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A word from your MP

Time to Come Together and Build

For too long Canadians have been content to live in the shadow of the U.S. The time has come for us to stand on our own two feet and embrace the possibilities of our incredible potential. In the economy of the future, clean energy and critical minerals will be in high demand and Canada needs to invest infrastructure now to capture this generational opportunity.

Change is never easy, and we face many headwinds. In meeting citizens from Grand Remous to Waltham, I was struck by your resilience and determination.

The upcoming months will not be easy, but we are also confident that our country can emerge stronger on the other side.

When it comes to affordability, diversifying Canada's economy and accelerating productivity, a wide consensus already exists. Canadians expect all parties and all levels of government to find areas of alignment to ensure a middle-class tax cut, more housing construction and to create high-paying jobs.

It's time to build. Our government's mandate represents an opportunity for Pontiac-Kitigan Zibi. My past consultations and roundtables showed that creating regional prosperity and enhancing resilience requires all stakeholders to work together. Elected officials, entrepreneurs and citizen groups need a coherent plan around which to rally and pool our resources to ensure that every dollar counts. I am committed to serving as a direct link between our region's priorities and the decisions made in Ottawa.

Now that the election is behind us and major challenges lie ahead, it no longer matters if you voted orange, blue, or purple. We must seize this moment to remake Canada's economy and shield ourselves from pressures from the South or elsewhere, while laying the foundation for sustainable future prosperity.

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An Ambitious Growth Agenda

The Prime Minister has unveiled an ambitious plan for Canada, combining strong economic credentials with a clear mandate to deliver bold action on economic transformation and accountability.

We need to move quickly to build a more integrated, diversified, and productive economy; one that is oriented more East-West, rather than focused primarily on North-South trade.

Affordable Housing

Our government has set an ambitious target for housing construction, while introducing a multi-pronged strategy to cut through red tape and incentivize investment. Already new immigration targets are easing rent prices, while municipal officials have praised the Housing Accelerator Fund for financing municipal infrastructure such as water systems and roads. I will work with local stakeholders to seize every opportunity to benefit from any new programs to bring key housing projects to life.



One Integrated and Diversified Canadian Economy

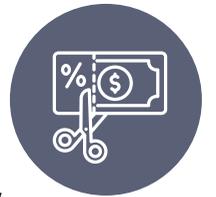
We can offset Trump's tariffs by lowering interprovincial trade barriers. These barriers take many forms, but our government is committed to achieving this milestone by Canada Day.



This will empower Pontiac-Kitigan Zibi entrepreneurs and consumers to seize new market opportunities while enhancing competition and lowering costs.

Middle Class Tax Cut

To make life more affordable, our government will work with opposition parties to lower taxes on working Canadians. With inflation under control, and the Bank of Canada easing interest rates, our middle-class tax cut will make a real difference, saving families up to \$840 a year. Over the longer term, new investments and infrastructure projects will create jobs, grow our local economies, and help families to earn more.



My Priorities

Gatineau Park

Senator Galvez and I will promptly reintroduce our signature bill to finally grant legal protection to the crown jewel of the National Capital Region.



Agriculture and Food Security

As the federal Member of Parliament for a rural riding, supporting farmers and strengthening food security are among my top priorities. I am committed to advancing a national strategy for food autonomy, one that ensures fair pricing, promotes local food systems, and supports the next generation of farmers. Defending supply management is non-negotiable, as it provides stability for our producers and helps maintain food autonomy. I also strongly support sustainable agriculture initiatives, including AgriClimat programs that help farmers adapt to climate challenges. Our rural communities are vital to Canada's future, and I will continue to be a strong voice for their needs in Ottawa.



Tramway

Gatineau continues to grow rapidly, and I will continue to champion the federal funding for the Gatineau tramway project. I will work with our mayor, local partners and stakeholders to tackle congestion, protect green spaces, improve infrastructure, build affordable homes, and ensure continued access to quality services.

Cellular Service

In my last mandate, an innovative federal-provincial partnership brought high-speed Internet to every corner of our riding. However, cellular dead zones remain, putting local businesses at a disadvantage while leaving residents without reliable access to emergency services. Closing these gaps remains a priority for me.



POLL QUESTION

Journalism

Government by the people depends upon a well-informed citizenry. During the past decade many community newspapers and radio stations shuttered their doors forever. Journalists are being replaced by paid pundits with no commitment to objective reporting, while foreign interests are manipulating the social media channels through which many citizens get their news. **What can be done?**

I want to hear from you.

Take My Poll:



Local-across the riding

Renewal of my Mandate

Thanks for the faith you have placed in me. An MP's job is to be your voice on the Hill and to make Ottawa work for you. That's why I log tens of thousands of kilometers to attend community events and participate in townhalls and roundtables where citizens share their concerns and deepest dreams for the future.

An MP's best reward is their constituents' success.

Over my next mandate I will continue working in close collaboration with Pontiac's wardens, mayors, council members, entrepreneurs and community organisations to bring your projects to life.



162

Community events
attended in 2024



\$50
MILLION+

Federal Funds
invested in the riding
in 2024



10,000+

Doors knocked



500+

Case files supported
in 2024



1 000+

Replies to Citizen
Correspondence
in 2024

Reopening of Constituency Offices:

To serve a vast and diverse riding, I am opening three branch offices in Campbell's Bay, Maniwaki, and the Plateau de Hull. Due to financial constraints these offices are not staffed 24/7. As your Federal MP, I also routinely forward many citizen inquiries and requests to my provincial and local counterparts for action at the proper jurisdiction.

Citizen Services:

One of an MP's most important duties is to serve as an advocate of last resort. My staff can assist with issues related to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada; Canada Revenue Agency; Service Canada; the Phoenix pay system, and more. For prompt assistance, please contact me through email, rather than through phone message or social media.

