



Vaudreuil-Dorion

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Three parks to be available for winter sledding

Vaudreuil-Dorion, January 21, 2021 – Its goal being to offer high quality recreational activities to residents, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is about to set up sledding hills in three of the City's parks: Mozart, Aurèle-Joliat and Bicentenaire. Snow cannons will be used to add between 24 and 36 inches of snow, which is expected to extend the season by three to four weeks.

"The lack of snow we had before last weekend, along with the fact that all indoor sports facilities must remain closed until February 8th at the earliest, greatly limits the activities available. We hope that the creation of these sledding hills will help provide some entertainment for our families", commented Mayor Guy Pilon.

The snowmaking operation will begin tomorrow evening at parc du Bicentenaire and will continue for 72 hours before moving on to parc Mozart and parc Aurèle-Joliat at the beginning of next week (over a period of 24 hours in each park). The sliding lanes will be traced towards the end of next week. Please note that the contractor hired to build the sledding hills has obtained all the necessary approvals to work after the curfew.

For safety reasons, but also to avoid causing damage to the facilities, the City is asking citizens to stay away from these three locations while the work is being carried out, and until the surfaces are ready to be used. The official opening of the sledding areas is expected to take place on the weekend of January 30, subject to weather conditions. Information will be shared on the City's website and Facebook page.

Please remember that all existing sanitary measures must be observed, namely keeping a physical distance of two meters with other families and wearing a face covering. Also, because of the many injuries that have occurred with sledding activities, children's hospitals are urging families to exercise caution. The use of a ski or hockey helmet is recommended on hills (bicycle helmets may be used but may not provide as much protection). Also, users are asked to clear the lane as soon as they reach the bottom of the hill to avoid being hit by incoming sliders.