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A WORD FROM YOUR MP

**Today, we stand at the cusp of a new economy.
The decisions we are making today will shape our economy tomorrow.**

Fortunately, Canada has all the ingredients for an extraordinary growth: skilled workers, innovative businesses, abundant strategic resources, and a strong democracy with robust institutions. In fact, Canada is the envy of the other countries with our diversified economy, Triple-A credit rating and the lowest debt-to-GDP ratio and deficit in the G7 countries.

Budget 2023 marks a critical installment in our government's commitment to catalyze investments in the clean technologies and the infrastructure of the future to empower entrepreneurs, workers, and students to seize this incredible opportunity. These investments will make our economy more productive and globally competitive. This Budget also underscores our commitment to invest considerable amounts to strengthen provincial health care systems and provide dental care. We must ensure that every Canadian has access to a family doctor while cutting down the unacceptable delays for surgeries.

Economic prosperity is not a trade-off against worker rights or climate action. Our investments in Canada's clean economy creates high-paying jobs.



I can already mention a few examples of how these investments pay off. LM Wind Power in Gaspé has become the world's leading manufacturer of wind turbine blades and has created over 500 jobs in rural Québec. Volkswagen's first overseas battery cell plant in St. Thomas, Ontario will create 2,500 jobs. Lion Electric's battery assembly plant in Saint-Jérôme will create 1,100 high-paying jobs.

Nothing is beyond our abilities and together we can achieve great things for our future and that of our children.

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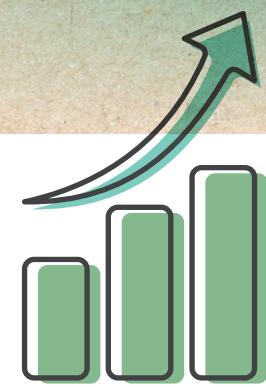
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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2023 FEDERAL BUDGET

Across the riding, people have said to me: help us address the rising cost of living, invest in health care, and build an economy that will create prosperity for everyone. That's why I'm very proud of the 2023 budget, which provides additional affordability measures and invests significantly in our healthcare system, as well as green infrastructure. Investing in the technologies of the future benefits Canadian workers, businesses and our natural spaces, while ensuring that our economy remains globally competitive and life affordable.

The 2023 budget also brings us good news: inflation is expected to fall below 3 per cent in the fall, and interest rates are expected to decline as well. After a few months of a shallow recession, the economy should recover early next year. Also, for those like me who watch the debt, it is on an impressive downward trajectory (p.29 and p.223 of the Budget).

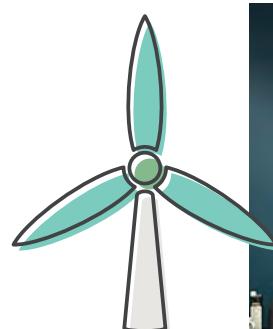


Measures to make life more affordable:

- Dental care for Canadian with a family income less than \$90,000 for 2025, applicable this year for people under 18.
- A new one-time grocery rebate to provide targeted inflation relief to eligible Canadians of up to \$467 per family.
- Measures to crackdown on hidden fees and predatory lending.
- Reduced credit card transaction fees for small businesses.
- Additional investments in the Local Food Infrastructure Fund to help food banks.
- Budget 2022 invested \$4 billion over five years for housing. These amounts are now available to housing actors, including municipalities.

Some key economic items featured in this budget:

- Historic investments in power generation, innovation, and clean technologies.
- Measures to foster dynamic rural communities such as support for innovation and sustainable practices in agriculture and forestry.
- Enhanced support for the tourism sector.
- Empower organizations that provide services that promote inclusion.
- Advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.



The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and the Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime minister



I have never looked to the future of this country with more optimism than I do today. Budget 2023 provides new targeted inflation relief for those who need it most, strengthened public health care, including dental care for millions of Canadians, and significant investments to build Canada's clean economy.



- The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

FEDERAL INVESTMENTS IN HEALTH CARE



The pandemic exacerbated pressure on our universal public health care system. The 2023 federal budget makes significant investments to ensure that every Canadian continues to enjoy access to the health care they need.

As we know, the Outaouais region faces unique challenges in terms of healthcare access, particularly because of our close proximity to Ontario, where working conditions and salaries are better.

Our government recently announced the federal health plan to improve public healthcare by focusing on reducing surgical backlogs, expanding access to family doctors, and modernizing the healthcare system.



The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Health

The 2023 budget confirms that Quebec will receive \$37.3 billion over 10 years, including \$8.9 billion in new funding to enhance home care, invest in mental health care, and address pressing needs in emergency rooms, operating rooms, and pediatric hospitals. The 2023 budget will also expand the Canada Student Loan forgiveness program for nurses and doctors working in rural and remote communities.



Remarks by the President of the United States



"Americans and Canadians are two people, two countries, in my view, sharing one heart. It's a personal connection." said President Biden during his visit to Ottawa. And that couldn't be truer for me and my husband, an American from Michigan. That's why we went together to meet President Biden during his address to Parliament. He had one word to define our two countries: "possibilities".

Nothing is beyond our capacity. We can do anything. We must never doubt our capacity. Canada and the United States can do big things. We stand together, do them together, rise together. We're going to write the future together.

- President Joe Biden