

Work Experiences for Young People

The Canada Summer Jobs program provides meaningful work experiences for young people aged 15 to 30, thanks to committed employers. In Laurentides—Labelle, three times as many youth jobs were supported in 2019 than in 2015. This summer, 236 jobs involving 210 projects are being supported by the Government of Canada (photos below: 2019 CSJ projects). Over four years, \$2,32 million has been approved to help create more than 850 summer jobs for non-profit organizations, public agencies and private sector companies in the riding's 43 municipalities. We can see on the ground how much the program is appreciated and is benefiting our communities.



Table Forêt Laurentides



Centre de pédiatrie sociale en communauté d'Antoine-Labelle



SPCA Laurentides-Labelle



MRC des Laurentides — Employment Caravan



Festival des Arts Saint-Sauveur  
Saint-Sauveur Valley Chamber of commerce and tourism  
Laurentian Ski Museum



MRC des Pays-d'en-Haut  
Société plein air des Pays-d'en-Haut (SOPAIR)



Le P'tit Train du Nord linear park



Régie Intermunicipale des Trois Lacs (RITL)

Young people active in their community

Laurentides—Labelle is home to three cadet squadrons supported by federal program that fosters youth development and involvement across Canada. A big thank-you to the officers, parents and dedicated volunteers, and congratulations to current and former cadets!



Notre-Dame-du-Laus Royal Canadian Sea Cadets  
Squadron 312 Oriole



Mont-Tremblant Air Cadets— Squadron 716 Laurentien



Mont-Laurier Air Cadets — Squadron 739 Vallée du Lièvre

Comments?

Your feedback and suggestions are always welcome. Feel free to contact me by email, telephone, or mail, marking the envelop simply as:

**David Graham, MP**

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Telecommunications: A Priority Issue

One of our region's top priorities, raised by elected officials, residents and the business community, is access to telecommunications (high-speed Internet and cellular coverage). Over the past four years, significant progress has been made on rolling out internet access to underserved areas. Governments are contributing to projects such as **Brancher Antoine-Labelle** (97.5% of addresses in the Antoine Labelle in the Antoine Labelle RCM to be served by 2021), **Télé-Fibre La Minerve** in La Minerve and Lac Labelle, **Télé-Câble La Conception**, and a Cogeco project in L'Estérel.

Projects are underway in the **Laurentides** and **Pays-d'en-Haut** MRCs, and they have my full support. Together, we will successfully deliver accessible, fast Internet service throughout the region, with or without the major providers! As for cellular service, work on providing critical safety coverage is ramping up with the CRTC, governments and suppliers. Work is continuing on the case of the communications tower in the Vendée sector of Amherst.



Support for the Region's Social and Economic Development

Through Canada Economic Development (CED) and various federal programs, the Government of Canada supports local businesses and economic and social development.



Inter Action Travail; Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts  
Skills Link Program — May 2018



Laiterie des Trois Vallées; Mont-Laurier  
Productivity Improvement Program — January 2018



Maison Lyse-Beauchamp, Mont-Laurier and Ferme-Neuve  
Homelessness Partnering Strategy — March 2017



Montagne du Diable Park, Ferme-Neuve  
Expansion of Windigo sector— May 2019

- Funding for the Laurentides and Antoine-Labelle CADCs, which Support entrepreneurs and regional economic development.
- La Manufacture, a business incubator and accelerator, in **Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts**
- **Synergie 17/21** strategic planning from the CLD to support Economic development in the Antoine-Labelle MRC
- Expansion of the Montagne du Diable Park, in **Ferme-Neuve**
- Winter tourism initiative: acquisition of maintenance equipment for **seven snowmobile clubs** and **three cross-country ski centres**
- Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions: a total of \$3,873,218 in loans for **13 business productivity improvement projects** since 2016
- Skills Link **Inter Action Travail** pour La Recyclerie (labour market integration: store and ecocentre)
- Woman Entrepreneurship Strategy : support for a project by **La Clef des Champs** in Val-David
- Ironman events promotion in **Mont-Tremblant**
- Daily Farm Investment Program: \$272 000 to increase productivity at **six local farms** so far
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy: support for **Accueil Communautaire Jeunesse Le Labyrinthe** in Sainte-Adèle; **Maison Lyse-Beauchamp** in Mont-Laurier and Ferme-Neuve, and **La Rencontre de Sainte-Marguerite-du-Lac-Masson**.



