

PRESS RELEASE

Building on Our Success: A Strong Liberal Voice for the Outaouais

Chelsea, March 25, 2025 – The Liberal team is delivering real results for families, seniors, workers, businesses, farmers, and local media across the region. In 2021, we made four key commitments—and we have kept each of these promises.

1. **Housing:** Over 1,000 new market and non-market housing units delivered in the Outaouais since 2021.
2. **Transportation:** More than \$380 million invested in regional mobility, including major projects like the tramway, the first Eastern Bridge, as well as the expansion of Pink Road and Boulevard de la Vérendrye.
3. **Infrastructure:** Major investments in public transit, essential, community and education infrastructure to meet the needs of today and tomorrow.
4. **Green Spaces:** Introduction of a bill to ensure the protection of Gatineau Park and initiatives aimed at preserving our regional biodiversity.

That's not all. We have supported seniors by investing tens of millions of dollars through the New Horizons for Seniors Program and the Aging Well At Home initiative. We have also improved access to dental care through the Canadian Dental Care Plan. Economic development and innovation are at the heart of our actions, which is why we invested \$2.14 billion in Telesat, creating hundreds of new jobs. We have taken action to support our farmers and strengthen food security. We have listened to our local media and secured \$58.8 million to extend the Local Journalism Initiative.

Let's build an even stronger future for the Outaouais. Over the next four years, we will: defend our businesses and workers against unjustified U.S. tariffs; ensure fair competition conditions; eliminate interprovincial trade barriers to promote labour mobility and strengthen our regional economy; support the development of essential infrastructure to build more housing and promote public transit; facilitate the purchase of a first home by eliminating the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on homes worth up to \$1 million; implement the bill to protect Gatineau Park; and ensure reliable and accessible cellular coverage in rural communities.

While the Conservatives seek to impose American-style cuts, we will stand firm in defending our public service. This election is about building a strong Canada, and in the face of the Bloc Québécois' powerlessness, only a Liberal government can defend the interests of the Outaouais and Quebec against the threat posed by the U.S.

Quotes

“The Outaouais deserves strong and determined representation, and we are proud of what we have accomplished. We’ve worked tirelessly to deliver concrete results that improve the lives of communities across our region. Together, we’ve laid the foundation for a greener, more prosperous Outaouais: by protecting Gatineau Park, tapping into our tourism potential, boosting our local economy, and daring to dream of a tramway to improve regional mobility. We’ve kept our promises—and together, we will build a strong future for our region.”

— Sophie Chatel, Candidate for Pontiac-Kitigan Zibi

“Our region is among the fastest growing in Canada. We need sustainable, fast, and reliable ways to get around. The government has invested nearly \$100 million to advance the Gatineau tramway. This tramway is a game changer, especially for our younger residents. We’re building stronger, more connected communities for everyone in Hull–Aylmer and beyond. We didn’t get into politics to take up space—we’re here to move things forward! I am proud of our accomplishments: we made promises and we delivered results for the people of Hull-Aylmer.”

— Greg Fergus, Candidate for Hull-Aylmer

“We have delivered real results for the Outaouais: a new bridge and public transit, housing, and job creation. In short, major accomplishments that reflect the scale of our collective work. This record is the result of determined teamwork aimed at making life more affordable and mobility more efficient. We’ve supported our businesses and stood up for our workers and families. The Outaouais caucus is mobilized and more determined than ever to make our region’s voice heard.”

— Steven MacKinnon, Candidate for Gatineau

“We have always supported the communities of the greater Outaouais region, and in particular the rural towns and villages. Think of the Connecting Canadians Program, which provided access to high-speed internet to the entire region, even in the most isolated areas. For us Liberals, the priority has always been the citizens, and we will continue to defend their interests, to stand up on behalf of our region, for Quebec, and for our country, Canada.”

— Stéphane Lauzon, Candidate for Argenteuil-La Petite Nation

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