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Rue active: A project to encourage free play on designated streets in a safe manner

Vaudreuil-Dorion, March 28, 2022 – Staying in line with its Strategic Plan 2020-2025, which includes as an objective that of becoming “an active and healthy community”, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion wishes to promote its *Rue active* project to its residents. The designation, once a consensus has been reached with residents of the area, involves allowing free play on designated streets while ensuring safety.

The goal of this project is to foster harmonious cohabitation between kids who use the street to engage in different play activities and motorists circulating in the area. Criteria have been established to identify the streets that best qualify as a *Rue active* (Active Street) designation. For this reason, before taking any action, citizens interested in the project must complete the corresponding form available on the City’s website to check that their street, or segment of street, is eligible. The Public Works Department will then contact the applicant to outline which steps to follow, including obtaining the signatures of two-thirds of the adult residents of the housing units on the street involved.

Once the process is complete, the City’s Traffic Committee will issue recommendations to City Council to designate the street as an Active Street. Traffic signs will be installed to inform motorists of the street’s status as an Active Street.

The following code of conduct, which applies to participating individuals, parents and motorists, will then subsequently have to be observed.

For participating individuals

- Remain vigilant at all times
- Set up free play within the authorized zone
- Respect the tranquility of the neighbourhood
- Act respectfully towards motorists
- Maintain a three metre distance from stationary vehicles or vehicles that are parked on the street
- Interrupt play activities and clear the road immediately to allow emergency vehicles to pass
- Avoid playing during snowfalls
- Remove mobile equipment from the street after the activity
- Have fun!

For parents

- Make sure free play hours are respected, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Monitor children participating in free play
- Be vigilant!

For motorists

- Observe a speed of 30 km/h
- Obey the signs
- Be careful, respectful and patient!

For more details, please consult By-law No. 1795 pertaining to Active Streets, available on the City's website.