



ANNOUNCEMENT

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Dear parents,

As you all know, the registration period for the Summer Animation Service (SAE) 2022 was launched last Tuesday morning, May 17. Isabelle Gagnon, Kassandra Dubé-Ruel, and our supplier Sportnroll successfully set up the online registration platform, allowing parents of Cookshire-Eaton and surrounding areas to register their children for the activities offered by the SAE. All the activities of this program are centralized in the greater Cookshire area to streamline the provision of activities and games and to ensure a more enjoyable experience for your children. The program is in line with the vision of the Cookshire-Eaton Municipal Council, which aims to ensure that every day the children leave with beautiful summer memories.

The many advantages of holding the SAE activities at the Cookshire site are as follows:

- Simplify logistics in the organization of groups;
- Increase the number of participants by age group and cohort;
- Allow leaders to make optimal use of the various equipment and facilities;
- Allow for organizing a greater variety of fun games and challenging activities.

In addition, childcare services are offered in Cookshire before and after the period of daily activities. These services are intended to ease the morning and end-of-day routines of parents by providing two windows of approximately two hours to drop off and pick up their children.

As in previous years, parents living in the Johnville sector will be able to drop off and pick up their children at the Johnville Community Centre. A minibus will be available for round-trip transport between Johnville and Cookshire. Each morning, parents will leave their children at the childcare centre located in Johnville Park. At the end of the day camp activities in Cookshire, these children will return to Johnville Park via the same minibus. Once they arrive, they will be taken care of by the end-of-day childcare service. The Johnville childcare service will therefore operate from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., and 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For residents of the Sawyerville sector, parents must still drop off and pick up their children directly at the Cookshire site. While this is not ideal for everyone, it currently remains the best solution available to. There are several factors requiring us to organize the service as such. The most significant are the following:

- The reduced number of registrations preventing us from forming functional groups and organizing efficient and safe round-trip transport to Cookshire;
- A lack of a full range of facilities and equipment in the sector, including those most essential such as indoor premises and a swimming pool in compliance with the standards in force.

We understand that the proposed solutions may not be suitable for everyone; however, we would ask for your understanding in regard to the extent of the obstacles faced by the program's managers. While we acknowledge that we must go back to the drawing board to determine how to improve the level of service, we must do so without compromising the program's primary objective of ensuring that children enrolled in SAE Cookshire-Eaton have the best summer experience possible and want to come back the following year. Making adjustments this year is not an option as we have been in the middle of our registration campaign for over a week and a large part of the logistics organization is almost complete. As a result, we are currently not in a position to make positive changes in the deployment of services offered under the SAE.

Moreover, it is important to note that the biggest challenge facing the Municipal Council and the program managers—in terms of organization and above all sustainability of the SAE Cookshire-Eaton—is controlling the recurring operational deficit. The outturn of SAE's last fiscal year indicates a deficit exceeding \$55 000. With rising fuel prices and inflation over the last 12 months, we are forecasting an even larger deficit for SAE 2022, without even making improvements to the service offer.

That said, we will undertake a full review of the SAE Cookshire-Eaton in fall 2022. We shall conduct a post-mortem and analyze the situation to find solutions that would help us implement timely changes and improvements that are possible within the fiscal and logistical frameworks.

Thus, we wish your child or children their best summer ever!



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