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Grand opening of Barrie Allandale Transit Terminal celebrated today

(Barrie, ON) – Today, the City of Barrie celebrated the official grand opening of the Barrie Allandale Transit Terminal with the Honourable Helena Jaczek, Member of Parliament for Markham—Stouffville, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Member of Provincial Parliament for Barrie–Innisfil, the Honourable Doug Downey, Member of Provincial Parliament for Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, and Alex Nuttall, Mayor of Barrie.

The Barrie Allandale Transit Terminal opened to the public on September 21. Its location beside the Allandale Waterfront GO Station strengthens transit access and connections between Simcoe County, Northern Ontario, and the GTA.

The project was part of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), which helps municipalities repair or build critical infrastructure. Through the program, more than \$33 billion is being invested in public infrastructure projects across Canada.

The Barrie Allandale Transit Terminal features:

- increased transit access to the Allandale GO station
- fully accessible facilities
- covered bike shelters for enhanced bike parking
- a new public art sculpture, <u>Exhale</u>, in the outdoor plaza
- a building design consistent with the Allandale Historic Train Station heritage aesthetic

Additional features will be added to the new terminal in the coming months, including a café, solar panels on bus shelter canopy roofs, and a new multi-use path through the site.

QUOTES

"The opening of the new Barrie Allandale Transit Terminal contributes to a cleaner, more affordable, better-connected community. A stronger regional transit network means that residents in Simcoe County, Northern Ontario, and the GTA can better access work, school, and essential services. The federal government will continue to invest in public transit in communities across Canada."

The Honourable Helena Jaczek, Member of Parliament for Markham—Stouffville

"Our government is investing \$70 billion in public transit to connect communities across the province and fuel economic growth in the face of U.S. tariffs. The Barrie Allandale Transit Terminal will connect commuters to local and regional transit services, helping residents of Barrie and visitors alike get where they need to go quickly, safely and affordably."

Prabmeet Sarkaria, Ontario's Minister of Transportation

"I am thrilled to celebrate this next milestone in a collaborative project that will help transform transportation in the City of Barrie. Moving forward with the Allandale station will also create opportunities to improve and enhance a key part of downtown Barrie and the waterfront."

Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte







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"Our government's investment of \$9.25 million in the Barrie Allandale Transit Terminal opens a world of seamless transit services and connections for our local residents across Simcoe County, Northern Ontario and the GTA. This important milestone is a part of our government's historic \$70 billion plan to build public transit across Ontario, establishing convenient connections for commuters across the province."

Andrea Khanjin, MPP for Barrie-Innisfil

"Relocating Barrie's transit terminal to a more central location is a game-changer for our city. It will enhance service efficiency, improve connections to GO train service, and unlock new opportunities for downtown revitalization by repurposing the existing terminal site."

Alex Nuttall, Mayor, City of Barrie

QUICK FACTS

- The Barrie Allandale Transit Terminal and Downtown Mini Hub project was supported and funded by the Government of Canada (over \$11.09 million) and the Government of Ontario (over \$9.24 million) through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. The City's contribution covered the remaining (\$11 million). The project cost was \$31.4 million.
- Barrie's downtown terminal building (24 Maple Avenue) will close on September 28. The space will be renovated and transformed into a campus for Lakehead University's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Hub.
- Downtown Barrie transit service is being maintained through bus stops and state-of-the-art bus shelters on Maple Avenue.
- The Ontario government is investing \$70 billion over the next decade to build the largest transit expansion in North America.

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