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## **Snowbirds fly into Barrie this summer for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup>**

(Barrie, ON) The Snowbirds will be in Barrie on June 28<sup>th</sup> to kick-off the City's Canada150 celebrations. Snowbird pilots Capt. Blake McNaughton and Capt. Paul Faulkner flew into Lake Simcoe Regional Airport this morning to make the announcement.

The event is being put on in partnership with Base Borden, with support from Georgian International. The show will take place over Kempenfelt Bay, and will include military displays from CFB Borden.

"This will be an exciting show for Barrie and it's the perfect way to kick-off our Canada150 celebrations," said Arin Donnelly, City of Barrie Community Events Coordinator. "We're extremely thankful to our partners for making this event possible."

The Snowbird show will lead into Downtown Barrie's Promenade Days (June 30 to July 2) and the City's annual Canada Day event on July 1. Plans are under way for other Canada150 events in Barrie. Details will be announced in the coming months.

### **About the Snowbirds**

Following in the footsteps of the Golden Centennaires air demonstration team, who formed to celebrate Canada's Centennial in 1967, the Snowbirds are honoured to uphold that proud legacy as a Canadian icon in 2017. They are eager to inspire all Canadians by showcasing the skill, professionalism, and teamwork of the men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Their team is made up of highly skilled pilots, technicians, and support personnel from all over our country, whose dedication to excellence is embodied in the awe-inspiring tight formations of red and white jets in the sky over head.

Join them, your 2017 Canadian Forces Snowbirds, as they proudly honour Canada's strong military heritage during this year of sesquicentennial celebrations.

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**About Barrie** – Barrie is an exciting, caring and progressive community that 143,000 people call home. Situated 90 km north of the Greater Toronto Area on beautiful Kempenfelt Bay, Barrie offers an excellent life style and multitude of recreational opportunities. We are committed to the growth of prosperity of Central Ontario's leading City and most dynamic waterfront community.