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Mid-term report



When I was elected, I promised real results to the citizens of Longueuil — Charles-LeMoyne. Here are some of the highlights of what we've been able to accomplish so far.



Investments that are paying off for our economy

Our government was elected on a plan to support the middle class and those working hard to join it. We decided to make investing in Canadians, families and communities a top priority because they are the foundation of our economy. That plan is working, and these investments are paying off. The facts speak for themselves:

5.7% ↓

The unemployment rate has dropped to 5.7%, the lowest in over 40 years.

NEW JOBS

Nearly 700,000 new jobs have been created since October 2015, 185,000 of them right here in Quebec.

GDP GROWTH

Our economy is growing faster than any other in the G7.

Working for you



The end of 2017 marked the completion of the first half of the mandate the citizens of Longueuil—Charles-LeMoyne entrusted me with in the last federal election. I was elected to serve you, and it is a job I take very much to heart.

For the last two years, I have been working hard to ensure that our riding and our region are able to benefit as fully as possible from measures and investments that will improve our collective quality of life.

I am therefore proud to give you this mid-term progress report so that you can see for yourselves the kind of results that these efforts have yielded.

In it you will read about unprecedented funding and initiatives that are making a real difference in Longueuil—Charles-LeMoyne: more than \$200 million invested in regional projects that are directly benefiting our local economy and having a positive impact on citizens' lives; \$82 million put back in the pockets of the families of our riding thanks to the new Canada Child Benefit; over \$5 million in direct funding injected in our local organizations and businesses.

When I am not in Ottawa, I can usually be found engaged in community outreach. Since my election, I have attended hundreds of events and activities put on by organizations in every sector of the riding, taken part in dozens of roundtable discussions and meetings on various issues, visited a large number of the small and medium-sized businesses and large corporations operating on our territory, and welcomed hundreds of constituents to my office to talk about matters of key concern to them.

I am extremely proud of all that we have achieved so far, but there is still much more to be done. Rest assured that I will work tirelessly to continue serving your interests and delivering on the promise of real results.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a happy and prosperous 2018!



In the last two years, our government has invested **over \$1.7 million** in the creation of nearly 540 summer jobs for youth in Longueuil — Charles-LeMoyne.

As well as helping young citizens from our riding acquire new skills and gain valuable work experience, this program benefited our local non-profit organizations and small and medium-sized businesses by allowing them to carry out 146 employment projects.

The Canada Summer Jobs programs gives youth the tools and supports they need to succeed and is a key component of our government's Youth Employment Strategy.

A celebration worthy of the occasion



Longueuil — Charles-LeMoyne was able to host the largest celebration in the Montérégie to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Confederation thanks to a grant of nearly \$100,000 from Canadian Heritage. Among the highlights of our five days of festivities were a spectacular opening ceremony, the swearing-in of 150 new Canadians, a cultural diversity day and family fun day, and over 25 concerts and musical performances. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank and congratulate the Canada 150 Longueuil—Charles-LeMoyne Committee for a job well done!

Improving public transit on the South Shore



You told us that a modern and efficient public transit system that ensures faster and safer travel to the Island of Montréal and around the South Shore is a priority for you. We, along with our provincial and municipal partners, heard you.

This past July and November, our government announced investments totalling nearly \$70 million for 56 projects the *Réseau de Transport de Longueuil* (RTL)

will be implementing over the next two years.

Thanks to this funding, public transit users in Longueuil will benefit from a series of improvements, including the acquisition of 80 new hybrid buses, the creation of reserved bus lanes, the availability of free WiFi on buses and better access to RTL vehicles and stations for persons with reduced mobility.

Support for housing and the fight against homelessness

Affordable housing is an important issue for the citizens of Longueuil — Charles-LeMoyne and a top priority for me as your Member of Parliament.

In 2017, our government provided nearly \$800,000 in direct funding to several housing cooperatives and to organizations dedicated to preventing and reducing homelessness in our riding. This financial support made it possible, for example, for:

- Hébergement L'Entre-Deux de Longueuil to pursue its mission of providing emergency shelter and support services to some 100 women who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless;
- Hébergement La Casa Bernard-Hubert to continue helping those who are chronically or episodically homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, by supporting the employability, rehabilitation and social integration of clients in the Saint-Hubert area;
- Abri de la Rive-Sud to continue participating in the development and implementation of a homelessness reduction strategy in partnership with six other local community groups. The goal is to help up to 1,280 men experiencing chronic or episodic homelessness move from the street or emergency shelters to stable housing.



I was proud to be able to announce a contribution of \$150,770 from our government through the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund to help further the development of the City of Longueuil's new cultural complex project.



