



**RECREATION AND CULTURE  
SERVICES  
MEMORANDUM**

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**TO: MAYOR A. NUTTALL & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**FROM: K. ELLIS, MANAGER OF RECREATION & CULTURE PROGRAMS, ACTING**

**NOTED: D. BELL, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION & CULTURE SERVICES**  
**D. MCALPINE, GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNITY & CORPORATE SERVICES**  
**M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**RE: CITY BEACH SEASON CLOSURE**

**DATE: AUGUST 16, 2023**

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The purpose of the Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update on the City Waterfront Beach season closures. The City of Barrie Waterfront Lifeguards are officially off duty for another season as of Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> at Johnson's Beach and Friday September 1<sup>st</sup> at Centennial Beach.

Swim Buoy Lines including the drop-off markers will be removed for the season during the week of September 4<sup>th</sup> (weather dependent). The swim buoy lines marked the designated swimming areas recommended for swimming. The accessibility mat will be removed during 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:

- Recreation and Culture Aquatics - For their dedication and hard work all summer in Lifeguarding and keeping guests at the beach safe this season.
- Corporate Facilities – For maintaining the washroom facilities that service the beach.
- Operations Department (Parks and Forestry) – For maintaining the parkland, beach sand and Mobi-Mat which provides access to the water for guests with mobility assistance devices.
- Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit - For the testing and communication throughout the season related to the water quality.
- Barrie Fire and Emergency Services - For their partnership in our training and support in season with responding to emergencies.
- Simcoe County Paramedics - For their partnership in our training sessions and support in season with responding to medical emergencies.
- Barrie Police Services - For their support each day in keeping our waterfronts a safe environment for all guests.
- City of Barrie Enforcement Services Team - For their support each day in keeping our waterfronts a safe environment for all guests.

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 [www.barrie.ca](http://www.barrie.ca)