



**RECREATION & CULTURE
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TO: MAYOR A. NUTTALL AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: D. BELL, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION & CULTURE SERVICES, EXT. 4352

NOTED: D. MCALPINE, GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES

M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF RECREATION AND CULTURE PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS

DATE: JANUARY 31, 2024

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update concerning key programming, rentals, and special event activities taking place during the month of February. The calendar in Appendix 'A' represents a summary of larger planned events taking place throughout our many recreation and cultural venues next month.

February comes alive with a celebration of winter! Hello Winter events take place throughout the month to highlight the many winter activities available to residents and visitors alike. Winterfest kicks things off the first weekend of the month with events located around Heritage Park and Meridian Place. On February 19th, Family Day events will take place at the Barrie Community Sports Complex with activities in the snow and on the ice. Last year, over 2,000 residents attended this annual event.

February is also a celebration of Black History and there are many events taking place around the City showcasing the history of Black culture both within Barrie and the wider community and it all begins with a ceremonial flag raising at City Hall on February 1st.

Both the Five Points and Georgian theatres host a selection of productions by local theatre groups including the "First Metis Man of Odesa" by Talk is Free Theatre and "Lost Heroes of Oro" by Infinity Performing Arts Studio.

The City's arenas play host to several tournaments this month. Family Day weekend will be the busiest with Barrie Ringette's Tournament at the Allandale and Peggy Hill Team centres while BWA's annual Sharkfest Winter Classic will take place at the East Bayfield and Peggy Hill Team centres.

Hockey Helps the Homeless will be held on February 29th and March 1st with a Thursday evening event at Southshore Centre followed by hockey games played on Friday at Peggy Hill Team Community Centre. Details can be found at [2024 Hockey Helps the Homeless](#).



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APPENDIX "A"

MONTH of FEBRUARY		
WINTERFEST and HELLO WINTER!		
Feb 3-4	Heritage Park and Meridian Place	Winterfest by <i>City of Barrie</i> . This year's theme is "Flight".
February (Saturdays & Sundays)	Various Downtown Business locations	Hot Cocoa Trail hosted by the <i>BIA</i> - Enjoy unique & creative hot chocolate inspired beverages at local coffee shops & restaurants
February (Saturdays)	Heritage Park	Winter Pop-up Snowshoe Storywalk in Heritage Park by <i>Barrie Public Library</i>
Feb-Mar	Sunnidale Park	Nature in Winter by <i>City of Barrie</i> - Multiple outdoor activities promoting the enjoyment of City parks in winter including snowshoeing and forest bathing.
Feb 17	Sunnidale Park & Dorian Parker CC	Nature in Winter main event by <i>City of Barrie</i> with Speaking of Wildlife, Barrie Public Library, & Barrie's Nature Play Trailer.
Feb 19	Barrie Community Sports Complex	Family Day Winter Events in the snow and on the ice!
SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS		
Feb 24	City Hall, downtown sidewalks	Coldest Night of the Year by <i>Youth Haven</i> . A family-friendly walk in support of local charity serving people experiencing homelessness.
Feb 24	Lampman Lane CC	Rotary Club CPR Clinic
Feb 26	Southshore Centre	Bollywood Beats Gala - A Celebration of Indian Culture and Dance
Feb 29	Southshore Centre	Hockey Helps the Homeless
BLACK HISTORY MONTH		
Feb 1	City Hall	Black History Month Flag Raising
February	City Hall	Wildlife of the World Photography Exhibit by Jason George
Feb 10	Five Points Theatre	" <i>Brownman's TRUMPET MASTERS</i> " A Black History Month Celebration Concert
Feb 17	Sandbox Centre	Black-Owned Vendor Market by Parents Against Racism Simcoe County
Feb 24	Barrie Public Library - Painswick Branch	Interactive Storytime celebrating Black History Month by Barrie Public Library



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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY or EVENT
AT THE THEATRE		
Feb 8-18	Georgian Theatre	" <i>The Addams Family</i> " presented by Kempenfelt Community Players
Feb 22 - Mar 2	Five Points Theatre	" <i>First Metis Man of Odesa</i> " presented by Talk Is Free Theatre
Feb 21-24	Georgian Theatre	" <i>Lost Heroes of Oro</i> " presented by Infinity Performing Arts Studio
ARENA EVENTS		
February	Sadlon Arena	Barrie Colts Home Games Feb. 10, 15, 17, 18, 24
Feb 2-4	Peggy Hill Team CC	AAA Novice Hockey Tournament
Feb 3	Sadlon Arena	Scotia Bank Tournament
Feb 5	Peggy Hill Team CC	Timothy Christian School Founder's Cup Tournament
Feb 16	Peggy Hill Team CC	SCDSB Pink Puck Cup
Feb 17-19	East Bayfield CC Peggy Hill Team CC	BWHA Sharkfest Winter Classic Tournament
Feb 17-19	Allandale Rec Centre Peggy Hill Team CC	Barrie Ringette Tournament
Feb 24	Allandale Rec Centre Peggy Hill Team CC	Regional Speed Skating Meet
IN THE POOL		
Feb 2-4	East Bayfield CC	Huronian School District Regional Swim Meet Championships
55+ ACTIVITIES		
Feb 7	Southshore Centre	Seniorlicious - sponsored by City of Barrie and local Retirement Homes