



RECREATION AND CULTURE SERVICES  
MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM: K. DATEMA, MANAGER, RECREATION AND CULTURE FACILITIES**

**WARD: ALL**

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

**RE: OUTDOOR ARTIFICIAL ICE SURFACES**

**DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2024**

The City of Barrie operates and maintains two outdoor artificial ice surfaces each season. Below are the anticipated operating times for the ice surfaces.

The Circle at the Centre, located at City Hall, is a pleasure skating facility that is scheduled to open for the season on Saturday, December 21, 2024 (weather permitting). The times for skating are from 10:00am until 10:00pm daily, seven days a week.

Simcoe Skate Rentals will operate out of the Circle at the Centre skate changeroom in year two of a two year pilot project and offer skate rentals, skate sharpening, helmets rentals and skate aid rentals as follows:

<b>HOURS OF OPERATION (Pending Weather Conditions)</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December to March</b>	<b>5pm – 9pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December to March</b>	<b>12pm-9pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December to March</b>	<b>12pm-9pm</b>
<b>Holiday Season</b>	<b>December 23 – January 1</b>	<b>12pm-9pm</b>
	<b>Closed December 25</b>	
<b>March Break</b>	<b>March 11 – 15</b>	<b>12pm-9pm</b>

The ice surface located at Will Dwyer Park (formerly Centennial Park South), will be designated as hockey only (pleasure skaters can attend the Circle at the Centre). The rink will be open for hockey on December 21, 2024 (weather permitting). Staff will be installing chiller equipment and boards around the ends of the rink. The times for hockey are from 10:00a.m. to 10:00p.m. daily, seven days a week.

Natural ice rinks that are maintained by the Parks and Forestry Branch of the Operations Department will open as weather permits. These rinks do not have artificial refrigeration and rely on consistently cold temperatures to build and sustain the ice surfaces.



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Neighbourhood outdoor rinks are maintained by volunteers. Residents interested in volunteering to maintain a neighbourhood outdoor rink can contact Service Barrie at [service.barrie@barrie.ca](mailto:service.barrie@barrie.ca).

Please note: all dates are anticipated start dates because artificial ice rinks are weather dependent.