



RECREATION SERVICES MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: B. ROTH, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES

NOTED: D. MCALPINE, GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES
M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: FIREBIRD COMMUNITY CYCLE

DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2018

This summer Recreation Services worked in partnership with Firebird Community Cycle, a community-based, not-for-profit, do-it-yourself bike shop and recycling depot. Firebird Community Cycle is dedicated to the promotion of bicycle education and culture through the sustainable and accessible rebuilding, reusing, recycling and redistribution of all bicycle products.

They resurrect and recycle bikes, accept donations of bikes and parts, and teach the residents of the community how to properly fix and maintain their bikes on a pay-what-you-can fee structure. The program also provides the opportunity for individuals to customize their bikes or build a bike from a collection of donated parts. Firebird Community Cycle provides access to specialized bike tools and expertise.

From late June to early September, Firebird Cycle set up their mobile bike repair workshop in our Community Centre parking lots. These outdoor locations were chosen to maximize community engagement, to promote cycling as an accessible form of transportation, and to provide an opportunity for residents to create their own mode of transportation. Over 130 residents came out and experienced what Firebird Cycle can do to support cycling as a sustainable, active transportation opportunity in the City of Barrie. Below was the established schedule.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
June 24	Allandale Recreation Centre	12pm-4pm
July 5	Holly Community Centre	5pm-9pm
July 19	Lampman Lance Community Centre	5pm-9pm
July 22	Dorian Parker Centre	12pm-4pm
August 2	East Bayfield Community Centre	5pm-9pm
August 5	Holly Community Centre	12pm-4pm
August 16	Dorian Parker Centre	5pm-9pm
August 19	Lampman Lance Community Centre	12pm-4pm
August 30	Allandale Recreation Centre	5pm-9pm
September 2	East Bayfield Community Centre	12pm-4pm

With our success in the first year of this innovative program, we look forward to continuing this partnership in the summer of 2019.