



MEDIA RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Beach season officially opens June 30

(Barrie, ON) City of Barrie lifeguards will be on duty at Centennial and Johnson's beaches starting Friday, June 30 from 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. daily, weather permitting.

Signs will be posted to note when lifeguards are on duty and buoy-lines will mark the designated supervised swimming areas. There is NO supervision available at any of the other waterfront locations, including Minet's Point Park Beach, Tyndale Park Beach, Heritage Park Water Feature, & Wilkins Beach. Always practice water safety.

Once again this summer, the City of Barrie is partnering with the Canadian Red Cross for the PFD Loan Service. This program allows visitors to borrow Personal Flotation Devices for FREE (a \$10 refundable deposit is required) from the Lifeguard Office at Centennial Beach and Johnson's Beach during times that lifeguards are on duty. Over 100 people participated in the program in 2016.

For more information about Barrie's beaches and splash pads, visit barrie.ca/beaches.

Centennial Park construction

Construction continues at Centennial Park. The boardwalk is complete and the playground is open. Crews will be working on landscaping and sod replacement throughout July, with the hope of opening up some areas of the park by Kempenfest. After Kempenfest, work will begin on the South Centennial parking lot. Once all of the construction is complete this fall, the park will feature an additional 6 acres of parkland, two new pathways (bike and pedestrian), improved lighting and an expanded recreation area with event space, a boardwalk and new parking lots. For more information about the project, visit barrie.ca/LakeshoreProject.

Reminder: Waterfront attractions, including the new inflatable water park at Centennial beach, outdoor fitness equipment, marina facilities are open during construction. Visit barrie.ca/Waterfront for details.

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