City of Barrie Identity Refresh

Guiding principles: excellence, integration, opportunity driven, partnership.

Best of Both Worlds. Friendliness and beauty of a small town and amenities of a large city.

To drive investment for a prosperous Barrie

The City of BARRIE investbarrie

Inspired investors. Compelling opportunities. Competitive talent.

Ontario's top investment-ready city.

Central Ontario's premier waterfront community.

To be an exciting, caring and progressive community, with a strong commitment to growth and prosperity of Central Ontario's leading city and most dynamic waterfront community.

The People are the City.



- Two hundred of Barrie's most creative business leaders from a cross section of Barrie's economy gathered for Ideas in Motion.
- The event focused on innovative thinking and idea design related to key economic development opportunities for Barrie.
- The result = over 17 innovative ideas from the teams, and complete action plans on how to turn the ideas into motion.
- One of the key priorities was our identity



OUR IDENTITY

Who are we and more importantly what can we be? What would potential business leaders see in Barrie?

MAIN IDEAS

- Create a brand strategy that will become the single rallying point for our business community.
- Identify what Barrie is and define the economic vision and mission.
- Develop a brand strategy implementation plan.

The process





- To honour and respect our past
- To build upon the City's already strong reputation
- To modernize our city's image as we look forward to the future
- To create a brand identity that would become the single rallying point for our business community and our residents

What we learned

| A place for people to value | Barrie Buzz | Focus & Promote |
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| Affordable Family-oriented Sense of community Proximity to cottage country Distance from urban nightmare | All the right ingredients Has a drive to move things forward Is authentic A city where the lights are on | Capital of Central Ontario Promote the workforce, education, skill, work ethic City is responsive Show how you can operate in |
| of Toronto - Connectedness - Independent retailers & restaurants - A community where you run into people you know - You know your neighbors | A better place to raise your family People have a deep commitment to this community Progressive Unique personality – live different | Barrie but also enjoy a better lifestyle |





Well played.













Well connected.



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Our approach



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BARRIE

The story of the Barrie logo

Our history begins at the waterfront at the foot of the Nine Mile Portage from Kempenfelt Bay to Fort Willow. Our waterfront has always been the centre of our community, a gathering place for business and neighbours, and a place where the community feels connected with nature.

To honour and respect our past, we borrowed elements from 1977 that symbolize and anchor our community and we modernized the work done in 1992 by the City of Barrie's Economic Development Office by evolving the corporate sun and waves logo.

We are youthful. We are bold. We are a community deeply connected to our past, our parkland and the adventures it provides. We are innovative and entrepreneurial.







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