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Subject: Support for the Proposed Barrie and Oro-Medonte Boundary Adjustment

Dear Mayor Greenlaw, Mayor Nuttall, Oro-Medonte Council, and City of Barrie Council,

We are writing as residents that reside within the revised affected area to express our support for the recently released proposed boundary adjustment between the City of Barrie and the Township of Oro-Medonte. Our property has been in the Hickling family for numerous generations and yet after careful consideration, we believe the proposed boundary adjustment offers practical and sustainable benefits for both municipalities and their residents, while still being guided by the published Oro-Medonte Township's Principles identified early on in the process.

The boundary adjustment presents an opportunity to address critical regional challenges, including the housing crisis and the need for quality job opportunities. By facilitating responsible growth, this proposal can increase housing availability and support sustainable development, allowing our communities to thrive. Many residents face long commutes to the Greater Toronto Area for employment, which takes time away from families and contributes to environmental strain. Local job creation through the boundary adjustments could reduce these commutes, improving quality of life and reducing our ecological footprint.

A collaborative approach to identify a solution will maximize resources and benefit all residents. Oro-Medonte's township resources are somewhat limited, and its historically conservative stance on development could hinder timely and effective growth. Barrie, with its infrastructure and capacity, is better positioned to manage this expansion responsibly, ensuring environmental sustainability and community needs prioritized.

While groups like "*Friends of the Future*" have been vocal in their opposition, in our opinion their perspective primarily focuses on preserving the status quo in the area and does not fully represent the diverse views within our community. The proposed boundary adjustment offers a forward-thinking solution that balances growth with the needs of current and future residents. Additionally, the Oro-Medonte representatives have effectively negotiated a significantly reduced area for the boundary adjustment (compared to the initial Barrie proposal), as well as a supportive property tax transition plan for those of us affected.

I urge all councils to move forward with this proposal, as it represents a practical, collaborative, and sustainable path to address our region's challenges while fostering a stronger, more connected community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Dennis and Kim Hickling
Oro-Medonte Residents



**Royal Victoria
Regional Health Centre**

September 29, 2025

Mayor Alex Nuttall and Council
City of Barrie
70 Collier Street
Barrie, ON L4M 4T5

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) and its Board of Directors, we are writing to express our support for the proposed boundary adjustment which would transfer two parcels of land along Georgian Drive within the official boundaries of the City of Barrie to address the city's growth needs.

As the city continues to rapidly expand, RVH's services must also grow to serve local and regional patient needs. Our health centre is experiencing unprecedented patient volumes and increasing complexity in patient conditions. This indicates we need to not only grow in size, but also in the scope of services offered in Barrie so patients can access specialized care close to home.

Given RVH's location between Georgian College to the west, environmentally protected land to the south, highway 400 to the north and housing developments to the east, the health centre is currently landlocked. To ensure RVH has adequate physical space for future expansion at its Barrie site, we are acting on an opportunity to acquire additional land. RVH is currently in the process of purchasing land on the north side of Georgian Drive west of Penetanguishene Road. This land is located within the proposed boundary transfer from the Township of Springwater to the City of Barrie. Based on its proximity to the main hospital to accommodate complementary services, as well as its accessibility via public transportation, this land is ideal for the health centre's future expansion within Barrie.

Once the land is purchased, RVH would like to pursue development while minimizing potential delays such as service connections (i.e. water and wastewater). The main hospital operates with utilities provided through City of Barrie infrastructure which would need to extend to the new property. This ensures all RVH property would operate on the same infrastructure, as opposed to one being located within a different municipality with separate infrastructure.

As RVH is well aware of the capacity pressures our health centre is facing now and will face in the near future, we appreciate any opportunity to work with our municipal partners to enable the growth we need to serve the residents of Barrie and the Simcoe Muskoka region. We appreciate your consideration of this matter and would be pleased to provide any further insights needed from RVH's perspective.

Yours truly,

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Chair, Board of Directors
Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre

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Subject: Barrie/Oro/Springwater Annexation

Attention City Clerk's Office: Please include this email in the Circulation List to all members of Council. Thanks

I learned about the Sept 29th public meeting to discuss the above from an acquaintance. It must be noted, the only notice of this meeting has been an obscure posting, buried inside the City of Barrie website which few people access.

Residents have received all kinds of information from the city about changes to our garbage collection!

We have received absolutely no mailed notifications from the city, no contact from our elected representative Clare Riepma, no automated telephone messages, no emails from info@accessbarrie.ca, no city-owned electronic billboard notices about this meeting to discuss annexation - all of which we received concerning the changes to our garbage collection.

What is going on?

Is this a deliberate city action in order to keep residents in the dark and away from a contentious meeting at Barrie City Hall to discuss?

