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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear friends,

I would like to begin by wishing each and every one of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2019.

The holidays are a busy time for all of us, and this is especially true of the many local organizations that dedicate themselves, year in and year out, to making the season brighter for those in our community who are in need of support. I had the opportunity again this year to join in some of their activities—going door-to-door collecting non-perishable items, sitting down to a holiday meal with seniors to help break their isolation, assembling and delivering food and gift baskets to families in all corners of our riding—and I congratulate all of these organizations for the exceptional work that they do.

I also want to salute the many volunteers who, in the true spirit of giving, devote countless hours and energy to make these initiatives possible. It is thanks to their generosity and strong sense of community that a great many citizens and families of Longueuil-Charles-LeMoyne are able to enjoy a happier holiday season. BRAVO for making a real difference in our community!

As you know, our Government has just entered the final year of the four-year

mandate with which it was entrusted by Canadians in 2015. The plan we began putting in place three years ago is working.

Canada's economy is currently the fastest-growing in the G7 and our national unemployment is the lowest it has been in 40 years. Moreover, thanks to the remarkable job done by my colleague the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and her seasoned team of negotiators, we were able to reach a new trade deal with the United States and Mexico in the form of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). This accord will help create quality jobs for the middle class while reinforcing the economic and trade ties linking our three countries.

To secure a better quality of life for our seniors, we restored the age of eligibility for Old Age Security (OAS) and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) to 65 years and invested \$6 billion in home care, home-based palliative care and community-based care. To better support families, in 2016 we launched the Canada Child Benefit (CCB), an initiative that has already helped lift 300,000 children in our country out of poverty. We implemented a National Housing Strategy, an ambitious \$40 billion plan that will allow us to create 100,000 new affordable housing

units and renovate a further 300,000 over the next 10 years. These are but a few of our government's accomplishments.

There is still much to be done, and I am determined to continue working for the citizens of Longueuil-Charles-LeMoyne to build on the progress we have made so far.

I invite you to reach out to my office if you have questions or comments you would like to share on any issue or if you require information or assistance relating to a federal program or service. Send me an email, call to speak to a member of my team or make an appointment to meet with me during a week when the House is in on recess and I am in the riding. I am always happy to hear your ideas and feedback on what we are doing well and on what we can be doing better.

In closing, be sure to set aside some time on Saturday, March 2nd, to drop by my annual Open House for some coffee and conversation (see page 3 for further details).

I look forward to seeing you this winter!

Sherry



Carbon pricing: Putting a price on greenhouse gas pollution

This past October, our government unveiled the details of Canada's plan to fight climate change through the introduction of the new federal carbon pollution pricing system. This federal system will apply to Canadian provinces and territories that do not have a carbon pricing mechanism of their own in place by the end of 2018. Quebec already has a carbon pollution pricing system that meets the federal standard and will therefore not come under the new federal system. As such, Longueuil–Charles-LeMoynes citizens will not be affected by the new fiscal measures announced in the federal carbon pollution pricing system since Quebec is already taking steps to fight climate change.

What is the federal carbon pollution pricing system?

In 2016, the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change was adopted by the Government of Canada and most provinces and territories. This framework included a plan for pricing greenhouse gas pollution. Under this plan, provinces and territories were given the option of implementing or maintaining a carbon pollution pricing system of their own, provided it meets the federal standard, or adhering to the federal system effective in 2019.

Quebec, a long-time leader in the area of environmental protection, has had a solid plan for fighting climate change, including a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emissions, in place since 2013. The province will therefore maintain its existing system rather than adhering to the new federal one.

From 2019 onwards, annual verifications will be carried out to ensure all carbon pricing systems are continuing to meet the benchmark.

How does carbon pollution pricing work?

The government puts a price on carbon pollution based on the user-pays principle.

Carbon pricing is the most effective way to reduce emissions. It creates incentives for businesses and households to innovate and pollute less. Innovation is key to keeping Canada's economy competitive. Carbon pricing brings down emissions while driving investment in energy efficiency and in cleaner, less-polluting energy sources.

There are different ways to price carbon pollution:

- With a fiscal measure establishing a price for each tonne of greenhouse gas emissions produced;
- With a cap-and-trade program, or carbon market. This program involves setting a cap on the total amount of greenhouse gas emissions that will be permitted in a year. This cap is then split into allowances that permit a company to produce emissions. The government distributes these allowances to companies, either for free or through an auction. Companies that cut their pollution faster can sell their allowances to companies that pollute more or bank them for later. In Quebec, revenues from the auction of carbon allowances are invested in the province's Green Fund.

