



MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

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City of Barrie plans for entering Step One of Ontario's Reopening Plan

(Barrie, ON) On Monday, June 7, the provincial government announced Ontario will move into Step One of its [Roadmap to Reopen](#) on Friday, June 11. Step One of the reopening plans are focused on low-risk outdoor activities with small groups of people. It will also permit more limited indoor settings to be open, all with restrictions in place.

The fences at Meridian Place will be removed on Friday, June 11. As per Step One of Ontario's reopening directions, outdoor gatherings must be limited to 10 people. The area has been fenced off since April 29 when Mayor Jeff Lehman issued an emergency order in response to ongoing gatherings that occurred at Meridian Place contrary to the provincial legislation and regulations.

Open Air Dunlop will return this weekend, one week earlier than planned. Every Saturday during the summer, Dunlop Street will be closed to traffic between The Five Points and Mulcaster Street (5 a.m. to midnight). Visit downtownbarrie.ca/openairdunlop for full details.

A special City Council Meeting will be held tomorrow (June 10 at 7 p.m.) to discuss the potential of extending patio hours until indoor dining is allowed. The meeting will stream live on the [City's YouTube channel](#).

Updates to City services

Service Barrie:

The City's customer service centre, Service Barrie, will reopen for in-person appointments starting June 14. Call 705-726-4242 to book an appointment or visit barrie.ca/contact for more information on how to make an appointment. Residents are encouraged to continue to use the City's [online services](#) to easily apply for small building permits, pay for parking or speeding tickets, and more.

Day Camps

Outdoor summer [day camps](#) will start on July 5 for children ages 6 to 12. The outdoor camps will run at five locations: Lampman Lane, Parkview and Dorian Parker community centres, Tyndale Park and the Barrie Community Sports Complex. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, City of Barrie camps have introduced several new safety procedures. Campers will spend the entire day outdoors unless there is inclement weather. [Registration](#) is open.

Landfill:

The landfill remains open with a reduced capacity (10 vehicles at a time). Residents are required to wear a mask and maintain physical distance from others. Recycling bins will be given out at the Recycling Depot ONLY. Alternatively, residents can call 705-739-4219 to request delivery of bins to their home.

Sports Fields/Courts Bookings

As of Friday, June 11, sports fields/ courts can be booked for up to 10 persons for skills and drills. To book a time, please contact: field.booking@barrie.ca.

Building inspections:

Step 1 allows for all inspections to proceed.



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Development Services:

The Planner of the Day is available to answer planning-related questions in person by appointment on Wednesdays. Planning questions can also be answered by email (Email planneroftheday@barrie) or phone (705-726-4242). Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Barrie Public Library:

The Barrie Public Library remains closed for in-person visits. Express pick-up of materials, online programs and coaching sessions, wireless and remote printing services, and access to the Digital Library continue. Returns are accepted at both outdoor return slots 24/7. The Painswick Branch has limited services and hours June 9 to 27 while renovations are completed inside. Visit barrielibrary.ca for more details.

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