

Staff Memorandum



To: Mayor A. Nuttall and Members of Council

Subject and Ward(s): Recreation and Culture Services FALL Update (All)

Date: August 27, 2025

Department Head
Approval: K. Datema, Director of Recreation and Culture Services

Executive Management
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CAO Approval: M. Prowse, Chief Administrative Officer

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide Mayor Nuttall and Members of Council information regarding the City of Barrie's Fall 2025 programming as well as provide an update regarding beach closure timing.

Waterfront Update:

The City of Barrie public beaches summer season operations are coming to an end with the Waterfront Lifeguards officially off duty at Johnson's Beach on Friday August 22nd at 5:30pm and Centennial Beach on Friday August 29th at 5:30pm.

Swim buoy lines, including the drop-off markers, will be removed for the season the week of September 1st (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 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 testing and communicating 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 waterfront a safe environment for all.
- City of Barrie Municipal Law Enforcement Team - For their support each day in keeping our waterfront a safe environment.

Fall Programming Update:

Starting this fall, The City is introducing a priority registration window for residents that provides City of Barrie residents a 7-day window to register in advance of non-residents. As part of this change the City will

also be increasing the non-resident fee from 15% to 25% for all non-resident activity enrollment.

The City will open registration for fall recreation programs for residents on August 26th at 8 a.m. Customers can browse offerings at play.barrie.ca as of August 19th and save them to their "Wish List" to conveniently find desired programs when registration opens.

The City of Barrie's recPASS offers unlimited access to the drop-in programs offered at all our recreation centres!

Our recACCESS program is designed to ensure Barrie residents have an opportunity to participate in recreation programs regardless of their financial situation. The recACCESS program is a fee assistance program providing support to low-income families and individuals in Barrie. It provides qualifying participants with a recPASS membership, and subsidies for children and youth that can be applied to the registration fee for qualifying programs and activities.

Our FALL lineup is packed with something for everyone!

Skating

- Public skating
- Stick and Puck, Women's, Adult, and Seniors' hockey

Sports

- Leagues for volleyball and basketball starting September 15th
- Drop-in gym programs and registered learn-to-play programming for preschoolers to older adults

Fitness

- Drop-in classes and registered fitness classes
- Personal Training
- Youth Orientations for those 13 years and older

Inclusion

- Registered programs like Rad Club and Youth Crew
- Drop-in programs like Funtastics and Sensory Gym

Swim

- Drop-in swims and registered swim lessons (group and private)
- Leadership training: a competency-based system designed to train and certify individuals to deliver Lifesaving Society programs

55+ Centre Events

- Drop-in programs and registered fitness classes
- Concerts of Care – bringing concerts to older adults
- Light on the Land – an art experience for older adults

Community Programs

- Drop-in and registered general interest programming
- Peggy Hill Community Centre Youth Centre drop-ins
- Lampman Lane Community Centre Friday Night Youth Night

For more information, registration and drop-in schedules, please visit play.barrie.ca.

Appendix:

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Pending # (if applicable):
