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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Archaeology study on Allandale Station lands moves to Stage 4**
City continues commitment to 'engaging with appropriate First Nations parties'

(Barrie, ON) The City of Barrie in partnership with the various Williams Treaty First Nation communities and the Huron-Wendat Nation, will begin a Stage 4 archaeology study on the historic Allandale Station lands the week of June 4. The Stage 4 field work is estimated to take 24 weeks to complete.

"The City of Barrie remains committed to engaging with the appropriate First Nations parties throughout this process," said Michael Prowse, City of Barrie CAO. "We truly value the collaborative relationship we have with the Williams Treaty First Nations and the Huron-Wendat Nation. The City will continue to follow the archaeological processes, applicable legislation and any direction provided by the Province of Ontario to ensure protection of the archaeological potential of the site."

The Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism has completed their review of the Stage 4 work plan allowing the field work to commence. The stage 4 work plan was approved in advance of final approval of the stage 2/3 report which is currently under final review by the Ministry.

A representative from the various First Nation communities represented by the Williams Treaty and Huron-Wendat Nation will be on site to monitor the site excavation, participate in any decision making as the excavations proceed and ensure that the site is culturally respected. An independent consultant will conduct a peer review of the archeology results and findings.

For more information and project updates, visit www.barrie.ca/AllandaleStationLands.

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