

## For all ages and tastes, 50 activities to celebrate the 350th anniversary of Île Perrot May 22 to October 22, 2022

**Île Perrot**, **April 25 2022** – Île Perrot will be celebrating its 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary from May 22 to October 22, 2022 with community activities for all ages. Events will include music, community gardens, poetry, a youth Olympiads, road and water tours of the island, photo and painting exhibitions, theatre, First Nations archaeology and storytelling, banquets and conferences.

Member of Parliament Peter Schiefke, from Vaudreuil-Soulanges, and member of Quebec National Assembly Marie-Claude Nichols, from Vaudreuil, welcome this special event to celebrate the long history of Île Perrot.

Present at the launch of the program, Mayor Danie Deschênes of Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot and Mayors Pierre Séguin of L'Île-Perrot, Claude Comeau of Pincourt and Michel Bourdeau of Terrasse-Vaudreuil invite their fellow citizens to participate in the celebrations in all cities.

"Thanks to the collaboration of its many partners and volunteers, the Comité du 350e de l'île Perrot will offer 50 activities for all ages and tastes," said President Lise Chartier at the unveiling of the program.

The start-up of the Île Perrot windmill, one of only two still active in North America, will launch with animation activities on Sunday, May 22 at Pointe-du-Moulin Historical Park. It will also inaugurate "L'île Perrot, 350 ans de mémoire collective", a multimedia projection on a model of Île Perrot located at the information centre.

In June, the reconstruction of a 1950s religious procession on the Sainte-Jeanne-de-Chantal heritage site will interest all history buffs, a guided bus tour and a treasure hunt for François-Marie Perrot statuettes in the island's public parks.



The weekend of July 9 and 10 will pay tribute to the First Nations who stayed on the island that was once called Teionnhonskwaronte. Introductory archaeology workshops will take place at Pointe-du-Moulin Historical Park and Pointe-de-Brucy Parc in L'Île-Perrot. Also departing from Pointe-du-Moulin on July 31<sup>st</sup>, a 32 km kayak tour will circumnavigate the island to allow participants to experience it from the point of view of its first inhabitants.

The month of August will kick off the exhibition *Regards sur l'île Perrot* by Groupe Passion Photo in the island's public libraries while Terrasse-Vaudreuil volunteers will welcome their guests to the *Grande Tablée*.

In September, the projections of *La Mie* on the Pointe-du-Moulin windmill and the show *Reel de l'abondance* will enliven the historical park in conjunction with *Les Bardes de l'île Perrot*.

The festivities will end with the *Grand Banquet du 350*<sup>e</sup> with show, music and historical animation to which the population of Vaudreuil-Soulanges and the surrounding area is invited.

Funded by the Government of Canada, the 350° de l'île Perrot is supported by Desjardins Vaudreuil-Soulanges, its main partner, the four municipalities of the island, Marie-Claude Nichols, Member of Parliament for Vaudreuil, DEV Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Hydro-Québec for its cultural programming, and about twenty other partners, collaborators and friends. The organizers warmly thank all these partners without whom the announced festivities would not have been possible.

The programming of the 350<sup>e</sup> de l'île Perrot is detailed on 350ileperrot

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