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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### CANCELLATION OF DAY CAMPS FOR THE 2020 SUMMER SEASON

The City of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue regrets to announce that all activities related to day camps, including regular and specialized camps, have been withdrawn from the city's leisure programming for summer 2020.

This difficult decision by City Council was made following an in-depth analysis of the Camp Relaunch Guide in the context of COVID-19, prepared by the *Association des camps du Québec* and commented on by the *Direction générale de la santé publique du Québec* (DGSP). Considering that Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue is located on the metropolitan territory which remains at high risk of contamination, and given strict sanitary and safety requirements, monitor to youth ratios, and the short deadline for implementation, the City has determined that it cannot respond adequately to the DGSP guidelines without jeopardizing the health and safety of participants and monitors.

Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue day camps have always been recognized for their organizational excellence and professionalism. Council believes that children deserve to receive services that meet their needs while ensuring their health and safety. We are aware that this decision will sadden many of our children and have an impact on organization for many families in the municipality. This health crisis is unprecedented and unfortunately forces us to make difficult decisions and to review our practices.

Although camps are cancelled, the City of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue reminds citizens that outdoor public facilities such as parks and tennis courts, are open to children and residents of the city, and offer spaces conducive to play and relaxation. However, social distancing and hygiene measures are in force and must be rigorously applied by all. Regarding play modules, sports facilities (soccer, baseball, football) and the swimming pool (including wading pool), the City is awaiting directives from the DGSP to analyze before reopening.

Despite these exceptional circumstances, the City of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue wishes citizens a happy and sunny summer.

Source: City of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue