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Your Worship  
Mayor Randy Greenlaw  
Township of Oro-Medonte  
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Dear Mayor Greenlaw:

*The Barrie – Oro-Medonte – Springwater Boundary Adjustment Act, 2025* (the Act), was passed by the Ontario Legislature. The Bill received Royal Assent on December 11, 2025, and is now law. The Act transfers approximately 1,673 hectares of land on January 1, 2026, from the Townships of Oro-Medonte and Springwater to the City of Barrie.

This municipal restructuring benefits the entire region by protecting jobs and accelerating economic growth. It lays the groundwork for more people to live and prosper in Simcoe County as Barrie's existing servicing capacity could be quickly and cost-effectively deployed to support the construction of new homes as well as job creation and business expansion that will benefit all of Simcoe County. The transfer of lands supports planning for infrastructure expansion over the medium to long term, allowing home-building proposals to move forward, creating homes for 23,000 more people.

Two regulations have been filed with the Registrar of Regulations as [Ontario Regulation. 402/25 - General](#) and [Ontario Regulation 403/25 - Ward Descriptions](#). The first regulation (402/25) clarifies the area to be annexed and the annexed land that Oro-Medonte will retain ownership of after the annexation, while the second regulation (403/25) addresses the City of Barrie's request to adjust the boundaries of the existing and future wards to include the annexed area.

As you know, section 8 of the Act provides that the Minister may make regulations respecting compensation associated with the annexation provided for by the Act. The Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator will provide draft compensatory agreements, reflecting the amounts set out in the framework agreements previously approved by the City of Barrie on October 1, 2025, and subsequently considered by each council earlier this fall, and will contact your office to schedule meetings early in the New Year. It is the government's expectation that the impacted municipalities will resolve this remaining matter as expeditiously as possible, and there is confidence that all municipalities involved share this objective.

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This boundary solution provides the foundation to move forward and to develop local solutions to ensure a prosperous economic region and a high quality of life for the residents of the Simcoe area.

I thank your staff and council for their diligent work on this matter.

Sincerely,



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