The city has an obligation to properly advise its residents about matters such as these. One obscure entry in an on-line page is not adequate.

(It should be noted I am registered - and have been since 2020 - to receive important emails from infoBarrie concerning items that affect Ward 1, yet have received not one word about this meeting from this service.)

When more than 1700 signatures were collected in a one week period from east-end residents last year, and Oro collected more than 1300 signatures, it is evident this is a very contentious issue. Yet I have not met a single person that is aware of this meeting!

This meeting must be re-scheduled until the city can adequately inform each and every resident about it. To proceed without proper notification is unacceptable, and a travesty of the municipal process.

Barb McVeigh
Barrie resident

From: barbara mcveigh <[REDACTED]>
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To: Barrie City Council members, Mayor Nuttall, and Provincial Facilitators

I have lived in the east end of Barrie for almost 40 years. It is my preferred city quadrant with its waterfront, mature trees, single lane roads, large lots, bungalows, pedestrians, trails, and bicycle paths. We enjoy a relatively quiet and peaceful existence as compared to the congested and busy southern part of the city.

Unfortunately, our way of life here is now threatened.

However, before any more discussions about annexation occur, I feel we need some clarification on another matter. While attending an Open Table Meeting with Mayor Nuttall in 2024, he advised us he had recently married. With no prompting from those in attendance, he then advised us his father-in-law is a developer in another community, and that is why he will never vote on anything to do with land. It is possible this fact has been previously addressed, and I apologize if it has been addressed. But I have not heard it addressed in relation to annexation. As a result, I feel it appropriate to clarify and set the record straight to confirm whether or not there is any possibility of conflict of interest here. I am uncertain as to whether or not Mayor Nuttall has been voting on annexation matters, however, I have been present at some Council meetings and have seen him leading and participating in discussions on annexation. I am confident all parties to annexation, councillors, and especially Mayor Nuttall wants to know everything is in order before any further discussion.

Mayor Nuttall felt Barrie needed more industrial land and wanted to annex land from our neighbours for this purpose.

The communities of Oro-Medonte, Springwater, and Barrie agreed to hire outside consultants to prepare a report - now commonly known as the Hemson Report - to determine whether Barrie needed more land.

The Hemson Report found Barrie had enough industrial land to meet its needs for decades to come. It also stated Barrie had sufficient residential land, although cautioned that Barrie may not meet provincial housing targets because of the type of housing being built, coupled with the fact that there are a number of large parcels of land sitting undeveloped.

Unfortunately, instead of the city working on formulating policy to spur residential development of these lands within our borders, the findings of the Hemson Report did not satisfy Barrie and Mayor

Nuttall has continued to forge ahead to acquire more land.

It is no longer clear why Barrie needs more land as purposes for annexation seem to change. I believe the latest reason, and the most fathomable and easiest to pass, is to build more housing. Whatever the purpose of annexation is, residents in Barrie and Oro-Medonte have reason to be very, very concerned.

Since Mayor Nuttall was granted Strong Mayor Powers, he has used his special powers on more than 50 occasions. Therefore, it is worrisome to know that he alone could change the use of these lands after acquiring them, with or without council approval. For example - agriculture lands could be rezoned for housing, and/or later rezoned for commercial, or industrial use, and any Barrie Mayor in office could do this alone.

It should be remembered that some industrial lands along Maplevue were recently rezoned by council to residential at the same time that Mayor Nuttall was lamenting Barrie needed more industrial lands.

We all need to remember the City of Orillia allowed industry to be built adjacent to a neighbourhood with disastrous results. The lavender scent emanating from a manufacturing plant was so strong, residents could not open their windows or enjoy their properties because of the stench. Residents with respiratory problems would have been dangerously affected. It was a battle Orillia residents had to fight, long and hard. No community anywhere wants to go through something like that!

There is a real possibility East End Barrie could end up with a similar situation if these lands were developed for industrial use. The lands most certainly will require significant infrastructure for water, sewers, treatment plants, widening of all roads which will negatively impact the way of life of all residents of Ward 1.

There is already Barrie Council talk of Georgian Drive becoming an arterial road for heavy industrial vehicles. This will negatively impact all the residents along that street, create more traffic congestion in front of a regional health centre and community college. It is inevitable ambulances will be delayed and possibly lives will be lost trying to reach the hospital in time.

It is probable there will be noise, light, and air pollution, in addition to threats to our already vulnerable water shed and run-off into Kempenfelt Bay. The Hemson Report clearly stated the Oro lands were not suitable for industrial development for environmental and other reasons. These agriculture lands should never be converted to industrial lands.

