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Vaudreuil-Dorion invites citizens to celebrate the pleasures of winter

Vaudreuil-Dorion, January 11, 2024 – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is pleased to offer the *Plaisirs d'hiver* outdoor winter sports program again this year which will take place every Saturday from January 20th to February 17th, and by exception on Friday, February 2nd. The public is invited to embrace the winter season and come have fun at *Parc de la Maison-Valois* and *Parc-nature Harwood*.

"With winter arriving later and later each year, why not do our best to enjoy snow and ice sports while we can! The *Plaisirs d'hiver* initiative aims to encourage this by inviting the public to come play outside and get moving during the winter", explains Vincent Bastien, Director of Recreation and Culture.

Parc de la Maison-Valois

On January 27th, fun, games and music will set the mood while people enjoy the ice oval and sliding hill from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. during a disco party. Citizens will be able to borrow skates, snow scooters, snow skates and tubes free of charge by presenting their citizen card.

Youths between the ages of 12 and 17 will have their own special event on Friday, February 2nd. From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., activities at the snow park will be hosted by snow board school *Les Toasters* and DJ Duffix. The more adventurous will be able to take part in sports challenges organized by the Vaudreuil-Dorion *Animation Jeunesse* team. Popcorn, Smore's and hot chocolate will be available free of charge to satisfy hungry appetites. Equipment will be loaned at no cost.

For the final Saturday of *Plaisirs d'hiver*, *Parc de la Maison-Valois* will take on a western flair for a winter Country Day. On Saturday, February 17th, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., visitors will be able to take a ride on a horse-drawn carriage, eat taffy on snow and take part in animated games. The Star Dance school will also be on hand to offer country dance lessons. The parking lot at *Parc de la Maison-Valois* will be closed for the duration of the activity.

Parc-nature Harwood

Those interested will also be able to experience cross-country skiing with guidance from *Ski de fond Québec* on January 20th and February 3rd. Vaudreuil-Dorion residents will be able to reserve their spot by registering online in advance at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca starting January 15th at 9 a.m. All equipment will be provided on site free of charge.

On February 10th, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., residents will be able to take part in the torchlight walk along trails of either 2 or 3.5 km at *Parc-nature Harwood*. The last start on the trails will be at 8:45 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a flashlight. Headlamps will be available to borrow free of charge for citizens upon presentation of the citizen card. Dogs are not allowed on the trails.

Schedules and activities are subject to change without notice depending on weather conditions. Citizens are urged to call the *Info-Annulation* line at 450-424-8502 to make sure activities are taking place.

For more details, please consult the complete program on the website's *Plaisirs d'hiver* section at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca.