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Barrie crowned national pumpkin-growing champions

(Barrie, ON) The City of Barrie is proud to announce that the municipality has been awarded the grand prize in the Compost Council of Canada's 18th annual Great Pumpkin Growing Contest. The City's winning entry weighed in at 293.5 lbs.

Lee Roberts, Environmental Officer from Barrie's Environmental Operations Department was the 'head farmer' this year, along with her two assistants, Tom Mulrooney and Maddie Woodward-Willems.

"I'm so proud of our team and the City for receiving this national award," says Sandra Brunet, Manager of Environmental Operations. "Leaf and yard waste from Barrie residents allowed us to create the rich compost that created an ideal growing environment for the pumpkins."

Winners will be presented their prizes at an upcoming Compost Matters workshop. The City also receives \$500 to put towards a horticultural initiative for the municipality.

Compost is generated from Barrie's leaf and yard waste collection program and is processed according to the Ontario Guidelines for Compost Quality. Compost is currently available for sale at the Landfill on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last. Residents purchasing compost are reminded to bring a shovel and containers for loading compost, and to wear appropriate footwear.

For more information about Barrie's Composting Program, visit barrie.ca/Composting.

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