

## **Barnstormer Brewing & Distilling Announces Second Waterfront Location and Major Expansion Plans**

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(BARRIE, ON) Barnstormer Brewing & Distilling Co. (“Barnstormer”) is happy to announce plans to construct a waterfront brewery restaurant and major production brewing facility in the downtown core of Midland, Ontario. The facility will rest conveniently along the Trans-Canada Trail and feature a restaurant inside the brewery overlooking the shores of Georgian Bay. The menu will be similar in style to its original location in Barrie, Ontario offering spent-grain pizzas and gastropub fare along with craft beer and spirits.

*“We are thrilled that Barnstormer Brewing & Distilling Co. has chosen Midland to launch their expansion of the microbrewery.”* said Midland Mayor, Gord McKay.

The planned facility will support *Barnstormer’s* growth strategy to become one of the largest craft breweries in Ontario. This second location will focus on production brewing and packaging for all its core beers which include Flight Delay IPA, 400 Blonde Ale, YYZ First Class Lager, Billy Bishop Brown and Windshear Watermelon Summer Ale. These brands can already be found at The Beer Store and select LCBO locations, seasonally or year-round.

### **About the Expansion**

The proposed waterfront development will house a modern brewing and distilling operation, craft beer and spirits retail store, and an approximate 250-seat restaurant with outdoor patio. The facility will be located at 526 Bay Street in the heart of downtown Midland on the shores of Georgian Bay. The expansion will allow Barnstormer the additional production capacity to meet growing demands, as well as, further its reach across Ontario with plans on expanding outside the province. The project is expected to add an anchor tourism destination to the Midland waterfront community and create approximately 50 diverse job opportunities to residents in the region. The facility will also provide the community a joint-use office and meeting space for large corporate functions and events. This co-working environment will give freelancers, startups and small businesses the opportunity to work, collaborate, and grow in a supportive and authentic community atmosphere.

Founder and President, Dustin Norlund, remarked, *“We are excited to establish our flagship location in Midland. With the production brewery and restaurant so close to the beautiful waterfront setting, we hope to attract additional tourism to Midland and surrounding area and become a staple community attraction and destination. The outpouring of support from local residents and council has been overwhelming so far and we can’t wait to get started.”*

## **About Barnstormer Brewing & Distilling Co.**

Barnstormer is an award-winning brewery and restaurant nestled in Barrie, Ontario. The brewery produces all-natural craft beer with a much-anticipated line of craft spirits set to be released early in 2017.

The Midland Project is slated to begin after applicable technical due diligence is completed. The flagship location in Barrie will continue to operate as normal.

### **FOR SALES & MEDIA ENQUIRES, PLEASE CONTACT**

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Retail Store Hours | 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM Daily

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