



## **Pincourt Day Camps Cancelled**

**Pincourt, May 26, 2020** – Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, and considering the need to offer a camp with the usual capacity and quality, the Town of Pincourt has decided, with regret, to cancel the Summer 2020 Day Camp, as well as the Chêne-Bleu Camp.

Cancelling the camp was the wisest decision in the current context given the many human, health, financial and logistical constraints, the most important of which is the safety of children and staff. Running a camp under the current circumstances would force us to turn away more than 50% of the children we take in each summer.

Usually, a summer camp is a place where children can blossom, let loose and enjoy themselves, especially when they are playing in a group. However, with the virus still present, children wouldn't have such freedom, with all the restrictions and social distancing rules that would need to be respected. We don't want to offer children that type of camp, as it simply wouldn't be much fun.

"The decision was a tough one we didn't relish making, especially in my case, since I'm a retired physical education teacher. However, we couldn't guarantee that the children and instructors would benefit from optimal health and safety conditions, nor could we offer quality activities for all on an equitable basis. The Recreation and Community Services team is setting up a new program to offset the cancellation of the camps, details of which will be announced shortly," says Pincourt Mayor Yvan Cardinal

**If you have already registered your child, you will receive a full refund within the next few weeks. You don't have to do anything; the refund will be issued automatically.**

### **The Happiness Squad**

The Happiness Squad's goal is to create opportunities for children to socialize with each other over the summer. Short, supervised free-form play periods will be organized at various Town parks that meet health and safety guidelines and maintain the requisite two-metre distance between children.

Full details about the Happiness Squad will be announced at a later date. To learn more, follow the Town of Pincourt's social media channels.

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