

Staff Memorandum



To: Mayor A. Nuttall and Members of Council

Subject and Ward(s): National Indigenous History Month and Indigenous Peoples Day (All)

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The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with a planning update on National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day events taking place in June.

Across the nation, June is recognized as Indigenous History Month and June 21st as Indigenous Peoples Day.

Throughout the month of June, the City of Barrie will be supporting and collaborating with community partners including Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle (BANAC) - Mamaway Wiidokdaadwin Primary Care Team, Barrie Native Friendship Centre, and the Barrie Public Library to provide opportunities for all residents to learn about Indigenous heritage and cultures.

Through celebrations that honour the history, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, this month-long event will kick-off on June 2nd with a flag raising at Barrie City Hall. Barrie Native Friendship Centre is inviting youth and members of the young adult community to share "What does this flag raising mean to you?" at the event through speech and song. Schools within walking distance of City Hall are being asked to attend and participate in the flag raising, and the Barrie Public Library will have an interactive learning display for all attendees to enjoy.

Barrie Native Friendship Centre will also be hosting an afternoon of learning and celebration on Saturday June 21st from 1 to 5pm to mark National Indigenous Peoples Day. Further details to be released closer to the event.

Additional programming will be presented by community partners throughout the entire month to mark the occasion. When details are announced, the full schedule will be available at <https://www.barrie.ca/community-recreation-environment/community-events/national-indigenous-history-month>.

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