How is our government investing in Quebec to help support clean growth and fight climate change?

- **\$260 million** through the Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund to promote projects focused on energy efficiency and to create new jobs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the province.
- **\$6.1 billion** for public-transit projects across Quebec since 2016.
- **\$1.8 billion** for investments in green infrastructure in Quebec for projects that reduce emissions, build resilience to the impacts of climate change, or provide other environmental benefits.
- **\$1.25 million** over five years to support Ouranos, a climate-expert organization in Quebec, in jointly delivering climate services with the Government of Canada's Canadian Centre for Climate Services.



Climate change is real.

Every day, more and more constituents of Longueuil–Charles-LeMoynes are contacting me to share their concerns on environmental issues.

We can all be part of the solution. Please visit my website www.sherryromanado.ca to find out more about what you can do on a daily basis to reduce your carbon footprint.

Protect yourself against fraud

No one is immune from fraud, but the tax-related scams that target new Canadians and senior citizens are especially worrisome. With tax season fast approaching, Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is warning taxpayers to be vigilant when they receive a phone call, email, letter or text message claiming to be from the CRA.

There are many types of fraud out there, and new scams are being invented daily. Some of the common ones include the following:

- aggressive phone calls that threaten arrest unless you pay an amount;
- demands that you pay taxes in gift cards or prepaid credit cards;
- emails or text messages that ask you to claim a tax rebate by wire transfer or e-transfer;
- emails with a link that ask you to divulge personal or financial information.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Canada Anti-Fraud Centre:

If you want to report a fraud, or if you need more information:

1-888-495-8501

Competition Bureau:

Report instances of misleading or deceptive marketing practices:

1-800-348-5358

Identity theft:

If you are a victim of identity theft or identity fraud:

1-800-0-Canada



DON'T GET SCAMMED!
THE CANADA REVENUE AGENCY WILL NEVER:

-  **USE AGGRESSIVE LANGUAGE OR TONE**
-  **THREATEN ARREST OR SEND POLICE**
-  **ASK FOR PREPAID CREDIT CARDS OR GIFT CARDS SUCH AS ITUNES**



For more information, go to canada.ca/taxes-fraud-prevention

**Drop in for coffee with Sherry
and her team at her**

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, March 2, 2019
1 p.m — 5 p.m.**

**2120 Victoria Ave., Suite 150
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2018 in review



Chatting with citizens from Longueuil-Charles-LeMoynes during my Open House last March. // *J'étais très heureuse d'accueillir les citoyens de Longueuil-Charles-LeMoynes à ma journée portes ouvertes.*



At this year's Canada Day festivities in Greenfield Park. Hope to see you all out on July 1st, 2019! // *Aux festivités de la Fête du Canada à Greenfield Park. On se donne rendez-vous le 1er juillet 2019!*



The first edition of the South Shore Montreal Ribfest was a definite success! // *Pas de doute: la première édition du Ribfest Rive-Sud Montréal a été un succès sur toute la ligne!*



At the official opening of the new Operational Stress Injury satellite service site in Longueuil, funded by Veterans Affairs Canada. // *À l'ouverture officielle du nouveau point de service satellite pour le traitement des traumatismes liés au stress opérationnel, financé par Anciens Combattants Canada et situé à Longueuil.*



A group of seniors welcomed Canada's new Minister of Seniors, the Honourable Filomena Tassi, for an informative question and answer session. // *Lors de son passage à la filiale 94 de la Légion royale canadienne à Greenfield Park, l'honorable Filomena Tassi, ministre des Aînés, a eu de très bonnes conversations avec des aînés de la circonscription.*



I was proud to take part in the Remembrance Day ceremonies held by the Royal Canadian Legion's St-Hubert Branch 159 and Greenfield Park Branch 94. // *J'étais très fière de participer aux commémorations du jour du Souvenir organisées par les filiales 159 St-Hubert et 94 Greenfield Park de la Légion royale canadienne.*



Announcing the renewal of both the federal and provincial governments' financial support to Développement économique de l'agglomération de Longueuil. // *Lors de l'annonce du renouvellement de la contribution financière des gouvernements du Canada et du Québec à Développement économique de l'agglomération de Longueuil.*