

Moved by Bard, Seconded by
Schell

Date: 28 May 2025

Motion No. C250528-5

Whereas Mayor Nuttall of the City of Barrie submitted proposed terms of an agreement to the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte dated May 13, 2025, pertaining to a boundary adjustment between the two municipalities;

And Whereas the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte remains committed to working with the Office of the Provincial Land Development Facilitator and the City of Barrie, Township of Springwater and the County of Simcoe on mutually beneficial solutions to Barrie's land needs;

And Whereas Hemson Consulting has embarked on background work (Stage 3 – Joint Land Needs Analysis and Study) to further inform the discussions between the municipalities;

And Whereas the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte wishes to establish principles to guide its negotiations and discussions;

Now Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte approves the following principles to guide its discussions with the City of Barrie, Township of Springwater, County of Simcoe and Office of the Provincial Land Development Facilitator:

1. Regional cooperation and collaboration to assist the Province in its mandate to expedite housing construction and support employment.
2. Well-planned, coordinated approach, which supports Barrie's unique role in the County of Simcoe as a hub for education, health care and large-scale commercial, high-density development while supporting the growth and plans of the County of Simcoe, Township of Oro-Medonte and Township of Springwater.
3. That Barrie land needs (residential and employment) within the planning period 2051 be objectively reviewed and determined by Hemson Consulting through the Provincial Land Development Facilitation process.
4. Consideration for the environment – Lake Simcoe, Little Lake and associated watershed, agricultural lands, woodlands and environmental sensitive lands.
5. Land need requirements to be addressed on a regional basis, including within the City of Barrie, to ensure well planned regional growth. Barrie is the best suited to accommodate certain land needs. Oro-Medonte and Springwater are best suited to accommodate other types of land needs.

6. The further development of the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport and surrounding employment lands play an important regional role in supporting and growing economic development opportunities in the County of Simcoe, Township of Oro-Medonte and Cities of Barrie and Orillia.
7. Any boundary adjustment must be mutually beneficial for Barrie, Oro-Medonte, Springwater and the County of Simcoe.
8. Any financial compensation model should be thoroughly reviewed and reflective of the objectives of the respective municipalities mutual benefit, and in consideration of future opportunities associated with assessment growth.
9. Transparency and public engagement are critical elements of the planning review, and outcome determination process.

Unanimously Carried.