



NEWS RELEASE

Dear citizens, colleagues, and friends,

I am writing to you today to share some personal news about what I am facing in the coming months. After successfully undergoing cancer treatment in recent weeks, I will now begin a series of preventive medical treatments.

Rest assured, I am doing very well, and my prognosis is excellent. I was treated in time by my doctor, and I am currently under the care of an extraordinary team at the McGill University Health Centre. I would like to take this occasion to thank them for their work and their professionalism. I have experienced the efficiency of our healthcare system first-hand and seen that it is made-up of dedicated and remarkable people.

You will certainly understand that sharing such personal information in a public manner is not easy. I believe, however, that as the Mayor of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, I have a duty to be transparent with our community, as well as with my colleagues on municipal council. For the duration of my treatment, I intend to continue my activities on council, as well as with the committees on which I sit, sometimes virtually and sometimes in-person.

Several promising projects are currently being developed or already underway in our beautiful city. So, in addition to being able to count on my family and friends, I believe my work will also give me strength throughout this journey.

I would like to ask the media in advance for their understanding as to my intention not to grant any interviews on this subject. I will also be temporarily withdrawing from social media.

Please know that I am surrounded by the people I love, and, because I am a fighter, I am convinced that all will be well.

Thank you,

Paola Hawa, Mayor of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue