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A word from your MP

Thank you for entrusting me with the honour of representing your voices in Parliament. In 2023, I worked on important issues for our community, including:

- The cost of living and tax incentives for housing construction in Outaouais;
- The promotion of lasting peace in Ukraine, Haiti, and the Middle East;
- The fight against climate change and the protection of watersheds;
- The protection of biodiversity with our Indigenous partners and regional leaders;
- The promotion of a green and prosperous economy;
- The defense of local journalism;
- Financial support to more than 100 projects of our SMEs and organizations;
- Responding to more than 500 citizen requests, often from people in precarious situations (employment insurance, immigration, social security pensions, etc.);
- Personal and substantial responses to more than 400 of your correspondences; and
- I have participated in more than 160 of your fantastic activities.

Each member of our community is important and unique, and my team, which I deeply thank, plays a crucial role in our ability to meet your varied needs with unwavering support and exemplary empathy.

Looking towards 2024, I want to convey a message of hope and renewed commitment. Your support and trust inspire me every day, and I am eager to serve you with even greater determination in the new year. Together, we will continue to work for the well-being of our community and for a better future for all.

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Biodiversity conservation project

There is no better ally than our nature to prevent the dramatic consequences of global warming beyond 1.5°C.

Following our regional COP15 in the Outaouais region, a unique project to conserve the biodiversity of our aki (Earth), led by the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg community, was born. Thanks to the incredible support of regional elected officials, conservation groups, public organizations, businesses, and the community, we will be working together, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike, to develop a regional action plan to achieve our COP15 objectives and our goals of reconciliation with the Anishinabeg Indigenous communities.

«It is our relationship with the land that will unite us and enable us to protect the richness of our shared territory for future generations.»



Gatineau Park

Since my election as Member of Parliament for Pontiac, I have worked tirelessly to strengthen the protection of Gatineau Park.

With the support and collaboration of local organizations such as Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society – Ottawa Valley Chapter (CPAWS-OV) and the National Capital Commission (NCC), we are unanimous: quality protection of our green spaces, wetlands, and areas of high biodiversity value in the region is essential if we are to achieve our goal of protecting 30% of our territory by 2030. Now, more than ever, is the time to act to protect Gatineau Park in perpetuity within a legislative framework. Let's make Gatineau Park a real Park!



Food banks are essential during inflation as they provide vital food aid to those struggling financially, ensuring access to basic nutrition when the cost of living rises. Volunteering with my team at Bouffe Pontiac, Moisson Outaouais, and in the Plateau was a profoundly rewarding experience.

Parliamentary Affairs

I am happy to be your voice on Parliament Hill.

As a member of the **Finance Committee**, I contributed to the study of pre-budget consultations and the 2023 budget. I also initiated a motion to study green finance. Currently, on the **Foreign Affairs and International Development Committee**, we are analyzing the various conflicts such as the war in Ukraine, in Gaza, and in Azerbaijan, while on the **Environment Committee**, we are studying the issue of the protection of one of our most beautiful and important resources: water.

Meanwhile, as **Chair of the Rural Caucus**, I advocate for the needs of rural communities, defending health care, community radio and local newspapers, as well as rural housing needs. As **Chair of the Outaouais Caucus and Co-Chair of the National Capital Region Caucus**, I work with my colleagues to protect Gatineau Park and to improve interprovincial transportation and health care in our region.



Community involvement and citizen services

When I am not in Parliament, I take the opportunity to spend time with you, in our beautiful riding. Taking the time to listen and discuss with you is very important to me. These meetings enable me to serve you better every day and support you in your projects.

Here are a few highlights of the year 2023:

In addition to my work in Parliament, I have participated in a little over 160 events and activities in the riding.

I sent out 6 program bulletins to ensure community leaders are aware of new programs and completed around 50 program research requests for various initiatives and amazing projects in the riding.

I responded personally and substantially to over 400 of your correspondences.

My team and I have worked on over 500 citizen files: Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada; Canada Revenue Agency; Service Canada, Phoenix, and others.

Our government has funded more than 100 amazing projects (not counting Canada Summer Jobs program), supporting innovation and economic growth in our riding.



From my family to yours, I wish you an exceptional year in 2024, filled with health and success.

