

HAVE YOUR SAY!

City of Barrie Parks Strategic Plan – Engaging with Community

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

It will be **open until March 22, 2026**.



Help Shape the Future of Barrie's Parks

Barrie is growing quickly, and the City is creating a **Parks Strategic Plan** to guide how our parks, greenspaces, and outdoor recreation areas evolve as our community grows. The goal is to ensure residents continue to have access to nature, recreation, and healthy outdoor spaces close to home.

This is where your voice matters. The City is asking residents to share their ideas through a short public survey. It only takes about **10 minutes**, but the feedback will help shape how parks are designed, improved, and managed for years to come.

As a community that cares deeply about climate action, biodiversity, and equitable access to nature, **Living Green Barrie encourages you to participate and share your vision for greener, more inclusive parks.**





Nature-Rich Parks for a Climate-Resilient City

Imagine parks filled with **native trees, shrubs, and pollinator plants** that support birds, butterflies, and local wildlife. Naturalized landscapes can help cool our neighbourhoods, absorb stormwater, and strengthen biodiversity.

Parks can do more than look beautiful—they can **help restore local ecosystems while strengthening Barrie’s climate resilience.**



SURVEY

Natural Play and Outdoor Discovery

The best parks inspire curiosity and exploration for people of all ages. Instead of plastic playgrounds alone, many cities are incorporating

natural playscapes where children interact with logs, boulders, water, sand, and living landscapes. Spaces like these encourage children—and adults—to **connect with nature while staying active outdoors.**

Parks Designed for Everyone

Great parks are **welcoming and inclusive spaces** that reflect the diversity of our community.

Inclusive design ensures parks are places **where everyone feels welcome, comfortable, and connected.**



Decolonizing and Re-Naturalizing Our Parks

Many parks across Canada were historically designed with heavily manicured lawns and colonial landscaping approaches that replaced natural ecosystems.

A progressive parks strategy can embrace **decolonizing and restoring nature.**

Parks can become spaces where **culture, ecology, and community come together in meaningful ways.**



Smart and Sustainable Park Features

Sustainability can also be built into how parks operate. Forward-thinking parks can demonstrate how green technology and nature can work together.

Take the Survey and Share Your Vision

Barrie's Parks Strategic Plan will guide how parks are developed and improved as our city grows toward a population of nearly **300,000 residents by 2051**.

This is a rare opportunity to help shape what those spaces look like.



Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and encourage friends, family, and neighbours to do the same.

Together, we can help ensure Barrie's parks are **greener, more inclusive, and rooted in nature for generations to come**.

Thank You!