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A Word from Your MP

Every summer, my mom and dad would pack my sister and me into the family truck and we would leave for Saint-Guillaume, a remote place where paved roads gave way to sand paths, and cottages lacked electricity or running water. For my sister and me, this wilderness was paradise. We would set off most mornings dressed simply in jeans and swimsuits, learning survival tricks to avoid small predators like deerflies, while immersing ourselves in nature. We invented games, swam in the icy river, and worked in our “rock laboratory” by the riverside, collecting and smashing stones to reveal hidden treasures. Being in nature not only disconnects us from our digital world, but also connects us to something greater.

As adults, we start seeing places like Saint-Guillaume not just as natural paradises but as ecosystems that sustain us. Trees and wetlands absorb our pollution and filter our air and water. **No carbon capture technology can rival that of a single tree.** Preserving these natural spaces is our greatest ally in the fight against climate change. Policies to tackle affordability must also recognize the value of these ecosystem services. Farmers, anglers, hunters, Indigenous Peoples, and foresters understand this reciprocity. **We must be stewards of the land, because protecting it is the key to ensuring that nature can sustain us and future generations.**

While we are the first generation to experience the effects of climate change, scientists warn that we are also the last generation with the power to make a difference. **Soon, our children and grandchildren will ask: What did you do when there was still time to act?** There is only one answer: we took responsibility and protected our land, our nature. What we do now matters.

As your MP, this is why I am working to protect the Outaouais' green spaces like Gatineau Park, to support our farmers in the face of climate change, and to promote green finance to stimulate investment. I am also leading efforts to advance sustainable transportation, like the proposed tramway in Gatineau. Canada's transition to a green and prosperous economy is a challenge we must meet, and I am confident in our resilience and our ability to meet the expectations of future generations.

*The day will come when our
children will ask us ...*



Protecting Gatineau Park for Future Generations

Did you know that Gatineau Park has no legal status?

Upon my election as Member of Parliament for Pontiac – Kitigan Zibi, I wanted to make Gatineau Park a real park! This natural treasure, with its exceptional biodiversity, is something we must safeguard for ourselves and for future generations.

This summer, I had the privilege of working alongside Senator Rosa Galvez to draft a bill aimed at protecting Gatineau Park. We must establish clear, official boundaries and preserve our park for the people of Canada, dedicated to their benefit, education, and enjoyment. The Park's ecological integrity will be protected, and it will be maintained in a way that allows future generations to experience its unspoiled beauty.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to Senator Rosa Galvez and her team, as well as to John McDonnell, Executive Director of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society – Ottawa Valley Chapter (CPAWS-OV), Stephen Woodley, President of Action Chelsea for Respect of the Environment (ACRE), and Erik Higgins, Kitigan Zibi Director of Natural Resources and Wildlife for their significant support in this drafting.



I invite you to consult the main clauses of our bill on my website: www.sophiechatel.ca. Let us know what you think. This is a unique opportunity to help shape this bill: your voice matters.



Together for Health in the Outaouais



Health is essential for all of us. It is the foundation of our well-being and the prosperity of our region. That is why I have joined forces with several community leaders to fight for better healthcare access for everyone, because without health, we cannot move forward.

Earlier this year, I wrote to Quebec's Minister of Health, Christian Dubé, to draw his attention to the crisis our region is facing and to propose concrete measures to address it. Among these measures, I suggested ensuring that salaries and working conditions are equivalent to those in the Ottawa region to stop the exodus of healthcare personnel to Ontario. You can find this letter on my website.

As Chair of the Rural Caucus, I have also worked with the caucus and the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada to address the unique challenges our rural communities face in healthcare. We highlighted these challenges and shared ideas for overcoming them in a letter addressed to the Minister of Health, Mark Holland, and former Minister of Health, Jean-Yves Duclos. These letters are also available on my website.

Today, I am actively working with organizations like SOS Santé Outaouais to propose solutions and advocate for our right to equitable healthcare access. Together, let us fight for better healthcare in the Outaouais.

