



**RECREATION AND CULTURE
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MEMORANDUM**

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RE: NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

DATE: JUNE 14, 2021

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with information about the City of Barrie's acknowledgement of National Indigenous Peoples Day, which is Monday, June 21st.

It is important that the City recognize and celebrate the heritage, diverse cultures, and significant contributions of Indigenous Peoples. The Recreation and Culture Services Special Events team have collaborated with representatives from the Mamaway Wiidokdaadwin Primary Care Team of the Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle and other community partners to recognize the significance of National Indigenous Day while adhering to current COVID-10 regulations. Various religious events and ceremonies have been developed in consultation with the members of the local Indigenous Community to elevate Indigenous voices and the celebrations will include a virtual ceremony on the City of Barrie's social media channels on June 21st.

Highlighted will be the opening message from Elders within the community and Mayor Lehman. Resources will be available on the City of Barrie's website to further encourage residents to learn more about the Indigenous community, including information about local organizations.

For more information, please visit www.barrie.ca/events.