



**RECREATION AND CULTURE
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MEMORANDUM**

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RE: 2020 CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

DATE: MAY 4, 2020

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update concerning the City of Barrie's 2020 Canada Day celebrations.

Similar to many other municipalities, Barrie's 2020 Canada Day Outdoor Celebrations and fireworks will be cancelled due to COVID-19 and the restrictions on large gatherings. The annual outdoor event and fireworks display usually draws crowds of over 40,000 at various locations around the waterfront. As a result, it was determined, in consultation with the Emergency Control Group and Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit, that continuing the fireworks show would lead to increased risk of spreading the virus.

The cancellation of the fireworks will save the City of Barrie an estimated \$40,000.

Canadian Heritage is planning a virtual show that would allow Canadians to watch performances and other programming remotely on July 1. The virtual program is being developed with Canadian artists and artisans, reflecting our diversity and values, and showcasing the immense talent our country.

The City of Barrie Special Events planning team is in the process of planning a virtual community engagement celebrating Canada Day. More details to come.

Additional details regarding the Canadian Heritage virtual Canada Day program will be provided once they are announced.