

# REAL CHANGE FOR CANADIANS

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Dear fellow citizens,

I am delighted to be sending you this update. Six short months have passed since you placed your confidence in me and elected me as your Member of Parliament and we have been busy.

While I was born and raised, and continue to live, in Longueuil–Charles-LeMoyne, I've had the great pleasure of getting to discover a whole new side of the riding. Over the past two years, I've met thousands of people from across the riding who shared their concerns, their dreams and what keeps them up at night. Citizens didn't hold back: they asked the hard questions, provided constructive criticism and provided practical solutions to issues that concern us all.

I've had the chance to visit many organizations who are doing extraordinary work to address some of these issues: organizations like La Mosaïque in LeMoyne, la Maison des Tournesols in St-Hubert, the Association de la Sclérose en plaque Rive-Sud, P.L.A.C.E. Rive-Sud, les carrefours jeunesse-emploi St. Hubert and Greenfield Park, Groupe d'Entraide G.E.M.E and L'Écrit Tôt de Saint-Hubert. Their employees and volunteers are helping our citizens deal with Alzheimer's, financial insecurity, social housing, chronic illness and the treatment of our veterans.

In this newsletter, we've highlighted some of the initiatives and activities we have been involved in and some of the services we offer. I'm humbled and proud to serve my native community as their MP and I look forward to working with citizens and organizations across the riding. My team and I are looking forward to hearing from you and working together to make Longueuil-Charles-LeMoyne the riding you want it to be.



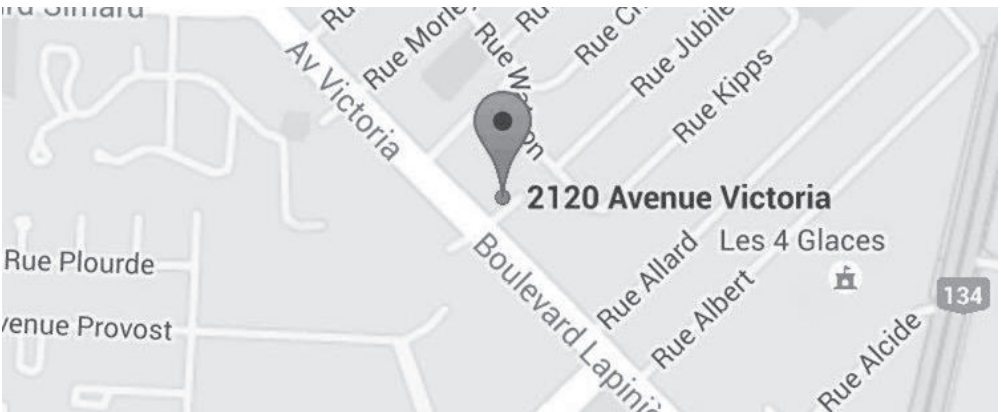
Sherry and her husband Chris Morgan in the House of Commons

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# Swearing-In Ceremony



At Sherry's swearing-in ceremony in the House of Commons

On November 5th 2015, Sherry was sworn in as Member of Parliament for her hometown riding of Longueuil-Charles-LeMoyne.



Surrounded by friends and family, Sherry made an oath to serve the best interests of the country and now works to continuously fulfill the pledge she took that day.

# Constituency Office Opening

On January 4th 2016, our constituency office was officially opened for business! It was a great day for Sherry and her staff, as it marked the beginning of our journey with you.

We offer a number of services at our constituency office and are happy to help any way we can. From employment insurance and immigration assistance to recognizing citizens and organizations in House of Commons, we are there for you.



We have also set up a workstation in our office to allow citizens who may not have access to a computer or the internet the ability to consult and complete these services online. Our staff can help you to process these applications – remember, our office is your office!

### Meet Our Staff:

#### *Normand Houde*

Normand is our Constituency Coordinator, who is always ready to meet to discuss issues with local organizations and stakeholders. He is also in charge of casework for both individuals and families.

#### *Irina Ionescu*

As our Administrative Assistant, Irina takes care of scheduling and general inquiries. She also assists with casework and riding-specific events.

**Are you having trouble navigating the various services offered by the Federal Government?**

**Here are some of the ways we can help:**

- Canada Revenue Agency
- Passport Canada
- Immigration
- Old Age Security Pension
- Funded programs for organizations and municipalities
- Canada Child Tax Benefit
- Tax credit for the disabled
- Veterans aid
- Record suspension
- Name and birth date changing
- Birthday and anniversary greetings
- Visits to Parliament
- Flags, pins, etc.
- Commissioner of Oaths (by appointment)

**Come pay us a visit!**  
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# Since the Election

## Sherry in our Community

Parliamentary work does not stop in Ottawa. In order to truly represent our riding, Sherry’s priorities begin with you. From attending community organization suppers, inaugurating the Longueuil Christmas Market, and visiting the Annual Spring Bazaar, to discussing the issues that touch our citizens at borough council and local group meetings, Sherry has been on the ground getting to know the issues that are important to you.



