



**RECREATION AND CULTURE
SERVICES
MEMORANDUM**

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RE: 2021 HALLOWEEN PROGRAMMING, ALL

DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2021

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update regarding the Recreation and Culture Services' Halloween Programming. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Recreation and Culture Services in conjunction with Transit Services, have regretfully decided to cancel the Ghost Bus Tour for the second year. While this event typically brings Halloween fun to thousands of residents, it has been determined that there is still no safe way to run a social distanced program during the pandemic.

In lieu of the Ghost Bus Tour, and for the second year in a row, Recreation and Culture Services will be selling Halloween in a Bag packages that residents can purchase for \$5. Additionally, we are offering a Spooky Swim and Halloween Skates, both costume contests at the Recreation Centres.

The Halloween in a Bag packages are full of Halloween fun that can be enjoyed in the comfort of our residents' homes. The bags contain supplies for Halloween themed activities and arts and crafts so that families can celebrate the season safely at home. We hope that this will be a great way for families to enjoy the Halloween spirit, regardless if they choose to trick or treat or not. The Halloween bags will be available for purchase starting Monday October 18th online at play.barrie.ca. Once purchased online, residents can pick up these fun Halloween bags at one of our three main recreation facilities.

The Spooky Swim will include a Deep-Sea Treasure Hunt and a Pumpkin Push Contest. This program will require advanced registration at play.barrie.ca.

Date:	Time:	Location:	Activity:
Monday, October 25 th	3:30 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.	East Bayfield Community Centre	Halloween Skate – Costume Contest
Friday, October 29 th	3:30 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. 4:30 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.	Holly Community Centre	Halloween Skate – Costume Contest
Friday, October 29 th	7:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 8:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Allandale Recreation Centre	Spooky Swim & Try -4D Diving
Sunday October 31 st	11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. 12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.	Allandale Recreation Centre	Halloween Skate – Costume Contest

For more information from Recreation and Culture programming, please visit play.barrie.ca. For building entry and COVID-19 requirements, please visit www.barrie.ca