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## **Free downtown parking during first phase of Dunlop Street construction**

(Barrie, ON) Starting tomorrow, free parking for patrons to downtown businesses will be provided for a maximum of two hours on the fourth floor of the [Collier Street Parkade](#). There are 39 parking spots available for patrons of downtown businesses on P4 of the parkade. The free parking initiative will be in place until from now until November 8, 2019.

The parkade is a fully accessible, brightly lit, 7-level facility. It is located on Collier Street between Clapperton St. and Owen St. The parkade provides convenient access to both Collier St. and Dunlop St. and is within short walking distance to downtown shops, restaurants and the Five Points Theatre.

As part of the preliminary phase of construction, Dunlop Street is currently closed from Mulcaster St. to Poyntz St, including the intersection of Dunlop and Mulcaster. A section of Dunlop from Mulcaster to Owen is also currently closed to vehicle traffic, but is open to pedestrian traffic and the on-street parking can still be used in this section. This closure is in effect until November 8, 2019.

**All downtown Barrie businesses remain open during construction and all downtown parking lots are open.**

For more information and updates on the Dunlop Street construction, visit [barrie.ca/DigDowntown](http://barrie.ca/DigDowntown).

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