Sherry lending a hand on Canada Day

In just six months, Sherry has participated and contributed to more than 75 local events in the riding. Her team has also helped 45 families and individuals with their casework and continue to work on completing many more.

Although the events and meetings have been many, Sherry is excited to get to know more of you and learn what you want to see happen for Longueuil-Charles-LeMoyne. Always feel free to come by our office and let us know how we can be of assistance.

Starting this May, we will also be hosting “Coffee with Sherry” one Saturday morning of every month where you can meet your MP and chat in an informal setting about your thoughts and concerns regarding our riding. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Sherry in the House of Commons

Since the election last October, Sherry has been busy working for our citizens on the federal stage in Ottawa.



Celebrating International Women’s Day with Sophie Grégoire-Trudeau and the Liberal Members of Parliament

As Chair of the Rail caucus and Vice-Chair of the Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group, Sherry has been leading federal discussions concerning the rail industry in Canada and Canada-US relations. As Counsellor for the Canadian-NATO Parliamentary Association, Sherry had the opportunity to be part of the Canadian delegation in April at the Spring Standing Committee Meeting to discuss the realities facing NATO nations.



With Lieutenant –General Michael Hood, Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force

As a proud mother of two sons currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, and a strong supporter of veterans, she is honoured to sit on the National Defense and Veterans Affairs committees.

# Pre-Budget Consultations

Our Government has promised real change in Canada. This means investing in low-to-middle class families and making sure they have every opportunity to succeed. It means creating jobs by making the right investments in roads, bridges, transit, housing and green infrastructure. It means asking those who have a lot, to give a little more to those who need it. But it also means doing politics differently. The Liberal government knows that Canadians like you are on the front lines of our economy every day, and real change means listening to your concerns and ideas. As we were preparing for our upcoming 2016 Federal Budget, we wanted to hear from you.

Last January, tens of thousands of Canadians engaged and shared their thoughts for Budget 2016 through meetings, events and through online channels – the highest-ever turnout for pre-budget consultations on record. On January 23rd, Sherry and her fellow Members of Parliament from the Montérégie region organized one such consultation meeting in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu

where more than a hundred citizens showed up to share their hopes , as well as their worries. Sherry also organized a similar consultation at her constituency office in

order to gather different points of view from our riding specifically.

Now that’s Real Change!



Discussing Budget 2016 with Finance Minister Bill Morneau

**A post-budget consultation meeting will be taking place soon — stay tuned to Sherry’s Facebook page and website for more information.**



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# Supporting Canadians

Our commitment towards ensuring your financial security is a serious one and I am proud to say that the hardworking people of Longueuil-Charles-LeMoyne will finally receive the support they need.

### The Canada Child Benefit

Thanks to The Canada Child Benefit, those earning below \$150,000 per year will also receive monthly childcare payments as early as July 2016. Unlike the previous government’s Universal Child Benefit, the new Canada Child Benefit is non-taxable and calculated in relation to income, targeted to help those who need it the most.

For example, a single parent with a child under six years of age, earning an annual income of \$35,000 will receive \$504 every month tax-free. For Quebecois families, an additional \$2.3 million will be granted from 2016-2018 alone. Simply put, 9 out of 10 Canadian families will receive more financial support with the cost of raising their children.



The very first conference of the 2016 Budget Tour at the Parcours du Cerf de Longueuil hosted by the Chambre de Commerce et d’Industrie de la Rive-Sud

### Senior Citizens

Our senior citizens have worked hard all of their lives and we think that at the very least, they should be able to enjoy retirement without stressing about money. So we will be rolling back retirement age from 67 to 65 so you can access your Old Age Security (OAS) pension quicker. The Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) will also be increased for 900,000 low-income seniors.

### Tax Cut for the Middle Class

Finally, on January 1st 2016, the Federal Government cut taxes from 22% to 20.5% for the middle class, placing more money in the wallets of the average Canadian. By instituting a new high-income tax bracket for the wealthiest Canadians, we will generate approximately \$3 billion in revenue. These changes will also provide an estimated 3.4 billion dollars in tax relief for about nine million Canadians, helping not only our middle class but those who work day in and day out to join it.

# Investing in Infrastructure

Good news for us!

Budget 2016 focuses a lot on infrastructure spending. With 2000 people on waitlists for affordable housing, our roads in disrepair and traffic jams a daily occurrence, these investments will change the quality of life here in Longueuil-Charles-LeMoyne.

