

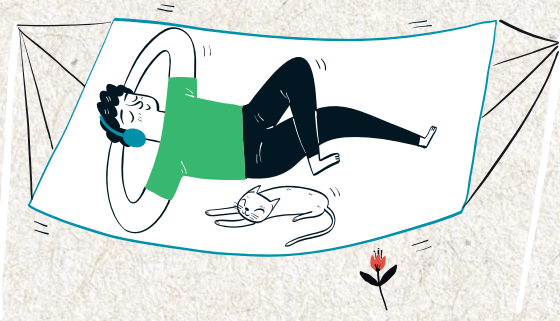


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## A word from your **MP**



But I never saw dear Gen as my enemy. On the contrary, I always knew she was my unfailing ally.

Summer has given me the opportunity to reflect on the last parliamentary session.

For me, summer is a time to reconnect with family and friends. The golden days of summer are made for sharing Canada's Great Outdoors, huddling around a BBQ at the water's edge where the sound of the wind mingles with children's laughter. When I dip my feet into the pool of such precious moments, my heart is renewed, and I carry that energy with me when I return to work and my everyday responsibilities. Is this not true for all of us?

I've come to believe that the supreme threat we face as a nation is forgetting who we are. Like in any family, we've got our share of differences, and these are increasingly being exploited by those who wish divide us to weaken the protective bond that unites us.

*The family is a microcosm, and the love we share there overflows to our extended family—our classmates, colleagues, and fellow citizens.*

Canada was built on diversity, and we have always managed to transcend our differences regarding language, sex, color, religion, gender expression or who we love. And we became better for it.

Family teaches us how to protect and care for one another, dignity despite differences. But let's be honest about family: we don't always get along, and sometimes we disagree profoundly. Obviously, no family is perfect. When I was young, my sister and I quarrelled frequently and sometimes bitterly.

As we face unprecedented challenges this decade, such as climate change, healthcare and housing, it's important to remember that we're a family, and that we'll overcome them together.

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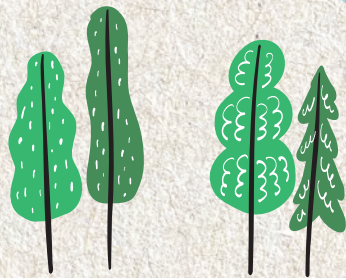
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# Biodiversity



Protection of nature and reconciliation with Indigenous communities are at the heart of a unique project emanating from the regional COP15 that I initiated in November 2022.

This project aims to create a regional group led by the Indigenous community of Kitigan Zibi in collaboration with MRCs, ministries and organizations to develop an action plan to achieve the COP15 nature protection targets, here in the Outaouais.

With incredible support from regional elected officials and conservation organizations, this project gives us the opportunity to work together with the Kitigan Zibi and lead a regional project to protect the richness of our shared territory, to ensure our future and that of our children.

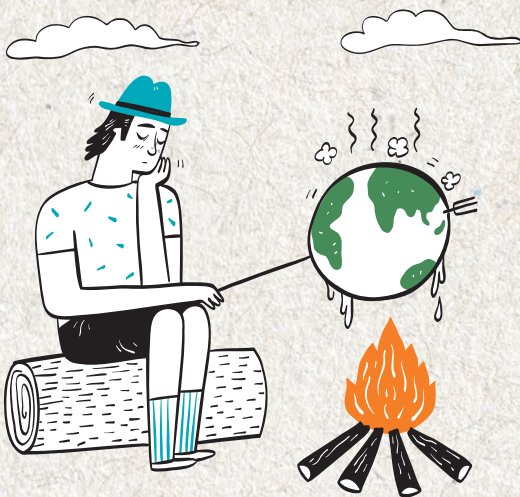
*It's the relationship with our shared land that will unite us.*



## The climate/environmental crisis

*There can be no prosperity without a healthy environment.*

Across the country, we are feeling the effects of the climate crisis, from increasingly intense wildfires to extreme heat waves and flooding.



The government's role is to protect Canadians and to ensure a healthy, safe, and prosperous environment for ourselves and for our children. It is our duty to contribute to the world effort to fight the climate crisis and to empower Canadians to build strong and resilient communities, and to seize the economic opportunities of a green transition.

In June 2023, we released Canada's first National Adaptation Strategy which defines what a climate-resilient future looks like and the path to get there. Our government has also introduced more than 100 measures to combat climate change and meet our targets of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 40-45% by 2030. Although our emissions are decreasing, further efforts will be needed to achieve our ambitious climate targets.

*Together, we will continue to work towards a healthy, safe, and prosperous environment.*





# David vs Goliath?



**A free and independent press is essential to Canadian democracy, and the work of our journalists must be paid for. That's why we've introduced a bill requiring the web giants to fairly compensate publishers and journalists for content shared on their platforms.**



It's no secret that local media has been in decline for some time. Hundreds of newsrooms have closed their doors as billions in advertising revenues they relied on have moved to Google and Facebook. This status quo isn't working. Google and Facebook are profiting from the work of journalists here at home, and currently absorb 80% of digital advertising revenues. Our goal is simple: the web giants must pay their fair share and contribute to the society from which they benefit. With the passage of this Act, newsrooms across the country will be able to negotiate fair compensation for their content available on the major digital platforms.

As your Member of Parliament, I'm proud to support our local media. I have invested over 90% of my advertising budget in our riding's newspapers and community radio stations. In this way, I contribute to our region's media ecosystem and invest in local businesses. Supporting our media strengthens our commitment to the community.

*If the government can't defend Canadians against the threats of the web giants, who will?*

# Yukon's Retreat

*I was privileged to Chair the Rural Caucus Summer Retreat in the Yukon in August*

It was a great opportunity to discuss key rural issues that will drive our policy over the next year, like improving access to healthcare and affordable housing, and the impact of climate change policies on agriculture, forestry, and mining. As Chair of the Rural Caucus, I will continue to work hard ensure I represent the needs of all rural Canadians on parliament hill! I also took some time to see Yukon's diverse nature and visited the MacBride Museum, and the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, where we met the Chief of Kwanlin Dün First Nation, Sean Smith and the Chief of Taàn Kwäch'än Council, Amanda Leas.



# Inflation

**Inflation has fallen to its lowest level in two years (3.3% in July) and is getting closer to the Bank of Canada's target range of 2%-3% — and that is good news for all Canadians!**

This summer, our government continued to be there for Canadians through the first payments for the Grocery Rebate and the first enhanced Canada Workers Benefit payments which went directly into the pockets of those who need it most.