CANADA CHILD BENEFIT

Total amount paid out to
Longueuil — Charles-LeMoyne families
(July 2016 to June 2017)

\$ 82 million

Number of families benefiting	Number of children assisted	Average annual payment
11,980	20,380	\$6,850

New horizons for our seniors

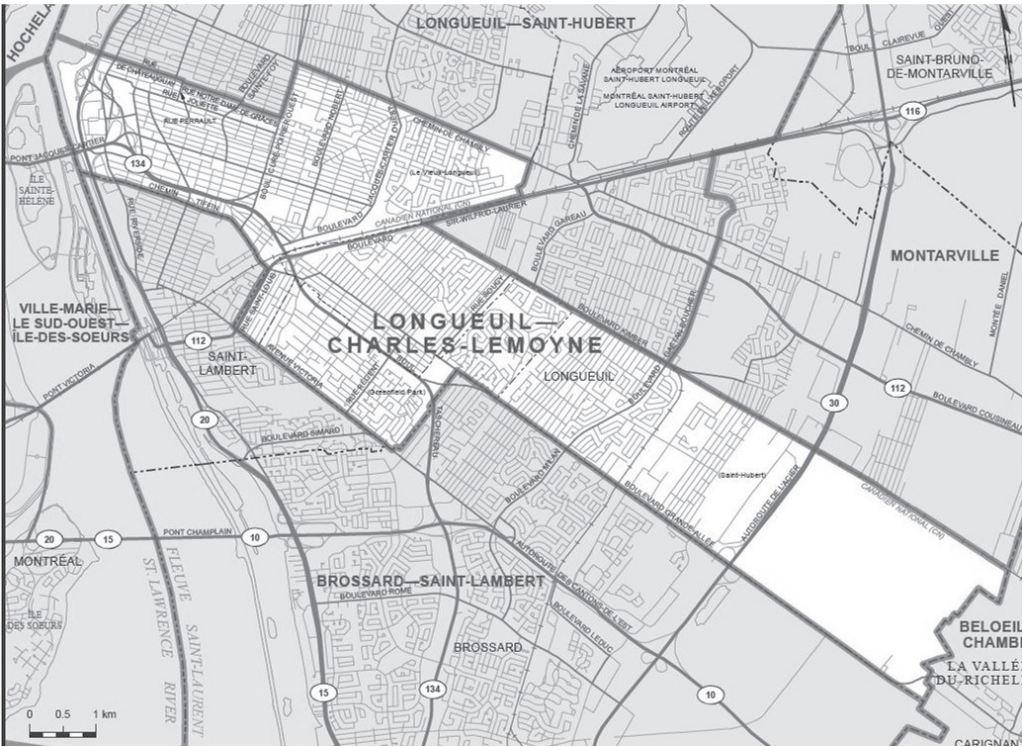


Ensuring that our seniors have the services they need to enjoy the best quality of life possible is a matter of key importance to me and an essential part of our government’s program. In addition to the measures we put in place in the last budget to facilitate homecare, support caregivers and promote affordable housing for all Canadians, we also invested in a number of local projects to more directly support our seniors here in Longueuil — Charles-LeMoyne. This included providing nearly \$70,000 in funding through the New Horizons for Seniors Program to three local organizations for projects aimed at upgrading facilities that serve seniors’ needs, supporting the social participation and inclusion of seniors, and promoting volunteerism among seniors.

I would like to know your opinion

The federal riding of Longueuil — Charles-LeMoyne was created in 2013 following a new division of the electoral map. Composed of the boroughs of LeMoyne and Greenfield Park in their entirety as well as of a portion of the boroughs of Longueuil and Saint-Hubert, the new riding was initially known as LeMoyne before being renamed Longueuil—Charles-LeMoyne in the year preceding the 2015 election. Since that time, many citizens here and in our neighbouring riding of Longueuil—Saint-Hubert have expressed concern that the similarity between the names of the ridings and the territories they cover is a source of confusion for voters.

I would therefore like to know your opinion on the idea of changing the name of our riding to **Taschereau**, the commercial artery linking all sectors of our constituency, in order to make it more representative of our territory.



Do you think the name of our federal riding of Longueuil—Charles-LeMoyne should be changed to Taschereau ?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Name _____ Postal code _____ Email _____

Comments: _____

Growing the future with green job opportunities

Helping young people who are facing barriers to employment, notably those who are single parents, have disabilities or are newcomers to Canada, develop the skills and abilities they need to find and maintain a good job is an important part of our government’s Youth Employment Strategy.

In September 2017, we granted over \$405,000 in financial assistance to La Croisée de Longueuil for its *Je cultive mon avenir* project, an initiative focused on the creation of green job opportunities in the fields of horticulture and urban agriculture.

Funded through the Skills Link program, this homegrown project is a prime example of what we can achieve by working in partnership with our local organizations.



\$18 million+ defence contract awarded to Longueuil company

The company Aréo-Feu Ltd. of Saint-Hubert has been awarded a contract valued at \$18.7 million by our government to supply nine new Aerial Fire Fighting Vehicles (AFFV) to Canadian Armed Forces bases and wings across Canada. The first delivery was made in November, with the last vehicle expected to be delivered in April 2018. I am incredibly proud that a company based here in Longueuil is able to play a part in ensuring that the men and women of our military have the equipment they need to do their job. Bravo Aréo-Feu!



Got questions about a federal program or service or about the measures we are taking as a government? Want to share an idea, suggestion or comment? Don't hesitate to call on us. My team and I are here to serve you!

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Rail safety is everyone’s concern. Last June,our government announced over \$400,000 in federal funding from Transport Canada for two improvement projects that will help make the Saint-Georges Street level crossing in the LeMoyne sector safer for pedestrians and cyclists.



Drop in for coffee with
Sherry and her team during our
OPEN HOUSE
Friday, March 9, 2018
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
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