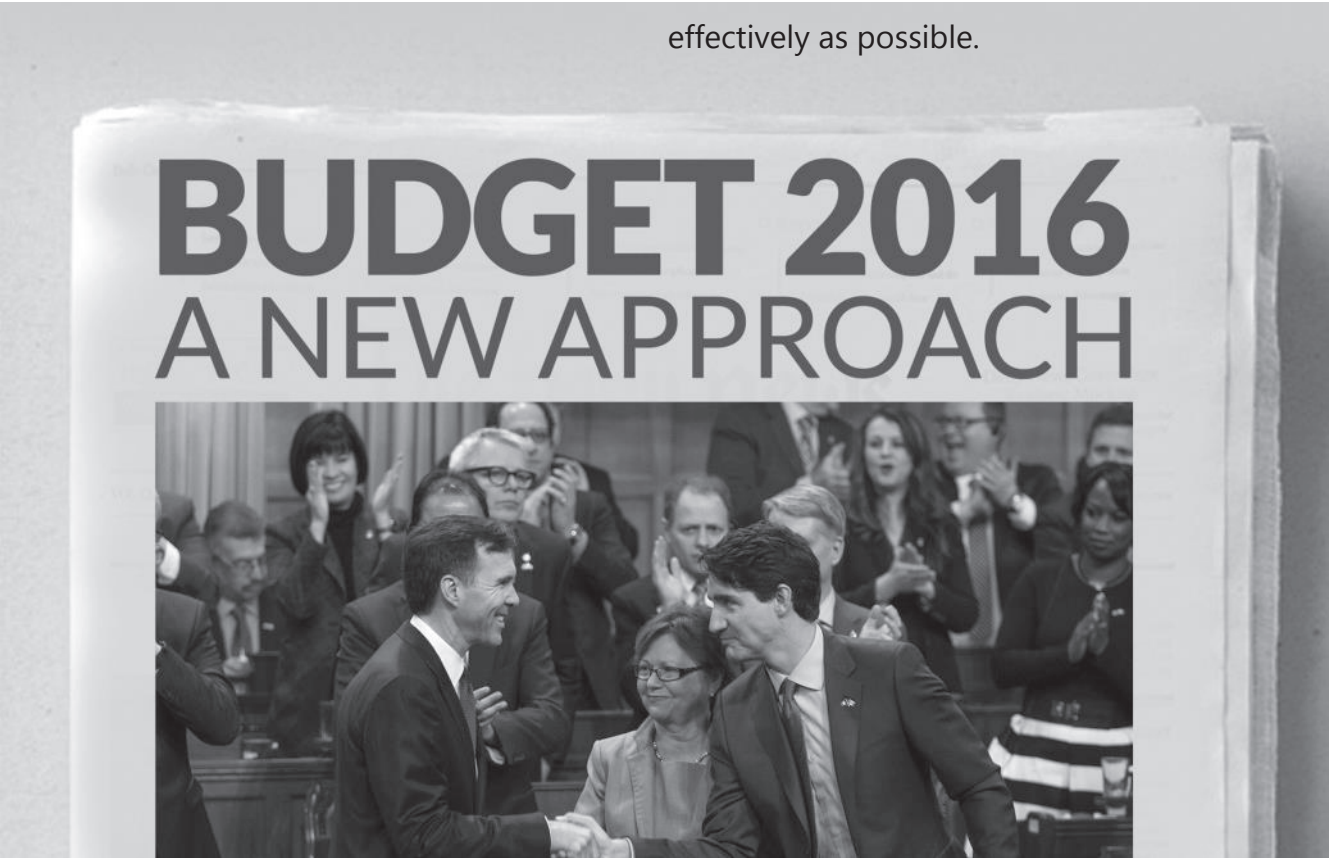
### Infrastructure

To be more specific, in Phase 1 alone, \$11.9 billion will be invested to build and improve roads, bridges, community centres, water/wastewater facilities and public transportation.

In order to stimulate the economy and build a better tomorrow, 20 billion dollars over 10 years will go towards social infrastructure, with a special emphasis on affordable housing. In Quebec, \$30 million will be allocated in just the next two years starting in 2016-2017 to provide rent subsidies for social housing programs.

Infrastructure spending will not only increase employment and kick-start a lagging economy, but will elevate our living standards to something we can be proud of.

Sherry is working closely with her provincial and municipal counterparts to bring much needed infrastructure funding to our riding.



effectively as possible.

### A Strong Economy, A Clean Environment

Our government also realizes that to create good, full time jobs that will last, we all have to be thinking that a strong economy and a clean environment go hand in hand. We need to invest in innovation, in clean technological solutions for the energy sector and in the investments that support sound environmental stewardship, acknowledging that climate change is a reality and we have to move towards a low carbon economy as

Also, over the next four years, we will marry a stronger economy with a cleaner environment by investing 6 billion dollars in green energy and clean land.

We’re ready to deliver on our promises to Canadians. Budget 2016 will bring good jobs and real opportunities to the middle class while promoting innovation, modernizing our economy and investing in our future.



# Sherry in Our Community



Sherry paying a visit to the 34th Service Battalion in St. Hubert to salute our reservists!



Meeting with representatives from Table Itinérance Rive-Sud, La Mosaïque, the Centre d'hébergement L'Entre-deux, and Carrefour Le Moutier



Taking pictures with the Comité Espérance Saint-Hubert



On a float at the Greenfield Park Santa Claus parade



Sherry and her father at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 94 enjoying a cup of their famous "Black and Gold Texas Tea"



At the Comité's Crêpes et chansons dinner



Facing off at the 13th annual South Shore Old Timers hockey tournament

**What issues facing Canadians should the government focus on ?**

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