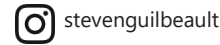
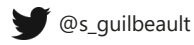




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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Dear residents of Laurier–Sainte-Marie,

After thirty years of fighting climate change, what an honor to be appointed Minister of Environment and Climate Change and to be able to speed things up. I entered politics in 2019 to make a difference from the inside. To go further and faster on climate action and nature protection.

It is thanks to you that I am here. Thank you for the trust you placed in me in 2019 and which you renewed last September. I welcome this confidence first as a great responsibility.

I will continue to represent your interests in the House of Commons and to work so that seniors, families, community organizations and businesses in Laurier–Sainte-Marie have all the support they need and so that no one is left behind. I will continue to advocate for progressive policies in cabinet, behind the scenes, and in Parliament.

This newsletter provides you with information on our government's commitments for this new mandate and on the concrete actions for the climate and the environment that we are putting in place.


As we mark the end of the year and welcome 2022 with confidence, let's take care of ourselves and our loved ones. Let's continue to be there for each other. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions. My team and I are here for you.

Sincerely,

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Laurier–Sainte-Marie Youth Council

Are you between 16 and 25 years old and looking for an enriching experience? Are you interested in public policy and want to get involved? Join our Laurier–Sainte-Marie Youth Council! Hearing the views of youth in our riding will allow me to bring new ideas on issues affecting our community and our country.
<https://stevenguilbeault.libparl.ca/2021/02/17/laurier-sainte-marie-youth-council/?lang=en>



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COP26 : A COMMON GOAL AND CONCERTED ACTIONS

Four days after my swearing-in, I was heading to the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26), which took place in Glasgow, Scotland, from October 31 to November 13, 2021. It was my 19th participation at the COP, but the first as Minister of Environment and Climate Change. COP26's objective was for all to take the necessary measures to limit the increase in temperatures to 2°C at the most and preferably around 1,5 °C, in accordance with the Paris Agreement. Ahead of COP26, Canada took several concrete measures, including :

- presenting a Strengthened Climate Plan in December 2020;
- committing to an enhanced target of reducing emissions by 40 % to 45 % from 2005 levels by 2030;
- enshrining this target in law, as well as Canada's commitment to achieve net zero by 2050; and
- doubling its international climate finance for developing countries (from 2,65 billion dollars announced in 2015 to 5,3 billion dollars over the next five years).

PHASING OUT COAL

Coal is still the most used electricity source and the most polluting and its phasing out is an important step to tackle the climate crisis. Our government announced that it will :

- help developing countries transition away from coal-fired electricity by providing up to \$1 billion in climate finance to expand access to clean power;
- accelerate its clean energy transformation to ensure that the electricity grid achieves net-zero emissions by 2035;
- work toward ending the production of coal-fired electricity and the exports of thermal coal by no later than 2030.

ENDING SUBSIDIES TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

G20 countries committed in 2009 to eliminating fossil fuel subsidies by 2025. During the last election campaign, our government accelerated this objective from 2025 to 2023. In addition, on the international scene, Canada, with other countries, committed to end new public support for the international fossil fuel sector by the end of 2022. Our government also committed to cap Canada's oil and gas emissions to get to net zero by 2050, making Canada the first major oil-producing nation to make such a commitment.

REDUCING METHANE EMISSIONS

Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas that has a warming potential 25 times higher than CO₂. Canada quickly signed on to the Global Methane Pledge, which aims to collectively reducing global methane emissions by at least 30 % from 2020 levels by 2030. Canada went a step further and became the first and only country to commit to reducing oil and gas methane emissions by at least 75 % from 2012 levels by 2030.



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CARBON PRICING

Just over 20 % of global emissions are currently subject to some form of carbon pricing. Canada has called for a tripling of coverage to 60 % by 2030 as an important step towards pricing carbon on a global scale and achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. Our government announced in 2016 a carbon pricing system across the country, under which provinces and territories can either impose their own plan that meets federal standards or fall under a federal price on carbon.

A NEW SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

The Speech from the Throne on November 23, 2021 highlighted our top priorities for the next mandate and reiterated our climate commitments. Our plan is based on fundamental pillars :

- Finishing the Fight Against COVID-19
- A Home. For Everyone.
- Better Health Care. For Everyone.
- A More Resilient Economy
- A Cleaner, Greener Future
- Reconciliation

From creating 37,000 childcare spaces to electrifying our transportation, Quebec's priorities are front and center. Our government committed to quickly tabling a bill to better protect French in Quebec, and another bill to force Web giants to contribute to the creation of local content.

For more information : <https://www.canada.ca/en/privy-council/campaigns/speech-throne/2021/speech-from-the-throne.html>

Services offered by my office

- COVID-19 Support Measures
- Employment Insurance
- Canada Pension Plan
- Old Age Security
- Guaranteed Income Supplement
- Canada Revenue Agency
- Citizenship and Immigration
- Passport Canada
- Veterans Affairs
- Canada Student Loans
- Federal funding for organizations
- Federal Crown Corporations
- Acquisition of Canadian flags and pins