

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE  
Mayor's Office

# PROCLAMATION

I, BARRY WARD, Deputy Mayor of the City of BARRIE,


do hereby proclaim

**April 2022**

as

## **Dig Safe Month**

- WHEREAS;** Annual damages to Ontario's underground infrastructure caused by excavation events number in excess of 4,500 per year. These events cause negative impacts to the Ontario public and our province's economy; and
- WHEREAS;** The Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance (ORCGA), formed in 2003, whose purpose is to enhance public safety and utility infrastructure reliability through a unified approach to effective and efficient damage prevention, consists of some 530 members dedicated to this purpose, including Ontario1Call; and
- WHEREAS;** The Canadian Common Ground Alliance (CCGA) and the ORCGA have worked collaboratively to produce the "Underground Infrastructure Damage Prevention – Best Practices" handbook to assist in reducing infrastructure damage associated with excavations; and
- WHEREAS;** The ORCGA annually promotes many educational events across its thirteen (13) Geographic Councils which cover all of Ontario, including the Dig Safe Kick-Offs in April and "April is Dig Safe Month", to raise awareness of the importance of proper excavation practices.
- THEREFORE,** I, Barry Ward, Deputy Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim the month of **April 2022** to be "**Dig Safe Month**" in the City of Barrie.



**Barry Ward,**  
Deputy Mayor