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## Working Together for Stronger Communities

Building strong communities is a shared responsibility, rooted in partnership across all levels of government, with housing and infrastructure forming a critical foundation.

As we began the new year, I made it a priority to meet with the wardens and mayors of the MRCs of **Pontiac**, the **Vallée-de-la-Gatineau**, and des **Collines-de-l'Outaouais** to hear directly about the pressures facing our communities. Across these discussions, housing needs and aging infrastructure emerged as top concerns, from roads and bridges to water systems and community facilities. These challenges directly affect families, local services, and quality of life.

Together, we discussed how federal investments, including the new **Build Communities Strong Fund** and the **Build Canada Homes** investment agency, can support municipal planning, infrastructure renewal, and housing projects that reflect rural realities.

*These exchanges help me ensure that federal support reflects local priorities and turns housing and infrastructures needs on the ground into concrete, well-planned projects.*



## Ensuring Food Security for Canadians

In Pontiac–Kitigan Zibi, families are not asking for much. When grocery prices rise faster than wages, they need breathing room.

Solidarity is a deeply Canadian value. That is why [our government is acting](#) to provide immediate relief while strengthening long-term resilience:

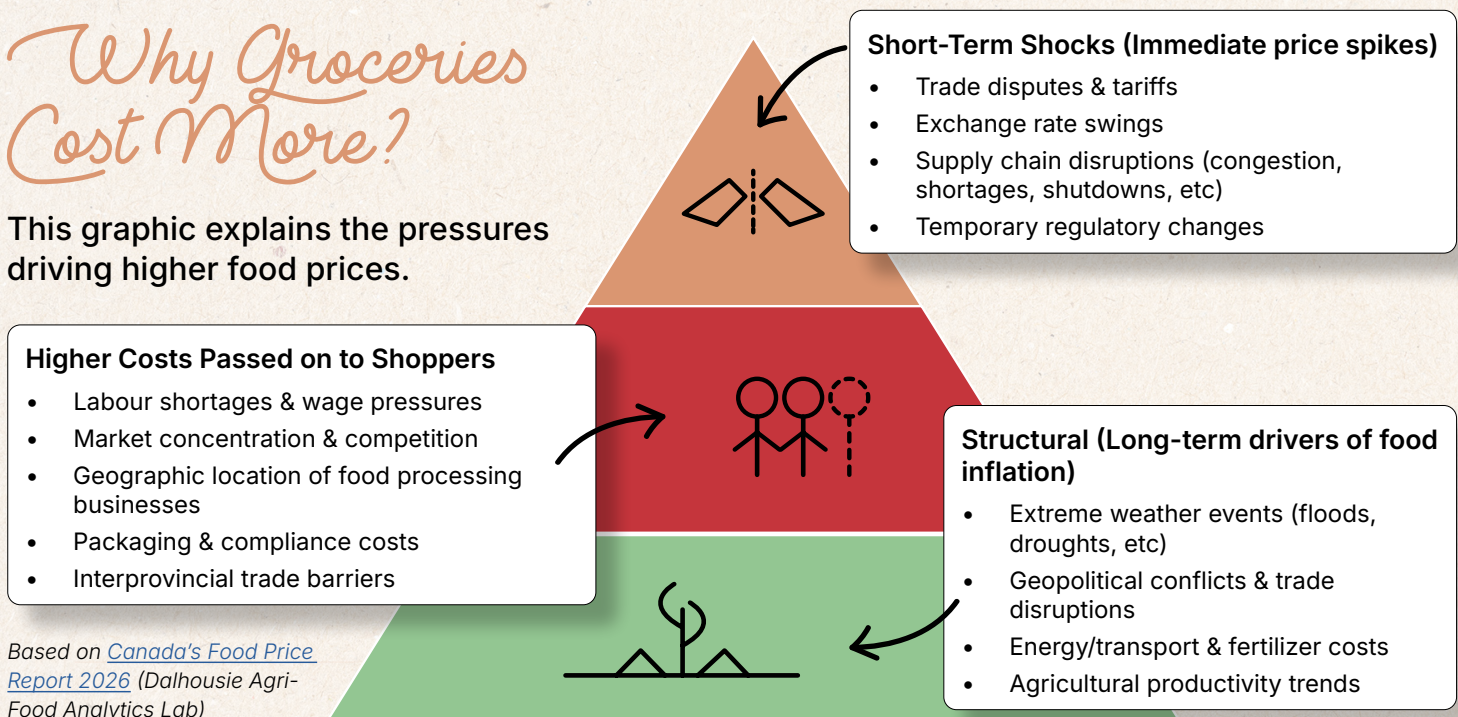
- *Direct support for more than 2.8 million Quebecers through the new Canada Groceries and Essentials Benefit.*
- *Investing \$500M through the Strategic Response Fund to help Canadian food companies, including abattoirs, increase their capacity.*
- *Measures to help farmers invest in greenhouses.*
- *Additional funding for food banks.*
- *A National Food Security Strategy and clearer price labelling to make food more affordable.*



*Do we leave families to face these pressures alone, or do we stand together?*

## Why Groceries Cost More?

This graphic explains the pressures driving higher food prices.



Based on [Canada's Food Price Report 2026](#) (Dalhousie Agri-Food Analytics Lab)

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