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A major social and community event to improve the living conditions of Pontiac citizens is in the works for November 2018

Campbell's Bay, June 18, 2018 - The countdown has begun. In approximately 5 months to the day, so on November 16, 2018, will be held the *2018 Pontiac Forum on Social and Community Development*.

This forum is the result of a process that began last fall to bring together local stakeholders to identify issues of importance to our communities and determine actions that will have positive impacts on the quality of life of citizens.

"The Social Development Forum that we are planning is based on observations and priorities that the Pontiac social and community movement has agreed on for several years," said Michel Vallières, Director General of the Pontiac Community Development Corporation (CDCP).

In fact, local partner organizations have worked closely on the first draft of a 2018-2023 action plan that was tabled today, and which will provide the basis for discussions and work at the November forum.

The 2018 Forum is jointly sponsored by the CDC Pontiac and the Pontiac Social Development Table (TDSP). *"The implementation of the actions we will put forward after the Forum will require the involvement of the entire community, and the commitment of our elected officials,"* said Janie Landry, president of the TDSP.

For his part, CDC Pontiac President, Tyler Ladouceur, would like to thank CISSS de l'Outaouais for *"their commitment and logistical and financial support in the preparation of the Forum."*

This is the first event of its kind in at least 20 years. Thanks to the financial support of the Government of Canada, simultaneous translation will be available to participants.

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