



MEDIA RELEASE

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City closes, fences off Meridian Place to prevent gatherings

(Barrie, ON) This morning, Mayor Jeff Lehman issued an emergency order to immediately close and fence off Meridian Place. This action was taken in response to the ongoing gatherings that have occurred at Meridian Place contrary to the Provincial Stay-at-Home Order, provincial legislation and regulations, the City's COVID-19 Emergency Measures By-law, and Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's public health guidelines.

"In the interests of public health and safety, I have signed an emergency order closing Meridian Place," said Mayor Jeff Lehman. "The gatherings that put people's lives at risk need to stop. I want to thank residents of Barrie who have stayed home to keep each other safe at this critical point in the pandemic. The City will continue to pursue additional steps to stop illegal gatherings and hold those responsible accountable."

The City's top priority continues to be the health and safety of Barrie residents and staff. The City urges all to comply with Ontario's Stay-at-Home Order, provincial legislation and regulations, the City's COVID-19 Emergency Measures By-law, and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's public health guidelines.

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