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Camp Franco-Fun takes top honors once again

Vaudreuil-Dorion, October 3, 2024 – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is proud to announce that Camp Franco-fun was awarded the Association québécoise du loisir municipal's OTIUM trophy this evening in the Municipalities or Boroughs of 25,000 to 74,999 inhabitants category at the Cérémonie des Prix Excellence at Montreal's Hôtel Bonaventure. This recognition follows that received last June at the Gala Nomina, which celebrates excellence and innovation in the field of recreation and sport in Montérégie.

The Franco-fun Day Camp was offered for the first time in 2022 and was especially designed for allophone children in Vaudreuil-Dorion who wished to continue developing their French skills throughout the summer. This camp is intended as a means to promote social and linguistic integration through recreational activities. The program is the result of a collaborative effort between the City, the Animation Jeunesse team and the Centre de services scolaire des Trois-Lacs. Two additional partners, Réseaux and the Fondation des enfants de Vaudreuil-Soulanges, joined the project in 2024. This summer, 50 children aged between 5 and 12 benefited from this service for a period of two weeks.

"What wonderful recognition this evening for our team and all our partners in this project! Camp Franco-fun transforms the summer of Vaudreuil-Dorion's allophone children into a unique learning and cultural integration experience. Once again this year, the camp was a resounding success with participants. This program not only strengthens their French language skills, but it also creates strong ties within our community, making access to local resources easier while helping immigrant families build roots," said Vincent Bastien, Director of Recreation and Culture for the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion.

"Camp Franco-fun is a perfect example of an initiative aimed at developing mechanisms for welcoming, integrating and supporting our new residents. This is one of the objectives behind our policy on living together. Over the years, Vaudreuil-Dorion has undergone a significant transformation. Many of our new citizens are immigrants. It is essential for our organization to participate in the development of a welcoming and inclusive community life. I would like to thank and congratulate all the employees and partners who contributed to the success of the Franco-fun camp project. I'm delighted with the visibility this award gives Camp Franco-fun, and I hope it will inspire other municipalities to offer such services in their communities," added Mayor Guy Pilon.