For all of the above reasons, I am very opposed to annexation of Oro-Medonte lands. I am only one of many residents who are opposed. I was one of a small group that canvassed some streets in East End Barrie in the summer of 2024. In only one week, we gathered more than 1700 signatures on a petition opposing annexation of these lands.

Oro-Medonte residents signed a similar petition and (I believe) have an additional 1300 signatures opposing annexation.

Unfortunately, most Barrie residents are unaware of the meeting Sept 29 as the City of Barrie has not sent out any kind of notices to residents and our councillor has not communicated in any way with residents, despite having contact information for all residents in Ward 1. A significant

resident-demographic do not have internet, computers, or cable, and are unaware of this meeting. Others are fearful of the downtown - particularly the area around city hall, and particularly at night. If all residents had been properly advised, and given ample time to prepare, there would be huge opposition to annexation.

Barb McVeigh
Barrie Resident

September 29, 2025

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PROPOSED MUNICIPAL RESTRUCTURING
CITY OF BARRIE, TOWNSHIP OF ORO-MEDONTE &
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is aware that in September 2023 Mayor Nuttall from the City of Barrie presented a proposal to Springwater Council regarding a proposed boundary adjustment that would see lands currently within the Township of Springwater be transferred to the City of Barrie in order to attract investment and allow existing businesses to expand. The City of Barrie also made a municipal boundary adjustment request to the Township of Oro-Medonte. Since then, the three municipalities have worked, with assistance from the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator, to review and refine the proposal to ensure alignment with Provincial priorities such as the creation of housing and employment opportunities, and come to a mutually-beneficial agreement. A proposed Municipal Restructuring Agreement was posted on the City of Barrie website on September 25, 2025, with a Public Meeting in respect of the proposal scheduled for September 29, 2025. It is understood that following the Public Meeting City of Barrie Council will consider approval of the proposal at the next General Committee meeting on October 1, 2025, after considering comments received as part of the public meeting and engagement process. It is understood that the Township of Springwater, Township of Oro-Medonte, and County of Simcoe will also hold Public Meetings to review the proposed Restructuring Agreement and subsequently consider the proposal for approval. Should the Restructuring Agreement be approved by all parties, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing may implement the restructuring through issuance of an order.

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) has been following the proposed municipal restructuring process since the outset in 2023, given the impacts the restructuring may have on public school accommodation in the area. SCDSB planning staff wish to provide fulsome comments on the proposed restructuring for two particular items; the public secondary school block required in the area of north Barrie/south Springwater, and the general requirement for new public schools to be designated within the annexed lands to support the new growth.

The Simcoe County District School Board has previously identified that a new public secondary school site is required generally within the proximity of Anne Street North and located south of Carson Road and north of the current City of Barrie urban boundary to serve existing and future growth. The board has indicated flexibility with the exact future location. Numerous discussions have been held with staff at the Township of Springwater and the applicant for MZO-2023-002, 742 Bayfield Street North, and letters have also been sent to the City of Barrie and the Province regarding the need, as at the time it was unclear what municipality would end up with jurisdiction of the area given the discussions surrounding the municipal restructuring process. The crucial piece for the board is the timing for servicing to a secondary school block in this area, given that the required secondary school site would need to be designated, serviced, and available for purchase within the next five (5) years, with an anticipated opening date in 10 years. The required secondary school block would support the board in providing needed secondary accommodation for both existing and future growth, including growth from the annexed lands. The board is also supportive of the secondary school block abutting the Buffer Lands outlined in the proposed Boundary Adjustment Agreement between the City of Barrie and the Township of Springwater, as this would provide additional opportunities for active transportation as well as compatible land use synergy. SCDSB planning staff highlight that the current requirement for one secondary school block does not preclude the need for an additional secondary school block(s) within the annexed lands depending on the future unit typology and unit counts.

SCDSB planning staff also note that future growth within the annexed lands will result in the requirement for additional public elementary school sites. Depending on the unit type, unit counts of 2,500 to 4,500 result in the need for a 6-acre public elementary school site. More specifically, every 2,500 to 3,000 units of low and medium density developments result in the need for one 6-acre public elementary school site. Once future unit typologies and unit counts are established, the board will be able to further refine the required number of new public elementary school sites required to serve the growth.

Simcoe County District School Board planning staff are highly supportive of the use of secondary plans to establish required public elementary and secondary school sites within the annexed lands, and point to the previous Hewitt's and Salem Secondary Plans for south Barrie as evidence that establishing required public school blocks through the secondary planning process is an efficient and equitable way of ensuring growth supports the required public services facilities, like schools, that are needed to serve growth. Previous letters have also highlighted the need for consideration of locating school blocks within proximity to other compatible community uses, such as recreation centres and parkland, and considering opportunities for shared parking and nearby layby lanes to mitigate traffic impacts, amongst other opportunities. SCDSB planning staff will continue to provide comments on such opportunities as planning processes for the annexed lands occur.

