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We hope this message finds everyone safe and healthy!

It is with heavy hearts that we announce to you today that we have made the extremely difficult decision to postpone this year's Kayaking for Cancer trip.

Our sole responsibility to participants, families, sponsors, and volunteers within the Kayaking for Cancer community, as well as the general public supersedes all else. Since its inception in 2001, Kayaking for Cancer has taken place regardless of the conditions, so this *novel* postponement clearly reflects how difficult this decision was and the situation surrounding COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

The increasing impact to families has been astronomical and we cannot be in a position where Kayaking for Cancer takes precedence over the physical, emotional or financial well-being of our kayaking community and the general public at large.

Yet during these tumultuous times, cancer is not paused – people are still being diagnosed; facing treatments, filling their prescriptions and still looking for support; research still needs to continue. Cancer is not paused because of this pandemic and neither are we.

The Canadian Cancer Society has shifted many of their events virtually, including the Daffodil Campaign and Relay for Life, and they will also be providing guidance to third-party fundraisers on how to adapt to ensure that we comply with the public health recommendations. **In the coming weeks, we will be sending out details for the virtual Kayaking for Cancer 2020 Fundraiser – August 8-15!** This online fundraiser is to show the community that we are still here, raising funds towards the fight!
...Continuing to show people with cancer we care and to never forget those that we've lost.

Is this online fundraiser replacing our 20th year? No. By no means is it replacing our 20th Anniversary and the celebrations that we were planning in Merrickville. We will resume our planning, so make sure to mark your calendars for our 20th Anniversary of Kayaking for Cancer – August 7-14, 2021!

Please reply back to us with your updated contact information and if you would like to REMAIN on our email distribution list.

All things considered, we want to thank you all for your continued support, it has been perpetual over the last nineteen years. Please stay safe and healthy!

Much love,

Kayaking for Cancer Committee