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City Council passes Interim Control By-law to allow time for proper planning of new Barrie lands

(Barrie, ON) – Today, Barrie City Council passed an Interim Control By-law to put a hold on the redevelopment of specific properties in the new Barrie lands in order to give time for staff to update the Official Plan. Staff will work on a deliberate framework for the development of the majority of the City's new lands that were designated under Bill 76 and ensure new development strengthens the local economy and contributes to meaningful employment. This approach underscores Barrie's commitment to careful, sustainable growth, balancing economic opportunity with sound planning.

This Interim Control By-law would apply to the properties impacted by Bill 76 with the following exceptions to support employment land development and health care opportunities:

- 0 Georgian Drive & 366 Penetanguishene Road
- 384 Penetanguishene Road
- 3218 Wilson Drive
- 816 Sunnidale Road
- 700 Sunnidale Road

“Responsible, deliberate planning is key to sustainable growth,” said Mayor Nuttall. “This by-law allows development of the Bill 76 lands to proceed in a manner that supports jobs, economic vitality, and long-term community benefits.”

Interim control by-laws can be in effect for a period of one year, with the possibility of a one year extension. During this period, new land uses that are not already permitted are prohibited. Rezonings and minor variances cannot be approved, and construction of new structures, additions, or significant exterior alterations is not allowed if they are not permitted under the current Zoning By-laws of Springwater or Oro-Medonte.

The Interim Control By-law will be repealed when the Official Plan Amendment exercise has been completed, which is anticipated to happen before the end of 2026.

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