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Learn about creating additional residential units in Barrie at free info sessions

(Barrie, ON) –The City of Barrie is hosting two free information sessions to help residents learn about the planning and building requirements, and understand available funding options, for creating additional residential units (ARUs) in Barrie—both inside an existing home or as a new separate building. Common examples of additional residential units include a basement apartment or in-law suite, a coach house or secondary dwelling, or an addition to an existing home to make space for a new unit.

Join experts from the City's Planning and Building teams to learn what you need to know before getting started on your project. Topics will include:

- Planning: zoning and additional residential unit eligibility and standards
- Building: permit and inspection requirements for second suites and detached units
- Financing: available funding options to support the creation of additional residential units

Session dates, times, and locations:

- Barrie Public Library Downtown Branch (60 Worsley St.)
[Thursday, November 6](#), from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Barrie Public Library Painswick Branch (48 Dean Ave.)
[Thursday, November 13](#), from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Content is the same for both sessions. Please register in advance at barrie.ca/ARU. Drop-ins are welcome if space allows.

Additional residential units provide flexible housing solutions by offering space for family members, supporting aging-in-place, generating rental income, and adding affordable housing options across Barrie.

These free sessions are hosted in partnership with the Barrie Public Library. For more information on additional residential units in Barrie, including benefits, project planning information, and pre-reviewed design options, visit barrie.ca/ARU.

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