



## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

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## **Family fun at Operations Centre for National Public Works Week**

(Barrie, ON) In recognition of National Public Works Week, the City is hosting a family-oriented event at the Operations Centre (165 Ferndale Drive North), from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 26.

"National Public Works Week provides us with an opportunity to inform the public on all the work that we do to enhance the quality of life for Barrie residents," says Craig Morton, Manager of Roads, Parks and Fleet. "It's also a chance for community members to see our equipment, meet our team and tour the facility."

Saturday's event will include:

- Hot dogs and drinks for sale, with proceeds going to the United Way.
- Mini display of the City for children to interact with.
- Opportunity for parents to take photos of their children with a public works backdrop.
- Plows that have been painted by local students for the *Paint the Plow* competition. The public can vote on their favourite. The winning plow will be used on a truck next winter to clear the roads in the area of the school that painted it.
- Public works equipment on display, including bucket trucks, snow plows, sidewalk machines, mowers, loaders, sweepers.
- Rain barrel sale and draw for free rain barrel.
- Ride Along with snow plow and experienced operator
- Saplings for children to take home.
- Tours of the greenhouse.

The event will go rain or shine. National Public Works Week is observed each year during the third full week of May. The purpose of the week is to raise awareness and understanding of the contributions of Public Works professionals and the work that they do to that is vital to the City's health, safety and comfort.

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