

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Family event at Operations Centre for National Public Works Week

(Barrie, ON) In recognition of National Public Works Week, the City is hosting an annual family-oriented event at the Operations Centre (165 Ferndale Drive North), from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 25.

"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."

## The event will include:

- Ride along with snow plow and experienced operator.
- 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 for 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 and sweepers, etc.
- Rain barrel sale and draw for free rain barrel.
- Tours of the greenhouse and seedlings for children to take home.

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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