A Healthy Economy Is Only Possible with a Healthy Ecology

My professional journey in taxation has deeply influenced my perspective, particularly when it comes to environmental protection.

During my time at the OECD, I became convinced that global taxes, such as a global tax on multinationals, could be a powerful tool for financing the preservation of our natural infrastructure, which is essential for the long-term success of businesses.

You cannot build an economy out of thin air; our economy relies on the health of our lands, our water, our air, and the sustainability of Earth's resources.

That is why I am deeply committed to linking multinational taxation to our collective fight against the climate crisis, with the goal of creating a sustainable future for everyone.

I invite you to read my article "Global Earth Tax," published in specialized journals and available on my website.



Women in Leadership

As part of my commitment to sustainable finance and taxation, I worked with fiscal associations to support young women in a field where women leadership remains underrepresented.

Through this mentorship, my goal is to empower the next generation of women to become leaders in areas such as finance and taxation, thereby contributing to the creation of a future where everyone can achieve their full potential.





MRC Pontiac



Là pour nos maires

Être présents pour nos maires et répondre aux besoins de nos citoyens est essentiel pour moi. Merci à **Nancie** de Développement économique Canada d'avoir présenté les nouveaux programmes destinés aux MRC les plus vulnérables du Québec, qui profiteront aux entreprises des MRC du Pontiac et de la Vallée-de-la-Gatineau. Un grand merci également à **Jane Toller**, Préfète de Pontiac pour son accueil chaleureux.



Supporting Our Mayors

Being present for our mayors and responding to the needs of our citizens is essential to me. Thank you to **Nancie** from Economic Development

Canada for presenting the new programs aimed at the most vulnerable MRCs in Quebec, which will benefit businesses in the MRCs Pontiac and Vallée-de-la-Gatineau. A big thank you also to **Jane Toller**, Warden of the Pontiac for her warm welcome.



En canoë sur la rivière noire

Nous avons descendu la rivière Noire en canoë pour célébrer les progrès réalisés grâce à un financement fédéral de 650 000\$ destiné à la création d'une aire protégée de 115 000 hectares dans la MRC de Pontiac. Ce projet permet de préserver la richesse écologique de notre région, tout en favorisant le développement éco-récrétouristique et la réconciliation avec les communautés autochtones.

Canoeing on the Noire River

We canoed down the Noire River to celebrate the progress made possible by \$650,000 in federal funding for the creation of a 115,000-hectare protected area in the Pontiac MRC. This project preserves the ecological richness of our region while promoting eco-recreational tourism and reconciliation with Indigenous communities.



MRC des Collines

Jour des Camps

À l'occasion du Jour des Camps de la Fondation Tim Hortons nous avons eu le plaisir de servir des cafés. Chaque café acheté contribue au financement de camps tel que le Camp des Voyageurs à Quyon où j'ai rencontré des jeunes issues de milieux modestes célébrer leur dernière soirée. Ensemble, nous avons dansé et chanté. Ce camp offre à ces jeunes une opportunité précieuse de rêver et d'imaginer un bel avenir.



Camp Day

On Tim Hortons Camp Day, we had the pleasure of serving coffee. Every coffee purchased contributes to funding camps like Camp des Voyageurs in Quyon, where I had the honour of meeting young people from modest backgrounds celebrating their last evening at camp. Together, we sang and danced. This camp provides these young people with a valuable opportunity to dream and imagine a better future.



Sundae avec votre députée

Nous avons eu le plaisir d'offrir des sundaes gratuits au Marché public de Chelsea. Ce fut une journée exceptionnelle pour rencontrer les producteurs locaux et admirer leur travail remarquable. Un grand merci à tous ceux qui ont partagé ce moment avec nous !

Sundae with Your MP

We had the pleasure of offering free sundaes at the Chelsea Public Market. It was a wonderful day to connect with local producers and admire their remarkable work. A big thanks to everyone who joined us!