

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## City to celebrate National Youth Week with opportunities for Barrie youth

(Barrie, ON) – National Youth Week starts May 1, and runs until National Child and Youth Mental Health Day on May 7, 2025. The City is celebrating National Youth Week with a number of recreation opportunities for youth in Barrie.

"National Youth Week is a time to celebrate our young people and their positive contributions to the community," said Kevin Datema, Director of Recreation & Culture Services. "During this week and throughout the entire year, the City aims to provide quality recreation programs and spaces that support our youth to help them grow, thrive, and be engaged in their community."

The City is offering a variety of opportunities to celebrate Youth Week, including:

- Free Youth Centre Drop-ins
- \$1 After School Gym Drop-ins
- Youth Drop-in Public Skating and Youth Stick & Puck
- Wellness Fair

Outside of National Youth Week, the City hosts events and programs at the Youth Centre located at Peggy Hill Team Community Centre, and at the Lampman Lane Community Centre on an ongoing basis; offering individuals aged eleven to seventeen in Barrie opportunities for creative development, exploration, personal growth and play. For information about youth programs at the City, visit <a href="mailto:barrie.ca/YouthRecPrograms">barrie.ca/YouthRecPrograms</a>.

For details and a full schedule of opportunities available during National Youth Week, visit <a href="mailto:barrie.ca/YouthWeek">barrie.ca/YouthWeek</a>.

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