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19th ANNUAL RACE ON THE RIVER MEDIA RELEASE

As everyone is aware, we are amidst a major pandemic, creating unprecedented times. The unknown has created a concern in moving forward with the 2020 New Glasgow Race on the River Dragon Boat Festival; as predictions convey a period of continual self-isolation and social distancing, with no concrete ending.

Because of this uncertainty, and the challenges currently being faced by individuals and businesses in our community, it is with a heavy heart that the Board of Directors has decided to cancel the New Glasgow Race on the River Dragon Boat Festival for 2020. It is difficult to think that a community event that brings people together to support three wonderful beneficiaries would need to be cancelled because of this world pandemic, causing everyone to separate.

We realize that this decision will have a major impact this year on the funding provided to our three beneficiaries, Women Alike Breast Cancer Survivors Society, Special Olympics Northern Regions, and Pictou County Prostate Cancer Support Association. Therefore, we are welcoming any donations from our sponsors, businesses, and individuals, which we will pass along to our beneficiaries.

Cancelling this year, was a heart-breaking decision however we know it was the right decision as the safety of our dragon boat community is our top priority. We would like thank our community for their continued support of our event and we hope everyone is being safe. We as a community can get through this together.

We look forward to a successful Festival next year in 2021! Until then, may your family, friends, and business stay safe.

-ROTR Board of Directors 2020

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