



City of Barrie

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Meeting Agenda General Committee

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

5:00 PM

Council Chamber

1. CONSENT AGENDA

2. PUBLIC MEETING(S)

Nil.

3. PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF/OFFICERS/AGENTS OF THE CORPORATION

Nil.

4. DEFERRED BUSINESS

Nil.

5. REPORTS OF REFERENCE, ADVISORY OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nil.

6. STAFF REPORT(S)

CAO001-25 MUNICIPAL RESTRUCTURING PROPOSAL

1. That the draft municipal restructuring framework agreements with the Township of Springwater attached as Appendix A, be endorsed
2. That the draft municipal restructuring framework agreements with the Township of Oro-Medonte, attached as Appendix B, be endorsed
3. That the draft framework agreements and a copy of this Council resolution be provided to the Townships of Springwater and Oro-Medonte and Simcoe County, and that the Councils of those municipalities each be requested to hold public meetings and adopt endorsement resolutions of their own.
4. That the draft framework agreements and a copy of this Council resolution be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, with a request to implement the restructuring proposal through a Minister's Order, in accordance with Sections 171-173 of the Municipal Act.

5. That staff create a new reserve titled "Boundary Adjustment Reserve" for the purpose of funding compensation payments in the amount of \$38,085,000 associated with the restructuring proposal, plus incidentals, and that this new reserve be funded from the Tax Capital Reserve.
6. That the CAO be authorized to negotiate a contribution of up to \$5,000,000 funded from the Boundary Adjustment Reserve to the County of Simcoe, towards a project that will drive economic development, and that the payment be subject to the issuance of a municipal restructuring Order by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
7. That the City's restructuring proposal to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing include a request to implement the proposed Barrie ward boundaries as noted in Schedules D1 of the Springwater and Oro-Medonte agreements, to take effect January 1, 2026.
8. That the City's restructuring proposal to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing include a request to implement the proposed Barrie ward boundaries as noted in Schedules D2 of the Springwater and Oro-Medonte agreements, to take effect on the day the new Council is organized following the 2026 municipal election.
9. That Barrie staff engage with Springwater, Oro-Medonte and County staff to begin transition planning to ensure continuity of service for all residents impacted by the municipal restructuring.
10. That upon request from Springwater Township, staff enter discussions for cross border servicing lands at the north boundary of Barrie on either side of Bayfield Street, and that staff report back to Council for approval of the principles of a Springwater Township servicing agreement.
11. That any identified natural heritage land within the lands annexed from Oro-Medonte and Springwater be conveyed to the planned conservation trust at the time of redevelopment.
12. That a copy of this resolution be shared with all First Nations who have been engaged by the City to date, and that the City continue to engage with First Nations through future land use and infrastructure planning related to the annexed lands.
13. That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to make minor housekeeping changes to the framework agreements prior to execution, for the purpose of providing additional clarity and consistency. (CAO001-25)

Attachments: [CAO001-25.pdf](#)

[Appendix A Draft Springwater Framework Agreement.pdf](#)

[Appendix B Draft Oro-Medonte Framework Agreement.pdf](#)

DEV039-25 UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGE WAIVER (HOLIDAY)

That Staff Report DEV039-25 regarding an update on the Development Charge Waiver (Holiday) be received for information. (DEV039-25)

Attachments: [DEV039-25.pdf](#)

ECD007-25 CONFIDENTIAL POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF LAND MATTER - POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION (ECD007-25)**ECD009-25 PILOT WINTER DOWNTOWN PATIO PROGRAM UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the approved Pilot Winter Downtown Patio Program in Resolution 24 -A-118 be included as incorporated as an annual program as part of the Barrie Downtown Patio Program, and referred to as a "Winter Downtown Patio".
2. Business Licensing By-law 2006-266 be amended to include under Schedule A, a "Winter Downtown Patio".
3. That Winter Downtown Patios be subject to all terms and conditions associated with the standard downtown patio program, with the following conditions:
 - a) Right of Way Activity Permits for Winter Downtown Patios will be issued to support breweries and restaurants to maintain their patios from November 16 to the second Thursday of April, with a minimum sidewalk clearance of 1.5 meters for pedestrian access and the understanding that approved patios will not require the relocation of City infrastructure, including but not limited to bollards;
 - b) Adequate snow storage can be demonstrated; and
 - c) That all other provisions within the Business Licensing By-law 2006-266 as amended and the Snow Clearing (Downtown) By-law 2008-212 remain in full effect during this period.
4. That the number of approved Winter Downtown Patios be limited to a maximum of six businesses per year on a first-come-first-served basis.
5. That the Winter Downtown Patio be incorporated into the current "Patio Program" Fees By-law, such that program participants pay one \$400 fee per year to participate in the Downtown Patio Program, and a lease rate of \$0.40 per square foot per month, requiring applicants to only submit amendments to their ROWA permits to move between winter and standard patio permit requirements. (ECD009-25)

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7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

Nil.

8. ITEM(S) FOR DISCUSSION

Nil.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil.

10. ENQUIRIES**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS****12. ADJOURNMENT****HEARING DEVICES AND AMERICAN LANGUAGE (ASL) INTERPRETERS:**

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