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A WORD FROM DAVID

Dear friends,

I grew up in Sainte-Lucie-des-Laurentides and went to school in Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts. The heavy community involvement of my parents, Joseph Graham and Sheila Eskenazi, taught me the rich local history and the value of community engagement.

In 2010, after years of being away, I sought work in politics in Ottawa, coming home almost every weekend to the multigenerational homestead my parents had built, which allowed me to keep deep, strong ties to the region where I had grown up.

Through the work of my parents and Mishiel, my wife, our homestead produces almost three-quarters of what we eat, including fowl, vegetables, and maple syrup. We compost extensively and use no chemical fertilisers or pesticides. For us, this is part of living green, a value we are passing on to our young daughter Ozara.

Two years before the last election, I looked around at the state of the country and my own region, and I asked myself: is there something I can do to help? I undertook to tour and explore my whole riding -- and I realised how little of it I actually knew. I visited the extremities of the territory, from Sainte-Anne-des-Lacs to Sainte-Anne-du-Lac, from Val-des-Lacs to Notre-Dame-du-Laus, and the thousands of kilometres of non-municipalised territory, controlled exploitation zones, and crown lands around them. Every day, I learned of the richness of our region: the lakes, the forests, the agriculture, the community heritage, the events, and most of all, the people that make our region so fine.

I have found myself in constant awe of the strength of our communities, their will to succeed in the face of economic adversity and demographic and technological challenges, and the undying dedication of the volunteers who hold them all together for the fostering of our community and the improvement of our local quality of life.

I also learned that few had any understanding of what the federal government does, or can do, for a region like ours. Every discussion contributed more to my determination to work for my community, to work to support local projects, to make federal support options known, and to defend our rural needs in Ottawa.

In the nearly four years I have now been your MP, we have brought federal partnership back to the Laurentians. We have found ways of improving the lives of the people of each one of the 43 municipalities of Laurentides—Labelle. And we have learned how much more there is to do.

Together with a dedicated and determined team, we will continue to provide help, to encourage the initiatives we see and to seek solutions where there is need.

*David*



Luc, Hugo, Liliane, David, Chloée, Cristina and Jules, at your service.

HERE TO HELP

My team and I are here for you! You are always welcome at any of our three offices. Feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments on topics such as:

- Canada Child Benefit
- Old Age Security
- Guaranteed Income Supplement
- Citizenship and Immigration
- Employment Insurance
- Canada Revenue Agency
- Any other federal matters or services
- Any community initiatives

Making a Difference Every Day

Introduced in 2016, the **Canada Child Benefit** helps families give their children the best possible start in life. In the riding of Laurentides—Labelle, nearly \$5.4 million is paid each month to more than 9,400 families, which include 16,370 children.

We stopped the cuts to mail service, keeping home delivery in Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts and Mont-Laurier. We are protecting the sustainability of our village post offices and postal outlets. Supporting a longstanding request from the town council, we were able to get a **separate postal code** for **Lac-du-Cerf**.

My team and I have also helped **thousands of constituents** in their dealings with the federal government. We are very proud of the personalized, attentive service we have provided over the past four years.

**DAVID GRAHAM, DÉPUTÉ**  
LAURENTIDES — LABELLE

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## FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP PROVES ITS WORTH OVER FOUR YEARS!

### Supporting Local Culture

The Government of Canada supports local cultural events and initiatives. The federal government is a partner in the renovation of Théâtre Le Patriote in Sainte-Agathe and the relocation of the Centre d'exposition de Mont-Laurier. Canadian Heritage supports the Festival des Arts de Saint-Sauveur; the Grande Traite des gosseux, conteux et patenteux in Nominique; Festi-Jazz Mont-Tremblant; the MRC des Laurentides's multicultural day; Festival 1001 Visages de la caricature in Val-David; and Canada Day celebrations (La Macaza, Arundel and Mont-Tremblant). Canadian Heritage has supported the programming at Théâtre du Marais in Val-Morin and Espace Théâtre Muni-Spec in Mont-Laurier, and it administers a community anniversaries program, which supports festivities to mark municipal anniversaries.



