since the 1997 election, will develop a better feeling of belonging to their constituency.

What are the new limits?

The proposal from the Commission responsible for redistricting the federal electoral map for Quebec would have added another district, that of Sainte-Marie, to the west of the railway divide which serves as the historic border with Hochelaga-Maisonneuve. It was clear that the Commission's proposal was not satisfactory since it would have broken up neighborhood identities, which I, for one, found inconceivable.

I therefore proposed an alternative expansion solution with the aim of consolidating Rosemont-Est in federal electoral representation, which was accepted. The constituency, which currently stops at Bélanger Street, will expand northwards to the limits of Saint-Léonard, between 24th avenue and Pontoise Street. My proposal makes it possible to consolidate neighborhood identities within the constituency, in addition to adjusting the northern border to the administrative limit of the Rosemont-La Petite-Patrie borough.

The redistribution will come into effect at the next election.
To view the new constituency boundaries, scan the QR code

