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**DDO summer camp cancelled for 2020**

**Dollard-des-Ormeaux, June 19, 2020 –** Following discussions between the administration of the DDO Day Camp and the City, **the difficult decision was made to cancel the summer camp of the DDO Day Camp this year, given the context of the COVID-19 pandemic**.

**Despite the various scenarios considered** while taking into account the restrictions related to the public health directives, the staffing challenges raised by the child-instructor ratios and the limits set on the number of children, **the safety and well-being of children, their families and staff remained uncertain**.

The Mayor sympathizes with the residents who will be affected by this decision. “We understand that this summer will be challenging for families, as day camps are an essential service for many parents”, he explains. “As a parent myself, working from home, I can relate with all those who will be affected by this decision and understand the impact that this will have on children and their families. Please know **that this decision was not taken lightly** and that the determining factor was ultimately the safety of our children, employees and the public”.

On a more positive note, some associations are looking into the possibility of providing virtual courses. As this is still in early planning stages, residents should visit [the City’s Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/DDOville) for more updates in the coming weeks.

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