100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Sainte-Anne-du-Lac, 2016  
Community Anniversaries Program



Mural by young artists, Mont-Tremblant  
Canada 150 Program



Festival des Arts de Saint-Sauveur  
Festival Support Program



Théâtre Le Patriote; Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts  
Canada-Québec Small Communities Fund

### A Serious Plan for the Environment and Climate Change

Climate change is rapidly becoming the world's most important issue, requiring rapid and significant societal changes. We know that the economy and the environment go hand in hand. We have a **national plan to invest over \$60 billion in direct action to address the climate change challenge**, including \$27 billion in green infrastructure and more than \$28 billion in public transit across Canada. We introduced programs for a low-carbon economy (such as the Electric Vehicle Incentive), ocean protection initiatives and the ban on single-use plastics beginning in 2021.

Where will the money come from to do all this? From the **price on pollution** and net revenues from our natural resources. In the essential transition underway to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, there will be no net loss of jobs — only opportunities for innovation and for creating new green jobs.

In addition to this national vision, we are working with our lake associations and watershed organizations, the Conseil régional en environnement (CRE) des Laurentides, municipalities and several organizations to provide more targeted partnerships and support to protect the roughly 10,000 lakes in the riding. In recent years. In support of the Nature Conservancy of Canada, the Canadian government has helped protect more than 500 hectares of natural habitat in Sainte-Anne-des-Lacs, Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, Piedmont, Saint-Faustin-Lac-Carré and Ivry-sur-le-Lac.

We are also a partner of Synergie économique Laurentides, whose dynamic team helps companies reduce waste and greenhouse gases (GHGs).



Cultiver pour nourrir community garden (AgriSpirit Fund)  
Food security roundtable of Antoine-Labelle



Grouping of Upper Laurentian lake and waterway associations  
(RAP-HL)



Lac Quenouille Owners' Association  
(Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, Val-des-Lacs et Lac-Supérieur)

### Investments in Community Infrastructure

- A sports centre in MRC des Pays-d'en-Haut
- Reroofing of **Habitat St-Sauveur**
- Renovations to the **Mont-Tremblant** arena
- Social housing construction: Villa Cartier in **Rivière-Rouge**
- Repairs and improvements to the **P'tit Train du Nord** linear park
- Rehabilitation of community centres in **Sainte-Anne-des-Lacs, Labelle** and **Notre-Dame-du-Laas**
- Renovations to the municipal halls in **La Macaza, Kiamika** and **Rivière-Rouge (Sainte-Véronique)**
- Park development: **Poisson Blanc, Kiamika Reservoir; Montagne du Diable**
- Development at Parc Éco Tourisme Laurentides (CTEL); **Saint-Faustin-Lac-Carré**
- Upgrades to the **Lac-Saguay** dam
- Multipurpose rink in **Saint-Aimé-du-Lac-des-Îles**
- Housing construction *Sous le Tout de l'Échelon, Sainte-Adèle*
- Lighting and facility improvements to the baseball field **Lac-des-Écorces**
- Support for water and sewer pipeline work in **Saint-Sauveur, Val-Morin, Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts** et **Sainte-Adèle**
- Wharves in **Barkmere** and **Lac-Tremblant-Nord**
- Gas Tax Fund payments to each of the area's 43 municipalities (\$32.6 million over four years)



Notre-Dame-du-Laas  
Poisson Blanc Regional Park  
Facility Improvements; CIP 150 — August 2017



Villa-Cartier Project; Rivière-Rouge  
Social Housing Construction  
SHQ and CMHC — March 2019



Saint-Faustin-Lac-Carré  
Parc Éco Tourisme Laurentides (CTEL)  
Facility Improvements; CIP 150 — August 2017



Sainte-Anne-des-Lacs  
Community Centre Upgrades  
CIP 150 — August 2017



Saint-Aimé-du-Lac-des-Îles  
Multipurpose Outdoor Rink  
Canada-Québec Small Communities Fund— February 2018



Le P'tit Train du Nord linear park  
Trail Work  
CIP 150 — September 2017



Sous le toit de l'Échelon; Sainte-Adèle  
Housing — Alternative Mental Health Resource  
Grand Opening — June 2018

### KNOWING OUR REGION: from the past to the present...

As the saying goes, "you have to know where you come from to know where you're going." As he did over the last years, in each edition of this Newsletter, my father, local historian, **Joseph Graham**, presents us with different aspects of our regional history. Enjoy the read!

