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Parc de la Maison-Valois: a winter destination to discover in Vaudreuil-Dorion

Vaudreuil-Dorion, December 21, 2023 – The arrival of the winter solstice suggests that the time has already come for winter activities to begin. In addition to *parc-nature Harwood*, which already offers equipment rentals for trail walking, *Parc de la Maison-Valois* will be offering an activity program for the whole family this winter, as soon as weather conditions allow. Youths, for instance, will be able to practice their snowskating moves in the snow park, and go tubing or sliding down the snow-covered hill.

This year, the winter slide will be split into two sections: a tubing or sledding area and a snow park. The area will be accessible every day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and the hill will be lit up at night starting in January. As an added feature, residents of Vaudreuil-Dorion will be able to ride snow scooters on a specially designed trail. Walkers are also welcome. Little ones, for their part, will be able to play in a snow-play area.

"Snowskating activities have been very popular among our Plaisirs d'hiver winter fun activities. We are thrilled to be able to offer young people a place dedicated to the practice of their sport, all winter long. The City will also offer residents free snowskate deck rentals along with safety helmets," explains Vincent Bastien, Director of Recreation and Culture.

As soon as the weather permits, residents will be able to borrow snowskate decks, snow scooters, tubes, and helmets, for free, (proof of residency required), from the rental container near the sliding hill. A piece of ID must be left at the desk for the duration of the rental period by persons over 14 years of age. The equipment rental container will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until December 31st, except on December 25th when it will be closed. From January 2nd to March 3rd, the rental container will be open on Saturdays and Sundays only, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please note that sliding tubes are available to non-residents free of charge.

Ice Ring

Skaters will once again be able to enjoy the ice ring. Residents will be able to borrow skates or snowshoes free of charge at the Valois chalet, Monday to Friday, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The chalet will be open on December 23rd, depending on weather conditions, for those who wish to change or warm up. It will then be open every day from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. until December 31st, except for December 24th (closed from 4 p.m.), December 25th (closed) and December 31st (closed from 4 p.m.). After the Holidays, from January 2nd to March 3rd, the chalet will be open from Monday to Friday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., as well as Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Hot beverages will be offered to residents on weekends upon presentation of proof of residency. The cost for non-residents will be \$1.

Considering the milder temperatures forecasted in the coming days, it is advisable to check the status of services on the citizen portal (vaudreuil-dorion.bciti.com) before going to the location.

A detailed schedule of activities for Parc de la Maison-Valois is available on the City's website at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca (Recreation and Culture/Recreation Facilities/Parc de la Maison-Valois).