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The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion adopts its 2023-2024 Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities

Vaudreuil-Dorion, February 7, 2024 – During the public session on February 5th, the municipal council of the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion proceeded with the adoption of its 2023-2024 Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities. This measure has been implemented in accordance with the Act to Secure the Handicapped in the Exercise of Their Rights in terms of their educational, professional, and social integration, with the aim of reducing the barriers that persist in the municipality's areas of activity related to the integration of these individuals.

This document identifies the concrete actions the City wishes to take during the year 2024 to increase the social participation of persons with disabilities in its territory. It also provides an overview of the measures adopted in 2023 to this end. These include the reception of participants with special needs during swimming lessons, the purchase of large print and audio books as well as kits to provide stimulation for people living with a disability - available at the library, as well as the creation of accessible playgrounds and the installation of picnic tables in parks able to accommodate wheelchairs, and the construction of universally accessible cycling paths, or the lending of adapted outdoor equipment in parks during winter.

"Every year, our teams are called upon to pay special attention to the obstacles faced by our citizens living with a disability and analyze the solutions to be put in place to facilitate their daily lives, based on each member's area of expertise. Every effort counts. Actions that may seem mundane to some will have a significant impact on the lives of our citizens," explains Mayor Guy Pilon. "For example, we plan for our parks to be equipped with chemical toilets adapted for people with reduced mobility, and during our events, parking spaces near the sites are reserved for them."

During the same public session, the municipal council also adopted an update of the integration program for leisure activities aimed at children with special needs within the day camp framework. This program aims to implement accommodations for children with special needs who, without them, would not be able to participate in regular day camp activities. It does not replace specialized camps but offers instead an integration and inclusion service to allow participation in the regular day camp programs. The service can take various forms, including the use of adapted material without accompaniment, and full or partial integration into a different age group with the presence of an attendant.

This integration program for leisure activities, along with the Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities, can now be consulted on the City's website in the Municipal Policies section.