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Barrie celebrates grand opening of new greenhouse

(Barrie, ON) – Today, the City of Barrie opened its new greenhouse at the City's Operations Centre, located at 165 Ferndale Drive North.

"Today, Barrie unveils its new state-of-the-art greenhouse; an investment in innovation and sustainability, and a step forward for the future of our growing city," said Mayor Alex Nuttall. "This modern facility reflects our commitment to environmental efficiency, city beautification, and homegrown community pride."

The plants grown by Horticultural staff in the City's greenhouse are used throughout Barrie for beautification and displays at the waterfront, downtown, parks, and green spaces—bringing enjoyment to residents and visitors, showing community pride, and helping to amplify the City's profile when taking part in the annual [Communities in Bloom](#) competition.

A few benefits of the new greenhouse include:

- 14,000 square feet of growing space
- climate-controlled zones that have their own automated heating, ventilation, solar shades, and irrigation systems
- environmentally-friendly features such as optimal light transmission, LED fixtures, a solar shade system, a collection system for reuse of water, and heating systems that could change over to electric in future phases

This modern, functional, and environmentally efficient greenhouse shows how Barrie continues to protect, support, and expand its green spaces, while committing to responsible governance to find efficiencies and new ways to innovate.

For more information about the Operations Centre Redevelopment & New South Satellite Yard Development project, visit barrie.ca/InfrastructureProjects.

To learn more about Communities in Bloom and how residents can take part in this year's campaign, visit barrie.ca/CommunitiesInBloom.

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