

ACCESS BARRIE MEMORANDUM

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TO: MAYOR A. NUTTALL AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: C. HARRIS, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND CUSTOMER

SERVICE

NOTED: R. JAMES-REID, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACCESS BARRIE

M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: CITY APP FEATURED IN TRANSPARENCY SHOWCASE

DATE: MAY 17, 2023

The purpose of this Memorandum is to inform members of Council that the City's official mobile app has been featured in the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario's Transparency Showcase, published at https://transparencyshowcase.ipc.on.ca.

The showcase puts a spotlight on projects that support government transparency, promote civic engagement, and demonstrate the positive impact that open data can have on the day to day lives of Ontarians. Visitors can browse the exhibits from their desktop or phone and learn more through graphics and videos.

The City of Barrie's app is featured alongside projects by the City of Brampton, City of Guelph, City of Toronto, Ministry of Attorney General, Ministry of Long-Term Care, Ministry of Health, Toronto Police Service, and more.

IT and Communications worked together to develop the new City of Barrie app, which launched in April 2022. The app gives residents convenient access to a wealth of popular, customizable information and services in the palm of their hand. The app is available to download for free in the App Store and Google Play.

