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## Message from your MP

Fellow citizens,

After an exceptional summer season, the return to Parliament began with a busy legislative agenda! The challenges ahead are many, even though over the past three years the Government of Canada has made undeniable progress in fulfilling the most important commitment of the last election campaign: supporting the middle class and those working hard to join it.

After talking with you during “Meet & Greets”, Canada Day, *Saint-Lambert Days*, the Corn Roast, and many other events and opportunities, I think I'm well equipped to carry your messages to Ottawa and to advance the issues that matter most to you!

Many of you asked me what it actually means for you, citizens of *Brossard - Saint-Lambert*, this support for the middle class. With this in mind, I want to dedicate much of this section to answer you.

A well-equipped middle class, which contributes to the well-being of our country, means that Canadians have opportunities to succeed. Programmes such as the new Canada Child Benefit (CAC), the enhancement of Old Age Security, the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ), the family reunification of people with an immigrant background, as well as significant investments and initiatives in infrastructure, environmental protection, science, and creating conditions for success for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are among several new and / or improved programmes that contribute to the quality of life of Canadian families .

In the context of the ACE in *Brossard - Saint-Lambert*, since 2017 10,600 families, including 18,480 children, benefit from an annual, free of taxes average of \$6,080. That means an investment of \$64,751,000 in benefits in our riding.

As for the well-being of seniors, according to the data for 2017, we find 22,310 beneficiaries of the Old Age Security Pension receiving an average annual amount of \$6,620 in *Brossard - Saint-Lambert*. Furthermore, 6,170 individuals with low incomes receive an additional average annual amount of \$6,160 under the Guaranteed Income Supplement.

The Government of Canada believes that investing in our young people is investing in our collective future. Doubling the amount allocated to the CSJ programme, which aims to provide young students with the opportunity to gain professional skills and experience, has been another major achievement of government policy. Since 2015, more than 685 student jobs have been created in *Brossard - Saint-Lambert*, for a total investment of \$1,928,213.

Strengthening our communities in the long run also means massive investments in infrastructure, considering that so much of what was built 50 or 60 years ago was showing signs of wear, if not outright danger. The approval of more than 4,000 projects across the country - including the new Champlain Bridge - translates into thousands of medium and long-term jobs, "smarter" cities, and the sustainability of our communities. Initiatives that support SMEs, including reducing the tax rate from 11% in 2015 to 9% in 2019; the implementation of a whole-of-government strategy to fight against climate change (the price on pollution, investments in public transit, renewable energies and the elimination of coal as an energy source, etc.); Criminal Code Review ... the Government of Canada is working to create the best possible conditions for success, for all Canadians!

Personally, I am particularly pleased that the government takes the needs of scientists very seriously, not only in terms of investments in pure and applied research, but also in the renewed credibility of their work to better develop government policies. The appointment of Dr. Mona Nemer as Canada's new Chief Science Advisor gives science its rightful place from a governance perspective.

I invite you to follow my Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/AlexandraMendesLiberal2015](https://www.facebook.com/AlexandraMendesLiberal2015)) or my website (<http://amendes.liberal.ca>) to stay abreast of upcoming events and the evolution of the many files that occupy me as your MP!

Sincerely,  
Alexandra

*\* All data comes from federal departmental reports.*



# An overview of the summer in Brossard – Saint-Lambert

## Canada Day



My provincial colleague, MNA for La Pinière Gaétan Barrette, and I cutting the cake for Canada Day

With the Mayor of Brossard,  
Doreen Assaad



Royal Canadian Legion of  
Brossard--Branch 215 and...

## Saint-Lambert Days



Entertainment for all ages!



Happy to attend the celebrations



Congratulations to the St. Lambert Choral Society,  
which is celebrating its 100th anniversary!

## Corn Roast



A beautiful day at the Saint-Lambert  
Seaway Park



Thank you to our amazing volunteers!



Thank you to our friends of the Canadian  
Coast Guard Auxiliary - Unit 56 - Saint-  
Lambert for their annual participation



## Remembrance Day – 100th anniversary

Across Canada on November 11th, we will be paying tribute to Veterans, members of the Canadian Armed Forces, and all the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in bravely defending Canada for 151 years.

Our duty to remember all that these women and men have sacrificed during wars and military conflicts, as well as during peacekeeping missions, is essential to better learn the lessons of our country's history. These are the defining moments that have led us to become the great country we are today.

This year is notable for its commemorations: in addition to November 11th, marking the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, 2018 also marks the 65th anniversary of the Armistice of the Korean War, the 75th anniversary of the invasion of Sicily, the beginning of the Italian campaign during the Second World War.

These conflicts, in which more than 113,000 men and women died in service, gave our country a respected identity, but also the duty to keep their memory alive and respected in our daily lives.