Simcoe County District School Board planning department staff look forward to participating in future planning processes regarding required public elementary and secondary school sites once final decisions have been made on the municipal restructuring agreement and boundary adjustment. Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,



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Subject: Barrie Country Club and Annexation

September 29, 2025

City of Barrie

Mayor and Council
70 Collier Street
Barrie, ON L4M 4T5

RE: Concerns Regarding Annexation of Lands Occupied by the Barrie Country Club – Draft Boundary Adjustment Agreement

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of the Barrie Country Club, I am writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed annexation of lands on which our club is located, as outlined in the Draft “Boundary Adjustment Agreement” between the City of Barrie and the Township of Springwater.

We appreciate the opportunity to engage with the City on this matter and respectfully request clarification and consideration on the following key issues:

1. Property Tax Implications – Section 7.1 of the Draft Agreement

Section 7.1 of the draft agreement states:

“Any increase in the property taxes of the Annexed Lands that occurs solely as a result of this Agreement shall be phased in equal installments over twenty (20) years for agricultural land and five (5) years for all other land.”

Given the nature of the Barrie Country Club as a private recreational and sporting facility, we seek clarification on whether our lands would be classified as “agricultural” or “other” for the purposes of this section.

- **Questions:** Would the Barrie Country Club be subject to a five-year or twenty-year phase-in period for any tax increases resulting solely from annexation? And what would our taxes be? Our present zoning is agricultural. Would this zoning continue?
- **Concern:** A five-year phase-in period could have significant financial implications for our club, and a longer transition would help mitigate the impact on our members and operations.

2. Connection to Municipal Water and Wastewater Services

It is our understanding that several existing properties within the City of Barrie (e.g., along St. Vincent Street) continue to operate on private services despite being within city limits.

- **Clarification Requested:** If the annexation proceeds as written, would the Barrie Country Club be required to immediately connect to the City's water and wastewater systems?
- **Position:** We respectfully request that the Barrie Country Club not be compelled to connect to municipal services unless and until we elect to do so, consistent with the precedent set for other properties within the City.

3. Financing of Future Servicing Costs

In the event that the Barrie Country Club elects to connect to municipal water and wastewater systems in the future, we would like to explore flexible payment options.

- **Request:** Would the City allow the Barrie Country Club to finance the connection costs over a number of years and pay them in conjunction with our property taxes or through another phased approach?
- **Rationale:** Allowing this flexibility would support the financial sustainability of our club while ensuring alignment with City servicing policies.

We hope that our concerns and requests will be given serious consideration prior to the finalization of the Boundary Adjustment Agreement. The Barrie Country Club has been a longstanding member of the local community and we are committed to continuing our positive relationship with the City of Barrie. We welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters further and are open to participating in future consultations.

Thank you for your attention and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Michael Keogh President

Barrie Country Club



From: Walter Vaz [REDACTED]

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Cc: Isaac Drookman <isaac@heritageestate.ca>

Subject: Support for Annexation

Dear Mayor Greenlaw, Mayor Nuttall, City of Barrie Council and Oro-Medonte Council,

As owners of [REDACTED] our property falls within the area that is proposed for annexation into the city of Barrie. We are writing this letter to express our support for the proposal.

I believe this proposal represents an excellent outcome of good faith negotiations between the parties to address several regional concerns. We recognize as a community that housing must be a priority and that, along with housing, the need for employment nearby is critical for the success of the community. Addressing transportation issues, such as commuting to the Greater Toronto area for work, will be accomplished or at least helped by this proposed extension of Barrie. Thereby improving the quality of life.

I believe that it is easier to extend the servicing that Barrie has at the edge of its town line into the developable lands that are absolutely suitable for the proposed uses.

I believe that the Oro Medonte council and staff have negotiated a proposed boundary change in good faith, which represents sound planning and a responsible approach to determining who can responsibly develop the area as quickly as possible. The province has rightly so declared that housing must be a priority and that is easiest to work out from larger hubs as is Barrie. I do believe that Barrie has resources that Oro Medonte does not.

While there is plenty of opposition from individuals and groups , such as "friends of the future". I think that their rationale is flawed. Nimbyism cannot retain a place in this discussion. We must address now the housing crisis we all face. We must responsibly develop more housing and employment lands to support our growing communities. The status quo does not work.

I urge all councils involved, Barrie, Oro Medonte and Springwater To move forward with this proposal as it represents a solid opportunity to address some of the regions Challenges And will strengthen the overall community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Walter Vaz

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