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RE: NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

DATE: MAY 3, 2021

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update concerning National Youth Week activities from Recreation and Culture Services. National Youth Week starts Saturday, May 1st and runs until National Child and Youth Mental Health Day on Friday, May 7th 2021. During this week communities recognize and celebrate youth and their positive contributions to the community. Whether it is recreation, drama, sport, dance, civic engagement, art, volunteerism or leadership, everyday young people are involved in meaningful activities. National Youth Week is a time to honour their involvement!

The theme for National Youth Week 2021 is **Making Connections**. COVID-19 has made connecting challenging over the past year but we hope that our National Youth Week virtual activities will restore some of these connections. Here is a list of activities being offered virtually for youth aged 13 - 19 to celebrate National Youth Week from the safety of their homes:

- **@ Home Basketball Trickster Challenge** – Send a video or tag us on Instagram showing off your best @ Home Basketball moves. Please visit Youth Programs at Barrie.ca for more information.
- **@ Home Sk8board Trickster Challenge** - Send a video or tag us on Instagram showing off your best @ home Sk8 tricks and or moves. Please visit Youth Programs at Barrie.ca for more information.
- **RAD (Recreation for Young Adults experiencing Disability) Youth Drop in** – participants will enjoy interacting with their peers and trying different recreational activities. All ages are welcome to join us for a meet and greet with our Inclusion Programmer Jordan O'Dell and learn more about Inclusion Services with the City of Barrie and "RAD Youth Drop in". Please visit Youth Programs at Barrie.ca for more information.
- **Free Youth Access to Virtual Fitness** – Youth aged 16 - 19 years of age will have the opportunity to access our virtual fitness classes for "FREE" between May 1st and 7th, 2021. Visit play.barrie.ca to register (discount will be applied automatically), and head over to barrie.ca/virtualrec before your class starts for instructions on how to create an account and use zoom.
- **Teen Trivia** – On Friday May 7th at 3:30 p.m., take some time to unwind and test your knowledge by joining us for an afternoon of virtual trivia. Prizes to be won! Invite your friends; the more the better! Download Kahoot to your cell phone, or join from a computer. Email Jessica.Gourlie@barrie.ca for more information or to sign up!

We look forward to you joining us online to celebrate National Youth Week!