Since the First and Second World Wars, with the Korean War and the war in Afghanistan and beyond, Canada's proud military history has helped restore peace and security in the world's most volatile regions.

In November, I urge you to devote a special thought to Canada's Veterans and to all those who gave their lives in service. Think of the current members of the Canadian Armed Forces. Join the many commemorations that will take place across the country. In fact, on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion - Brossard, I invite you to the parade that will take place on November 10th, at 10:30 am, in Brossard. Think of those who put service before self.

We will remember them!

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### Upcoming event in the riding

#### Remembrance Day Parade

November 10th, 2018

10:30 am

Royal Canadian Legion of Brossard

8940 Racicot Street

Brossard, QC

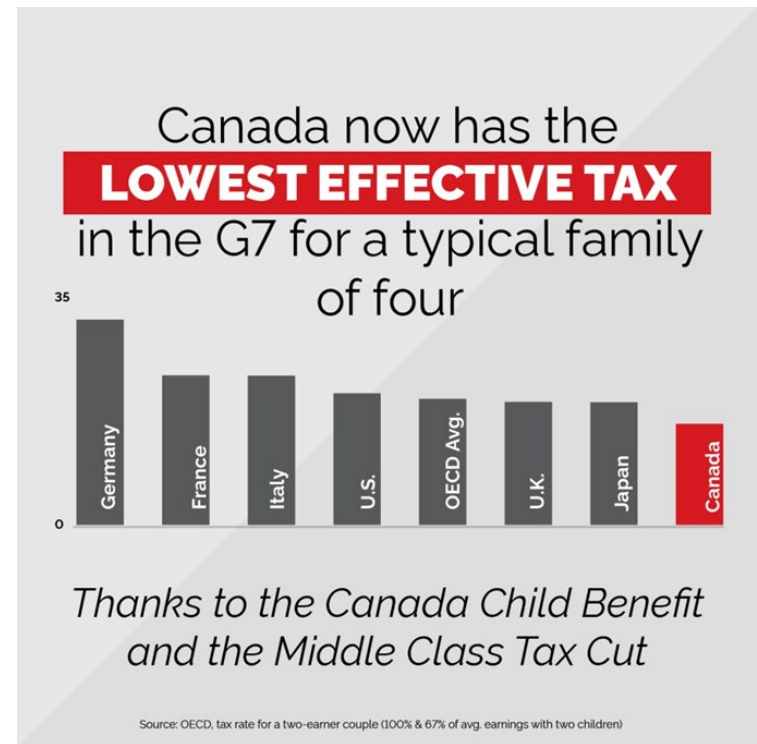
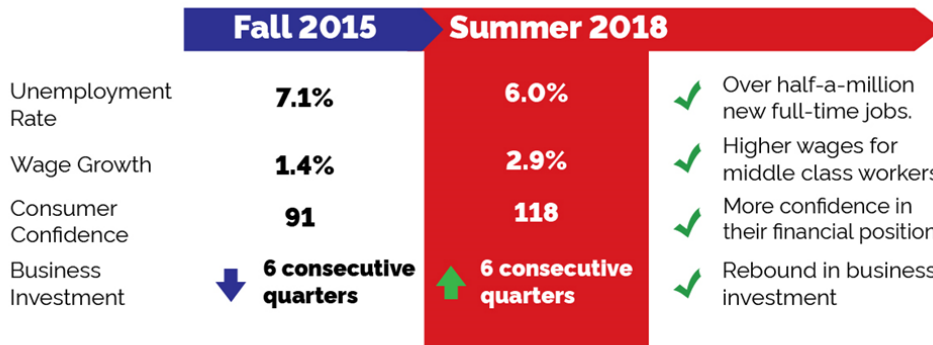
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## Real Progress for Canada's Middle Class

A new report entitled, *Real Progress for Canada's Middle Class*, was published in September. And the results speak for themselves. This report shows that as a result of the Canada Child Benefit and our Middle Class Tax Cut, by this time next year, the typical middle class family will receive, on average, \$2,000 more each year than under the former government. Additionally, because of these measures, Canada now has the lowest effective tax rate in the G7 for a typical family of four.

### Progress for the **Middle Class**



## Did you know that:

The new Canada Child Benefit directly supports the families of Brossard – Saint-Lambert and contributes to strengthening the middle class? Here is how:



## Invite Alexandra

As the Member of Parliament for Brossard – Saint-Lambert, Alexandra attends numerous events in the riding. In fact, it is the best way for her to meet and exchange with residents of Brossard – Saint-Lambert!

If you would like Alexandra to attend an event, she would be thrilled to participate, schedule permitting. Please send your invitations to [Alexandra.Mendes@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Alexandra.Mendes@parl.gc.ca)

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