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## A word from Soraya

Dear fellow citizens,

I look forward to meeting you in Hochelaga during the Fête nationale du Québec. On June 24, there will be three events in the riding that will delight everyone! During lunch time, the Recreational and community activities of Rosemont will organize a family party at Joseph-Paré Park. Inflatable games, entertainment and fun await your little ones. In the afternoon, it is Hochelaga-Maisonneuve's turn to celebrate at Place Simon-Valois. Then finally, that evening, the Grand spectacle will once again be held at Parc Maisonneuve.

As we are nearing the end of the parliamentary session I, as an MP, want to make sure we fight against the increasing cost of living and the housing crisis.

Faced with the very real increase in the cost of living, I am very proud that our government is implementing the Natio-

nal School Food Program, because the academic success of our children depends above all on a full stomach. Food security is a challenge for many of us, and I would like to thank the exceptional organizations in Hochelaga who work every day to feed our citizens in need, whether it is the Collective Kitchen of Hochelaga-Maisonneuve, the Frigo de l'Est, the Chic Resto Pop or Bouffe-Action Rosemont. Your work is essential.

In terms of health, dental care is now accessible to all people aged 65 and over, young people under 18 and people with a disability. Thousands of people across Quebec have registered, and you can now make an appointment with an oral care provider. We also make contraceptive and diabetes medications free of charge for people who cannot afford them.



Faced with the housing crisis and with July 1<sup>st</sup> fast approaching, I know many of you are worried. This is why we have

taken actions to build more housing, to make it easier to rent housing or access to property, and to help Canadians who cannot afford a home to protect the rights of tenants, and to remove housing from speculation in order to preserve the price of rent.

Our neighbourhood is a very tight-knit community. I am proud of the people of Hochelaga and I know that this summer, you will continue to show solidarity with each other.

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**Bonne  
Fête nationale  
du Québec**

Place Simon-Valois: 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Parc Joseph-Paré: 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Parc Maisonneuve: 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.



**Happy Pride!**

JUNE MARKS THE START OF PRIDE SEASON.

**I wish a wonderful festive summer to the entire 2SLGBTQI+ community**



Thank you to Carrefour Familial Hochelaga for providing the venue for us to share this great announcement!

## More access to daycare spaces

Every child deserves the best possible start in life, and that translates into more daycare spaces. For parents, and more particularly women, it is an essential service in order to fully participate in the job market. Last May, Pablo Rodriguez and I announced that the federal government had reached an agreement with Quebec to invest \$123 million to create more daycare spaces.



Thank you Kathleen Phaëton, general manager and Jeanine, receptionist, for the visit!

## Welcome to Frigo de l'Est!

This community and solidarity grocery store recently opened on Hochelaga street in Mercier-Ouest. Formerly located in Tétreaultville, the organization offers food aid by combating wastefulness. It is currently looking for volunteers to restart its activities.

**Do you want to get involved?  
Call 514-447-8114 or write to  
info@frigodelest.org**



With residents of the Jardins de l'Aubade

## Coffee shop meeting at the Jardins de l'Aubade

An enriching discussion was held on several important issues: access to affordable housing, support for seniors and the new social programs implemented this year. We talked about the Canadian Dental Care Plan and the concrete and positive impact it has had on seniors' pocketbooks. Thank you for this beautiful exchange.



Congratulations to Michelle Patenaude, General Director and Marjolaine Despars, Deputy General Director.

## ESTim Gala, 36<sup>th</sup> Edition

### A rendezvous that I never miss!

I was particularly honored to take part in this event as Minister responsible for the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec. Eastern organizations and companies, in all their forms, make us proud. They are committed, innovative and make Eastern Montreal a region that will shine the future.

Several of them are right here in Hochelaga! I would like to congratulate Cap St-Bernabé which received the prize in the "Organization with a Social Mission" category as well as the "People's Choice Award".



With Béatrice Noël, host of the gala.

### Congratulations to the finalists from Hochelaga

Boulangerie Breton

Terre à Soi

Groupe Bellon Prestige

Stimulation Déjà Vu

GRIS-Montréal

Prodigium/Production Jeun'Est

## Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP)



**Starting July 8**, dentists and denturists who are not registered with the CDCP will also be able to offer covered services.

### Eligible categories:

- ✓ People aged over 65
- ✓ Young people under 18 years old **New!**
- ✓ Disabled people with a valid certificate **New!**



Check your eligibility and apply online!  
Visit [Canada.ca/dental](https://Canada.ca/dental) or scan the QR code.

Contact me if you need help registering online or finding a dentist registered with CDCP.

You can also register by telephone at 1-833-537-4342 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

### Did you know?

More than  
**50,000**  
patients received care  
under the CDCP

## Canada child benefit is celebrating its 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Established by our government in 2016, the Canada child benefit consists in direct financial assistance for parents. In Hochelaga, in 2023, nearly 12,000 parents will have benefited.

### Summer payments

June 20 - July 19 - August 20 - September 20



## More green spaces in the East!

As the summer begins, we can see that climate change is very real. Eastern Montreal is one of the areas most affected by heat islands. This is why we recently invested in the planting of more than 200,000 trees and more than 50,000 shrubs in the East, in collaboration with the City of Montreal.