### A Region Cleared by Strength and Determination

Big, powerful men, giants, dominated the growth of our region in the 19th century. Like Gilgamesh and Enkidu from the first written story, chiselled out in cuneiform by the Sumer people of the Tigris and Euphrates valleys, we also have our mythological heroes. Jos. Montferrand, perhaps the best known, would have pleased Gilgamesh.

Montferrand's story, like that of Gilgamesh, was not simply about fighting. He epitomized the Canadiens, already a legendary people in his time. Acknowledged by the Indigenous Nations in 1701, they were the only Euro-American people who had learned and adopted the ways of their host nations. Respected in war and trade, they, together with their Indigenous partners, became the voyageurs, maintaining a huge network along the myriad rivers and lakes across the continent. Jos. Montferrand, both voyageur and lumberjack, made the transition from one to the other with all of those values carried into the new forestry epoch that would see Laurentides—Labelle develop.

It is thanks to Benjamin Sulte, who published 'Histoire de Jos. Montferrand in 1899 that we have access to these stories. Montferrand's most celebrated story was his taking on 150 'Shiners,' Irish immigrants who wanted to monopolize the Gatineau-Ottawa lumber trade. They attacked Montferrand on the suspended bridge over the Chaudière Falls. It dropped towards the centre and was only wide enough for two people to pass each other. His advantage was that the Shiners had to



«Le Défricheur», a sculpture by artist Roger Langevin  
in Kiamika, in front of the entrance to the twin covered bridges

meet Montferrand one or two at the time in the narrow space. Many got tossed into the raging waters and many others fled.

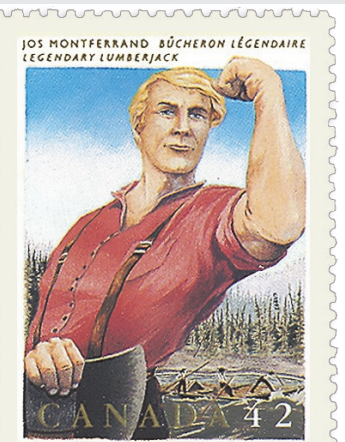
Montferrand stood six foot four and had long legs and arms. Other strong men wanted to prove themselves by beating him in a fight, but legend has it he was never bested. He had a strong punch, but his feet were the terror of his foes with stories of opponents, realizing they were beaten, begging him to not kick. His footprint was his trademark or calling card, and in one story, invited to a hostel where he thought he was known, he discovered mostly strangers and a new hostess. Having anticipated being able to pay later, he apologised to the hostess that he had no funds with him. Most women melted at the sight of him and she was no exception, insisting that he need not pay. Before he left, he jumped up, stamping his bootmark into a beam on the ceiling, and thanked her. The bootmark became a draw, and her success was assured.

The area of Lac des Sables in Notre-Dame-du-Laas was particularly close to his heart, and he spent much time there, encouraging Canadiens to take up the plough and settle down on its excellent soil.

Montferrand was much more than a strong man and much more than a legend. He influenced, not simply the lumberjacks, but also the very nature and future development of Laurentides—Labelle, and beyond that, both Prime Minister Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Curé Antoine Labelle himself.

To be continued...

Joseph Graham



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### Looking After Our Seniors' Well-being

- In Laurentides—Labelle, 50 projects under the New horizons for Seniors Program in four years, with additional funding to be added in 2020
- Old Age Security (OAS) Pension: more than \$200 million annually in Laurentides—Labelle
- Enhancement of the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) for eligible seniors
- National Housing Strategy (125,000 new social housing units to be built within 10 years + 300,000 existing units renovated)
- Higher employment income exemption threshold for GIS recipients
- Retirement age kept at 65 across Canada



Club d'âge d'or de Val-Barrette (Lac-des-Écorces)  
New Horizons for Seniors Program



Habitat Saint-Sauveur:  
Reroofing work, CMHC program — fall 2017



Cercle des  
fermières  
L'Annonciation  
(Rivière-Rouge)  
  
New Horizons  
for Seniors  
Program