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City celebrates National Youth Week

(Barrie, ON) The City is celebrating National Youth Week starting May 1 with free online activities to inspire, engage and connect Barrie's youth. National Youth Week is an annual initiative to recognize and celebrate youth and their positive contributions to the community.

"This year's theme is all about making connections, which has been a challenge for everyone in our community over the past year, including youth," said Steve Lee-Young, Manager of Recreation Programs, Recreation and Culture Services Department. "Our goal with National Youth Week is to offer the young people in our community opportunities to connect and engage in different ways, while staying safe."

Throughout the week, Barrie youth are encouraged to participate in the online activities offered, including social media challenges, free virtual fitness classes, online Teen Trivia and a virtual drop-in program to learn more about the City's inclusion services and programming.

National Youth Week ends on May 7, which is also recognized as National Child and Youth Mental Health Day.

Learn more about National Youth Week and the activities offered at barrie.ca/YouthPrograms.

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