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# "This summer, take a moment" Vaudreuil-Dorion inaugurates Le 405, the City's new summer destination

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, July 6, 2021 –** Mayor Guy Pilon, accompanied by several Municipal Councillors and City representatives, was excited to present the City's brand new summer destination, Le 405, during the venue's official inauguration that took place Thursday night at 405 avenue Saint-Charles. This urban park located right at the heart of Vaudreuil-Dorion is the perfect place for relaxing and making new discoveries thanks to the diversified programming that will be offered to the population until August 22nd.

The 228,076 square foot park, which borders the Baie de Vaudreuil, provides the ideal place for lounging and picnicking, or just relaxing while contemplating the landscape. A large portion of the site has been equipped with lounge chairs, hammocks and wooden platforms to make the experience more enjoyable. "Since acquiring this site in 2017, our goal has always been to make this waterfront space available to our citizens. We already had Parc de la Maison-Valois, Parc Paul-Gérin-Lajoie and Parc Esther-Blondin. And now Le 405 is a new addition to the list of green spaces along the bay that people can enjoy. We have a lot of parks with play modules and sports fields on the territory. With this one, we just wanted people to have a place to relax and enjoy a moment of rest. We knew what a promising location this place was, and now we have the proof! " said Mayor Guy Pilon.

Every day, starting at noon, residents will be able to borrow free equipment from the reception booth upon presentation of their citizen card: books, folding chairs, hammocks, yoga mats, a large scale barbecue and some fifteen lawn games.

## A program brimming with new discoveries

The varied program, which was launched on Monday, features activities for people of all ages: yoga and gentle fitness, art workshops, line dancing, children's shows, etc. Discovery evenings featuring musical and comedy performances will be offered every Thursday evening starting at 7 p.m. Following Meghan Oak's appearance on inauguration night, other artists will include The Day Dreamers, Jordan Angell-Talbot, Massicotte, the JazzBand and Le Chaise Pliante Tour. Theme evenings will take place on Friday evenings, such as Oktoberfest, Tropical fiesta, Latin night, Country, 80s-90s and cabaret. As for Saturday evenings, entertainment will include board games, mood music, storytelling and open-air cinema.

All activities are free. Reservations are recommended in some cases. The full program is available on the City's website (ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca), in the 405 section. Since it is subject to

change, citizens are invited to consult it on a regular basis. If you are unsure whether an event might be cancelled due to weather conditions, please call 450-455-3371, option 4, to inquire. An automated message will tell you whether or not the activity is taking place.

"When we imagined Le 405 several months ago, we didn't know what the sanitary measures would be for the summer. We wanted to create a destination where citizens, regardless of age, could go to spend some time alone, with family or with friends. We wanted to do everything possible to provide them with a getaway in their very own city, where they could go to spend a few hours throughout the summer. We hope our citizens will be pleased with this program and that Le 405 will become one of their choice destinations for the summer", commented Vincent Bastien, Director of the Recreation and Culture Department.

"As I will continue to repeat, the situation we have been experiencing since March 2020 has been a source of immense creativity for our teams. Le 405 is one of the results of those innovative ideas. I would like to thank everyone who played a role, great or small, in setting up this project, which I am certain is sure to please our citizens", added the Mayor.

### Bar and restaurants

A bar service is available on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. Local products are featured, including beer from Microbrasserie Trois-Lacs and Distillerie 3 Lacs, as well as wine from the Côte de Vaudreuil vineyard. About fifteen restaurants have made themselves available to provide delivery to Le 405 whenever hunger strikes. Some of the meal suggestions will correspond to the themes featured on Friday nights. Visitors are also allowed to bring their own meals and even alcohol - as long as it is consumed while eating.

## La Grande Tablée

One of the main attractions of Le 405 is the giant wooden table that was built around a tree. The mood lighting and privacy offered by La Grande Tablée make it the perfect place for a gathering with family or friends. To take advantage of this feature, citizens must book their three hour time slot online at ville.vaudreuil.dorion.qc.ca. A barbecue and sound system to play their favorite music will be made available to guests. The maximum number of guests is set at 16 and the sanitary measures in force must be observed.

#### Washer tournament

The traditional World Washer Championship organized by Festival Artefact will also be held at Le 405 on Saturday, August 7th, between noon and 5 p.m. In just a short time, teams will be able to register online for free at festivalartefact.com. The winners will be awarded cash prizes.

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