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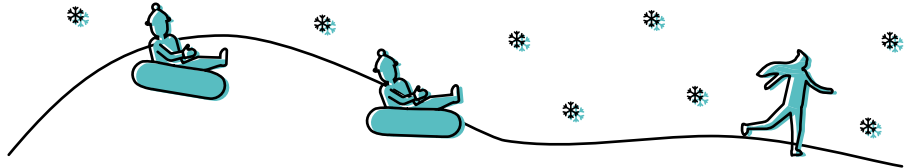
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## A word from Soraya

Dear fellow citizens,

I was delighted to see so many of you during the holiday season. You communicated to me your needs, your concerns and your suggestions for this new year. These valuable exchanges that I had with you will follow me to Ottawa.

This February, we celebrate Black History Month. It is an annual moment that allows us to highlight the important contributions of the black community to Quebec society and across the country. For several generations, thousands of Quebecers from black communities have shared their knowledge, their history, their culture and enrich all spheres of our society. Happy Black History Month!

Parliamentary work has resumed and this new session promises to be full of challenges. In the coming weeks, our government will introduce a bill aimed at creating a universal drug insurance plan in Canada. This is a major step forward for those who struggle to pay for medications not covered by the Quebec health insurance plan.

And we will continue to fight inflation by putting in place measures to improve affordability. One of these important measures is the expansion of the Canadian Dental Care Plan for seniors. The program, already in effect for children aged 12 and under, will help seniors who are among the most vulnerable to oral problems. No one should choose between paying rent or groceries and going to the dentist. By May

2024, seniors aged 65 and over who meet the criteria will be eligible for the program.

I look forward to meeting you in Hochelaga this winter and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments to share.

**Soraya Martinez Ferrada**  
MP for Hochelaga

## Did you know that **nearly \$34 million** was invested by the federal government in Hochelaga in 2023?

**\$19 million**

Housing

**\$8 million**

New linear park in Viauville

**\$1.3 million**

Support for the 2ELGBTQI+ community

**\$1.2 million**

Recovery of community organizations

**\$1.1 million**

Canada Summer Jobs

**\$1 million**

Infrastructure and accessibility

**\$1 million**

Support for artists, museums and publishers

**\$374,000**

Business development

**\$354,000**

Support for seniors and vulnerable people

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# ON THE GROUND IN HOCHELAGA



It's always a pleasure to take part of the Carrefour Montrose Christmas dinner!



Accompanying families at the Hochelaga-Maisonneuve sharing store.



A helping hand for food distribution at the La Fontaine Adventist Community Center.

## Canadian Dental Care Plan for seniors

**New!**

### Am I eligible?



To be eligible, you must:

- Not have access to dental insurance
- Have an adjusted net family income of less than \$90,000
- Reside in Canada for tax purposes
- Stay up to date with your tax returns

Your letter will contain a personalized code and instructions on how to submit your request. If you are eligible for the Plan and have not received your letter, contact me!



### When can I benefit from the program?

The Plan will be rolled out gradually by age group. Eligible individuals will receive an eligibility letter according to the following schedule:

GROUP	ACCEPTED REQUESTS
People aged 87 and over	Since December 2023
People aged 77 to 86	Since January 2024
People aged 72 to 76	Since February 2024
People aged 70 to 71	As of March 2024
People aged 65 to 69	As of May 2024
People with Disabilities	As of May 2024
Children under 18	Since February 2024
People aged 19 to 64	From 2025 onwards

### Will I have to advance the money during my consultation?

**You will not have to pay the entire cost out of pocket.** Oral health care providers enrolled in the Plan will send claims directly to Sun Life for payment, rather than patients upfront costs and later being reimbursed for covered services. Depending on your adjusted net family income, you could pay a share:

ADJUSTED NET FAMILY INCOME	AMOUNT COVERED BY THE PLAN	AMOUNT YOU NEED TO COVER
Less than \$70,000	100% of costs	0 % of costs
Between \$70,000 and \$79,999	60% of costs	40 % of costs
Between \$80,000 and \$89,999	40% of costs	60 % of costs

