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Santa's Elves setting up shop at *Maison Valois* this year

Vaudreuil-Dorion, November 7, 2023 – This year, Santa's Elves are going about things a little differently to collect those letters to Santa Claus. On November 25th and 26th, and again on December 2nd and 3rd, children from Vaudreuil-Dorion are invited to come to Santa's Post Office located at *Maison Valois* (331 Avenue Saint-Charles) to write their letter to Santa Claus in the company of Holiday Elf postman Pinpheas and his friends. Visitors will also be able to enjoy outdoor activities as they fill themselves up with the magic of Christmas.

"After touring the parks for the past 15 years, the time had come to put a new twist on this Holiday event. Thanks to its ancestral look, *Maison Valois* seemed like the perfect place to host Santa's REAL post office. By selecting *Parc de la Maison Valois* to hold the event, we are giving families the opportunity to get more enjoyment out of the day by taking part in some fun onsite activities, in addition to designing and mailing their letters to Santa Claus," explains Vincent Bastien, Director of Recreation and Culture.

Between 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on November 25th and 26th, and again on December 2nd and 3rd, children will be able to write down their wish list and decorate it under the watchful eye of Elf Pinpheas. Children who have already written their letter will be able to participate in a magical ritual which ensures that letters from Vaudreuil-Dorion will be the first to be sent to the North Pole. All materials will be provided, including paper and envelopes. Vaudreuil-Dorion residents who wish to do so will be able to reserve a time slot on the City's website at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca. Vouchers indicating return times to participate in a workshop will be given out onsite to those who do not book in advance. Spaces are limited.

Guests will also be able to take part in the Elves' Circuit at *Parc de la Maison Valois*. Activities include Snowball throwing, Giant croquet, an obstacle course, dancing with the Elves and a photobooth. To warm up, visitors will be able to enjoy hot beverages for free at the park's chalet, which will be decked out as a gingerbread house. *La Caravane Mozaïk* will also be on hand offering a Christmas craft workshop hosted by *le Cercle des fermières de Vaudreuil*. Outdoor activities are available to non-residents.

Parking will not be available at *Maison Valois* on the day of the event. Guests are asked to park their vehicle on surrounding streets.

The complete program for Santa's Post Office event is available online on the City's website in the Recreation and Culture section, under Activities and Events.