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Southshore Community Centre renamed in honour of General John Hayter

Barrie, ON – This afternoon, Mayor Alex Nuttall announced that the Southshore Community Centre will be renamed General John Hayter Southshore Community Centre, in honour of the retired Brigadier General. Situated next to the Military Heritage Park, the renamed community centre is a fitting tribute to a man whose service spans over half a century in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Brigadier-General John Charles Hayter served in the Canadian Forces from 1951 to 2009. In 1952, Hayter joined the Grey and Simcoe Foresters and then began officer training at Borden at the age of 18 before heading overseas to take part in the Korean War. General Hayter has been an active volunteer at the local, national and international levels, holding key leadership positions in various organizations and clubs for over five decades.

"General Hayter is a pillar in our community," said Mayor Alex Nuttall. "His tireless efforts in supporting the military and volunteering have left an enduring mark on our city. Adding General Hayter's name to the Southshore Community Centre is one way we can recognize and say thanks to an incredible leader for his unwavering dedication to serving others and fostering community support."

Brigadier-General Hayter is renowned for his extensive volunteer work. His involvement with organizations like Saint John Ambulance, the Veterans' Club of Barrie, and St. George's Church Allandale exemplifies his commitment to community service and support. He also played a pivotal role in the establishment of Canada's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The renaming of the Southshore Centre is occurring this year among a number of significant military anniversaries, including the RCAF's 100th anniversary and the 80th anniversaries of D-Day and VE Day. The City of Barrie is proud to support and honour the Canadian Armed Forces, with events and initiatives planned throughout 2024 and 2025. Visit barrie.ca/HonouringMilitary to learn more.

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