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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE
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PROCLAMATION

I, JEFF LEHMAN, Mayor of the City of BARRIE,

do hereby proclaim the month of

June 2021

as

Recreation and Parks Month

- WHEREAS;** In the City of Barrie, we are fortunate to have a variety of recreation and parks systems providing countless recreational opportunities for residents and visitors from around the world; and
- WHEREAS;** Recreation enhances quality of life, balanced living and lifelong learning; helps people live happier and longer; develops skills and positive self-image in children and youth; develops creativity; and builds healthy bodies and positive lifestyles. Recreational participation builds family unity and social capital; strengthens volunteer and community development; enhances social interaction; creates community pride and vitality; and promotes sensitivity and understanding to cultural diversity; and
- WHEREAS;** Parks, open space and trails provide active and passive outdoor recreation opportunities, help maintain clean air and water; and promotes stewardship of the natural environment; and
- WHEREAS;** Recreation, therapeutic recreation and leisure education are essential to the rehabilitation of individuals who have become ill or disabled, or disadvantaged, or who have demonstrated anti-social behavior. The benefits provided by recreation programs, services and parks, and open space, reduce healthcare and social service costs; serve to boost the economy, economic renewal and sustainability; enhance property values; attract new business; increase tourism; and curb employee absenteeism; and
- WHEREAS;** All levels of government, the voluntary sector and private enterprise throughout the Province participate in the planning, development and operation of recreation and parks program, services and facilities.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Jeff Lehman, do hereby proclaim **June 2021** as "**Recreation and Parks Month**" in the City of Barrie.



Jeff Lehman
Mayor