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Licence 2 Ride offers Barrie youth free summer access to transit and recreation

(Barrie, ON) - The City's Licence 2 Ride program offers Barrie youth aged 12–15 free rides on Barrie Transit and access to free recreational opportunities at the City's recreation/community centres throughout the summer season.

The program takes place from June 30 until September 5, 2022, and applications to the program are currently open.

"We're encouraging Barrie youth to learn about, try out and embrace City services like recreation and transit, in a fun and accessible way," says Steve Lee-Young, Manager of Recreation & Culture Programs. "The Licence 2 Ride program motivates young people in our community to participate in an active lifestyle by providing free access to recreation facilities, programming and transit services."

As part of the program, voluntary "Rider's Ed" orientation sessions will be offered to participants at the start of the program to educate on how to use Barrie Transit, and the City's recreation facilities.

"Through education, the Licence 2 Ride program helps youth become familiar with the transit services in our City, builds their confidence using Barrie Transit, and ultimately better prepares the next generation of transit users," says Brent Forsyth, Director of Transit and Parking Strategy.

Once the program starts, youth who have a licence can enjoy free activities throughout the summer, some of which include:

- Select drop-in recreational programs, including open gym, public skating, swimming
- Access to the fitness centres at Allandale Recreation Centre, East Bayfield and Peggy Hill Team Community Centres (for those 13 years and older)
- Free rides on all Barrie Transit routes

Interested youth can submit a completed application form (which includes a parent/guardian signature), along with one piece of identification in-person at Allandale Recreation Centre, East Bayfield or Peggy Hill Team Community Centres.

Application forms and more information on the program available at "[Licence 2 Ride](#)" via barrie.ca/transit.

Licences will be available on a first come, first served basis until June 30, or while quantities last.

To learn more about Barrie's transit services, visit barrie.ca/transit.

To learn more about recreation opportunities in the city, visit barrie.ca/recreation.

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