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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Dear Sherbrooke residents,

After a productive summer meeting with you and hearing about your concerns, I'm back in Ottawa for another parliamentary session. Our city has many challenges. However, we have amazing, standout people who help it thrive. Among them are many engaged young people who want their voices heard. I spent a day with Evelyne and talked to Léonard in passing at an event. Both of them are wonderful students who are already very keen about politics. I'm always happy to talk to our future decision makers!

Recently, my colleagues and I gathered for the Quebec and national caucuses. I make the most of these retreats by talking with relevant ministers about the issues affecting our region. Our team is in problem-solving mode to tackle the rising cost of living, housing access and environmental issues. I'm confident the parliamentary session will be

productive with a new cabinet.

I now have the great honour of being the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development. My vision for our community is as strong as ever. I look forward to supporting Minister Jenna Sudds in introducing policies that will be of real help to you.

Have a wonderful fall!

Sincerely,

Quantum Revolution in Sherbrooke

Back-to-school also means universities are back! Let's talk about a field Sherbrooke is a Canadian leader in that not many people know about. Quantum Strategy director Martin Laforest tells us more. The Eastern Townships have been designated a Quebec quantum innovation zone since February 8, 2022, turning the region into an international quantum technology hub.



What is quantum technology? Why choose the Eastern Townships?

Quantum technology is based on the counter-intuitive and often puzzling behaviours of atoms and molecules. These are the Lego blocks that make up our physical world. Quantum computers are incredibly good at calculations for drug, material and fertilizer development, artificial intelligence, financial models and much more. Quantum communications are practically impenetrable when it comes to cybersecurity and will help build tomorrow's quantum internet. At the same time, quantum sensors are setting new sensitivity and precision records for medical diagnostics, geological surveying, navigation and other applications. But the truth is, so far, we've only seen the tip of the iceberg. With everything we know today, its effects on society will be big, enormous even!

Why the Eastern Townships? The University of Sherbrooke has been a quantum research hub since the 1970s. Its Quantum Institute is one of the world's leading research centres. This has already led to a dozen quantum technology companies either coming in to or starting up in the region. We have all the ingredients to turn the Eastern Townships into a global quantum economic hub.

New appointment: Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

I received an exciting call on September 15! I had the tremendous honour of being appointed Parliamentary Secretary to Jenna Sudds, the new Minister of Families, Children and Social Development. It's a totally new and different appointment than Mental Health and Addictions but just as beneficial to Sherbrooke.

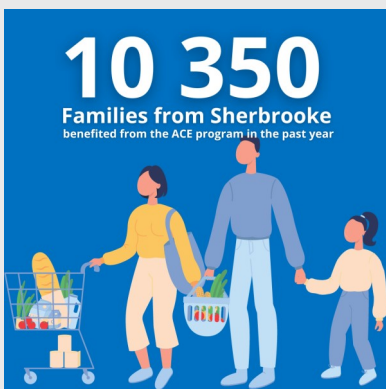
I want to support every organization across the country working in this field. I want them to know that my door is always open—my grassroots work has guided me as the MP for Sherbrooke, and it's with this same approach that I intend to take on this new challenge. This department plays a key role in supporting families

who need it most. I firmly believe in creating an environment where our children can flourish, ensuring that each and every one of them has the chance to grow up in a safe, loving and nurturing environment. Together, we will strive to develop innovative policies and programs addressing the changing needs of our society and promoting equal opportunities for every child.

I'm excited about continuing our government's work in helping families more easily afford many everyday childcare costs, like groceries and school supplies. That's why the Canada Child Benefit is one of the most important programs our government has ever introduced. We're also committed to continuing to invest in programs, like the Canada Dental Benefit, that help make life more affordable for Canadians.



Supporting Families



Canada Child Benefit

The Canada Child Benefit (CCB) is a direct, tax-free monthly payment to help families cover the costs related to their children's growth and learning.

In 2024, the cheques will be topped up for each eligible child to account for inflation. For children under 6, the benefit will be up to \$6,833 per child and, for children between 7 and 18, \$5,765.

The Canada Child Benefit has already proven its worth by helping lift no fewer than 435,000 children out of poverty, giving 9 out of 10 families some breathing room. This shows the tangible, positive impact this benefit is having on households across Canada. Together, we're building a better future for the next generation.

Canada Dental Benefit for Kids

Since its launch, the Canada Dental Benefit has already had a huge impact on children's lives. This benefit gives families the chance to get up to \$1,300 over a two-year period to cover essential dental care costs for their children. Since applications opened in December, we have already helped over 200,000 children across the country. This means that over 200,000 smiles are now shining thanks to this initiative.

Dental care is a critical part of our children's health, but, unfortunately, many Canadian families have trouble affording it. That's why the Canada Dental Benefit is so valuable—it puts money directly back into families' pocket.

The Canada Dental Benefit will provide eligible parents with direct, tax-free payments of up to \$650 per child, per year, to a maximum of \$1,300 per child over the next two years. Eligible families can apply for the Canada Dental Benefit through the Canada Revenue Agency's My Account portal or by calling 1-800-715-883.



New Horizons Program

Eight seniors' organizations in Sherbrooke are sharing an investment of over \$121,000, helping them hold activities and attend conferences and workshops so seniors can stay involved in their community.

At the press conference, representatives from recipient organizations spoke about gender affirmation at TransEstrie, workshops on new technologies at Actions interculturelles and cooking classes at Commun'Action Ste-Jeanne d'Arc.

The federal government's New Horizons Program provides financial support of up to \$25,000 to organizations offering initiatives by and for seniors. The program aims to improve their quality of life, counter social isolation and draw on their experience by encouraging them to actively participate in their community.



In the riding



Pride Parade

I'm proud to have been part of the Pride Parade alongside my son, Nicolas. I'm proud to live in a society, in a country, that doesn't label individuals based on their sex, gender or orientation. However, the fight isn't over. As a citizen, as the MP for Sherbrooke and as a mother, I want to be an ally. I want to help make Canada a place where people aren't afraid to just love.

Environment Roundtable

Environment organizations in the Eastern Townships are proactive and ready to work to save our planet. Environment Minister Steven Guilbeault, Pascale, Marie-Claude and I met with them to talk about what we need to do to protect our land, keep our lakes healthy and fight climate change.



5th edition of Cyclo-Walk

On September 16, the 5th edition of the Cyclo-Walk Sherbrooke Classic benefitting the University of Sherbrooke's Cancer Research Institute and the Cancer Research Society unfolded under a festive atmosphere. Dedication to the cause was remarkable, with the event drew close to 200 participants, who raised a record \$60,000.

American Biltrite Inauguration

In its 110-year history, American Biltrite has continued to build projects that make Sherbrooke residents proud. I was honoured to help inaugurate its new automated feeder system, which will enable the company to increase its efficiency and continue to stand out in its field. (\$3.8 million)



Mexican Independence Celebration

Hola Sherbrooke hosted an event to celebrate Mexico's independence. Dance, music and activities were on the menu. Speaking of menu, delicious tacos and hibiscus drinks were also available. This event was a success, celebrating a rich history and a diverse culture.

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