



Place aux
CITOYENS

A word from

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I believe we are ready for a leadership change in La Prairie.

With Place aux citoyens, the time of the one man show is over. To face the complex challenges of today and tomorrow, we need leaders who can work with all stakeholders.

With my experience as a business leader, I have assembled a strong team with skills in various fields who will listen to your concerns.

We will give back to citizens the central role which belongs to them within our democratic institutions so that they can contribute to making their city a living environment on a human scale; more inclusive, greener, and more innovative."

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DID YOU KNOW?



The multiplication of real estate construction sites in La Prairie caused the disappearance of many natural environments and green spaces.

Did you know that many other developments are planned, totalling close to 13,000 new residents from now to 2030¹, **which will make the population grow from 26,000 to 39,000?**

In the last 7 years, **the city's debt went from 46M\$ to 69M\$²** because, among other things, of infrastructure projects which were financed without subsidies.

Some projects, like the arena, became financial pits (constructions costs: 17M\$ instead of the estimated 9M\$; operating costs: 1.9M\$/year. **If the trend continues, we will quickly lose control of the debt.**

¹Source: aqueduct master plan update, Aqua Data (2019)

²Source: La Prairie financial report

40%

At the 2017 municipal elections, **only 40% of voters used their voting rights.** Yet, the municipal level is a local government, which **influences our everyday life in a very concrete way.**

**ON NOVEMBER 7,
TAKE YOUR PLACE**
and vote for a team which represents you!

NOV. 7 Election day
9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

OCT. 31 Advance poll
9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Absentee voting is also available for voters who are 70 years of age or older or who have travel limitations. This year, voters can also vote on November 3 at the office of the President of Elections.

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Make way for...

...listening

Listen to citizens by consulting them before taking important decisions, by involving them in searching for solutions and by proactively informing them.

Encourage citizens to participate by setting up Citizen Committees, by opening up access to Advisory Committees, by creating a Youth Committee and by implementing a participatory budget.

Be transparent and accessible by giving back to all councillors the right to express themselves freely (be done with the party line), by making the non-confidential content of preparatory meetings public and by making council meetings more accessible to citizens via webcast.

... rigor

Stabilise indebtedness by accelerating debt reimbursement and by controlling the cost of major projects.

Diversify revenue sources by making better use of financial help programs, having a better revenue split and by considering eco-taxation.

Exercise better control and assignment of annual surpluses by freezing taxes for two years and allotting part of the surpluses to the participatory budget.

... local economy

Stimulate the local economy by fostering customer traffic in the Vieux La Prairie, by revitalizing Taschereau Blvd. and Saint-Jean road and by favoring winter activities at Marché des Jardiniers.

Attract and support entrepreneurs by providing mentorship, supporting business start-ups and creating partnerships with trade schools.



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... the environment

Implement the St-Jacques river urban regional park, a vital path that would link all La Prairie citizens from one end to the other! The park will combine outdoor, discovery and conservation activities, and will provide access to the river walk.

Protect with a permanent conservation status the unbuilt area of *Symbiocité* and the centennial *Prucheraie*.

Encourage eco-responsible behavior by favoring sustainable mobility (improve the cycle paths network) and by prompting responsible consumption.

Fight against urban heat islands by revegetating the Rose & Laflamme site and by favoring green roofs and the implementation of eco-responsible parking areas.

Encourage sustainable urban agriculture by increasing the amount of community gardens, by softening the regulations for front-side vegetable gardens.

... your living environment

Develop a global vision for territory planning with citizens, focused on maintaining the quality of life and preserving natural environments and farming lands.

Building living environments by fostering the implementation of housing alternative models (bi-generational houses, *pocket neighborhoods*) and by requiring social housing for new development projects.

Define with citizens the development plan for the old quarry in agreement with their priorities, notably the predominance of green spaces and bodies of water.

... the quality of life

Identify sustainable solutions to noise pollution near highways, notably by building a vegetal acoustic screen.

Control speed in residential neighborhoods and traffic volume on major roads by deploying speed display panels and by making the right decisions for urban growth.

Support community life by creating easily accessible meeting places in the different districts and by encouraging mutual aid initiatives.

Ensure accessibility for citizens with reduced mobility issues by requiring the necessary amenities (access ramps, dedicated parkings).

Promote healthy lifestyle habits by scheduling thematic conferences, by adding bike racks, etc.

... culture and leisure

Enliven the city by highlighting the Vieux La Prairie historical district and by properly developing the cultural potential of other districts (agro-tourism, paleontological site of the old quarry, archeological site).

Give back to citizens the *maison à tout le monde* (everyone's house) by refurbishing this historical building so it becomes a cultural and historical pole (rather than moving City Hall to this building).

Meet the needs of teens and young adults by building a skatepark and an outdoors training circuit (Trekfit), and by implementing dedicated meeting spaces (*chill zones*).

