



**RECREATION SERVICES  
MEMORANDUM**

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**TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN, AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**FROM: B. ROTH, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES**  
**R. JAMES-REID, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ACCESS BARRIE**

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

**RE: RECREATION HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES**

**DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2017**

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October is here and Halloween is just around the corner, a special time of year where kids burst with the excitement of dressing up in costume to go trick-or-treating, and people of all ages get into the spirit of the season. The Halloween season also marks the return of some exciting Halloween events offered by Recreation Services!

**The GHOST BUS TOUR**

The Ghost Bus Tour is a Halloween themed event offered in partnership by the Recreation Services department and Barrie Transit.

This is the 4th year that the Ghost Bus Tour will be running and each year it has gained popularity. Last year we had approx. 5000 thrill seekers of all ages come out to enjoy the event. For the past two years Fire Services and Police Services have participated in this event by bringing out a fire truck and police car for kids of all ages to enjoy. We are happy to announce that they will both be back again this year which should make for many smiling faces along with great photo opportunities for parents.

The Ghost Bus itself has been redesigned yet again to ensure everyone has a great time, and participants who came out last year won't know what to expect so prepare for a good scare all over again! Rumour has it that a radioactive experiment has gone horribly wrong and has transformed the back of the bus!

Alongside the Bus there is also a wealth of Halloween games, activities and crafts so parents should plan to come early to avoid disappointment!

This 3 night event is coming to a neighbourhood recreation centre near you!

**Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm – 7:30pm	East Bayfield Community Centre
Wednesday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm – 7:30pm	Allandale Recreation Centre
Thursday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm – 7:30pm	Holly Community Centre

Parents are encouraged to use their own discretion when deciding whether or not to enter the ghost bus with their children, the bus is on the softer side of a typical haunted house but may be too spooky for some participants. The bus will remain stationary all night so participants can drop in at any time. While costumes are not necessary, they are encouraged!

This is a FREE family event made possible by Pepsi.

**Thriller of a Workout**

Thriller of a workout is a FREE family workout that encourages fun, fitness and fundamentals of the Thriller dance in support of the Barrie Food Bank. Join us the Friday night before Halloween Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-7:45pm at the East Bayfield Community Centre! The iconic Thriller Dance is transformed into the perfect 45 minute workout. All participants are encouraged to bring a donation of a non-perishable food donation on the day of the workout to donate. This event is for participants of all ages 8 years and up, however participants under 12 must be accompanied by a participating adult. Costumes are optional! To register visit [play.barrie.ca](http://play.barrie.ca) and search for Thriller of a workout.

**Trick or Treat Halloween Complimentary Pass**

Looking for a healthy alternative treat to give out to the young trick or treaters? Then we have a deal for you. This year we will be selling Halloween complimentary passes (valid for one free drop in skate or swim) for \$0.50/each effective October 13, 2017. These passes are available for purchase at our 3 recreation centres until October 31, 2017.

On behalf of the entire Recreation Services team we wish everyone in the community a safe and Happy Halloween.

