

Staff Memorandum



To: Mayor A. Nuttall and Members of Council

Subject and Ward(s): Spring Programming and Summer Camps (All)

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The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update concerning Spring programs. Now that summer camp registrations are in full swing as of February 11th, it's time to focus on Spring. The wish list for Spring programs opens on February 20th with registration beginning on March 4th.

In addition to our most successful and popular programs such as swimming lessons, various sports and leagues, dance classes, and fitness programs, this spring we are offering various programs from Kids Great Minds such as Computer Animation and Video Game Creation for children. We are also expanding our preschool programming to offer Little Sound Adventurers designed for children aged 3-6 to provide them with an intro to music in addition to expanded times for preschool drop-ins at Peggy Hill Team CC and the East Bayfield CC.

At the Peggy Hill Team Community Centre pool, the High School Co-Op offers students 2 high school credits while also gaining certifications to become a lifeguard. This program ran successfully as a pilot in 2024. The program has now grown in size and adds to the already successful curriculum of courses at Allandale and East Bayfield pools.

Due to the ever-growing 55+ population we have expanded our programming to include two 55+ Fitness classes at Allandale Recreation Centre. Bone Builders, a program to help those concerned with osteoporosis, and chair yoga have been added as new programs to help our 55+ community lead a high quality of life. We have also added 55+ membership programs such as Taiji Fit. This 45-minute streamed active living program is inspired by Tai chi movements. The 55+ Coffee, Conversation and Crochet program was added at the Allandale Recreation Centre as well as a streamed "20-minute Morning Moves"- 20-minute instruction.

The RAD (Recreation for Adults with Disabilities) Club is back for another session at the Peggy Hill Team CC. This Club gives individuals 18+ the opportunity to participate in different activities and fitness opportunities plus fun in the pool! The program provides a safe, dynamic, and stimulating space for individuals of all abilities to socialize and participate in new fitness-based activities with their peers.

For more details pertaining to all our programs, visit play.barrie.ca.

Appendix:

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Pending # (if applicable):