



***MEDIA RELEASE***

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**Expanded services at City recreation facilities starting November 2  
Residents can reserve time for public skates, open gym time, select gym programs**

(Barrie, ON) – Starting November 2, the City of Barrie will expand recreation services at select centres to include open gym times, public skates and select gym activities. Residents of Simcoe Muskoka can now reserve time online for public skates, stick and puck hockey and open gym time, with restrictions in place following Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit guidelines.

Time blocks for gym programs like badminton, pickleball, volleyball and basketball will also be available. Specific health and safety precautions are in place for each activity to ensure capacity limits and physical distancing.

As a precaution, residents are asked to bring their own equipment (i.e. basketball, volleyball) to the recreation centre for their booked time slot. Participants are encouraged to come dressed for their activity as much as possible to maximize their booked time.

Participants must pre-book online at [play.barrie.ca](http://play.barrie.ca) before attending any recreation activity and must follow all stated health and safety protocols while using recreation facilities.

All activities currently offered at recreation centres are included in fitness memberships (recPASS). Memberships are available for purchase at Allandale Recreation Centre, Holly Community Centre and East Bayfield Community Centre. Regular fees apply for single visits.

Coming soon, the City will also begin piloting virtual programming (e.g. fitness classes). Further details on this will be shared soon.

More information about the reopening of the remainder of the City's recreation and community facilities will be shared as it become available. The City continues to follow the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's guidelines on the safe reopening of facilities.

For more information on the current status of the City's recreation facilities and programs, visit [barrie.ca/RecUpdates](http://barrie.ca/RecUpdates). Visit [barrie.ca/services](http://barrie.ca/services) to confirm the current status of all City services.

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