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RE: SUMMER 2024 BEACH CLOSURES

DATE: AUGUST 14, 2024

This Memorandum provides members of Council with an update on the City of Barrie public beaches and this summer season's operations. The City of Barrie Waterfront Lifeguards will be officially off duty for another season as of 5:30pm on the following dates:

<u>Johnson's Beach:</u> Friday August 23rd Centennial Beach: Friday August 30th

Swim buoy lines, including the drop-off markers, will be removed for the season Wednesday, September 4th (weather dependent) at Tyndale, Minet's Point, Johnson's and Centennial Beaches. The swim buoy lines mark the designated swimming areas recommended for swimming. The accessibility mat at Centennial Beach will be removed at this time as well.

The Recreation and Culture Services Team would like to thank our many partners for their assistance in supporting yet another successful season at our Beaches:

- City of Barrie Aquatics Team For their dedication and hard work throughout the summer in lifeguarding and keeping our beaches safe.
- City of Barrie's Parks and Forestry Operations Team and Corporate Facilities Teams For their hard work and support throughout the summer ensuring our waterfront, beaches and ancillary buildings are maintained and operational.
- Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit For the testing and communication throughout the season related to water quality.
- Barrie Fire and Emergency Services and Simcoe County Paramedics For their partnership in our training and support in-season with responding to emergencies.
- Barrie Police Services For their support each day in keeping our waterfronts a safe environment for all.
- City of Barrie By-Law Enforcement Team For their support each day in keeping our waterfronts a safe environment.

The City of Barrie was proud to continue the PFD loaner program this season providing lifejackets at no cost to guests at Centennial and Johnson's Beaches.

For more information about Barrie's beautiful beaches and to register for the City of Barrie programs, please visit <u>www.barrie.ca</u>