



MEDIA RELEASE

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City and BIA partner for Dunlop St. pedestrianization pop-up closure this Saturday

(Barrie, ON) With the warm weather forecasted for this weekend, the City of Barrie and the [Downtown Barrie Business Association \(BIA\)](#) are teaming up to offer one last day of Open Air Dunlop this Saturday, November 7. Dunlop St. will be closed to traffic between Mulcaster St. and Clapperton St as a pedestrian- and bike-only zone. The road will be closed from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m.

The city invites the public to visit and check out the downtown's newly constructed streetscape, explore shops and dining, and discover local public art:

- Enjoy the extended patio season on Dunlop St. (patios now extended to November 30)
- Check out poetry combined with art featuring displays on walls of downtown buildings and in the [MacLaren Art Centre's](#) windows
- Stroll along the streets and learn about the history of Barrie with the [Heritage Committee's self-guided walking tour](#)
- Take the Barrie Art Tour by Bike, provided by [Tourism Barrie](#)

Safety Measures

Safety precautions for COVID-19 will be in place to ensure the event is safe for all visitors to downtown. There will be physical distance signage to remind people to stay at least 2m apart. The BIA will offer free face masks and hand sanitization stations along Dunlop St., and the City encourages people to bring their own face coverings for entering public spaces. If you are sick, please stay home.

Where to park

There are many options to [park downtown](#) that are within a five-minute or less walking distance to Dunlop St. Downtown parking options, including on-street parking, are free on weekends (except for the Spirit Catcher Lot, North Marina Lot and Lakeshore Lot). The Chase McEachern Way parking lot located near Meridian Square is a great option that is close to the area where Dunlop will be closed. There are also new bike racks along Dunlop St. where residents can secure their bikes while exploring downtown.

Barrie invites residents and their households to join us for safe outdoor fun this weekend, while discovering and exploring your new downtown!

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