



# Barrie's New Official Plan & Zoning By-law

Special Meeting under s.26(3)(b)  
of the *Planning Act*

February 4, 2019



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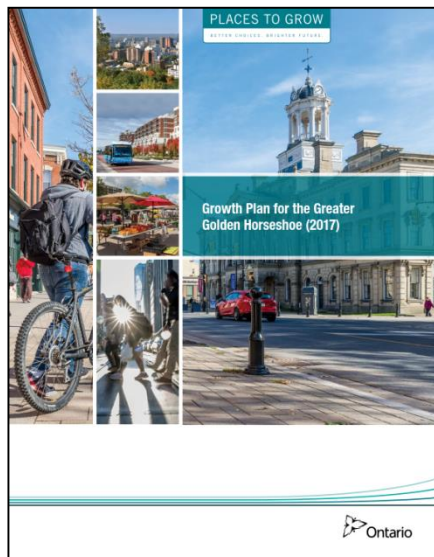
# Purpose of the Special Meeting

- To afford Council, residents, and any other public stakeholder an opportunity to “discuss the revisions that may be required” [s.26(3)(b) of the *Planning Act*]
- Continue to build on the openness and transparency of our public process already underway



# Background & Key Drivers

## *Provincial Growth Planning*



**2018** (actual)

148,800 people

75,000 jobs

**2031** (projected)

210,000 people

101,000 jobs

**2041**(projected)

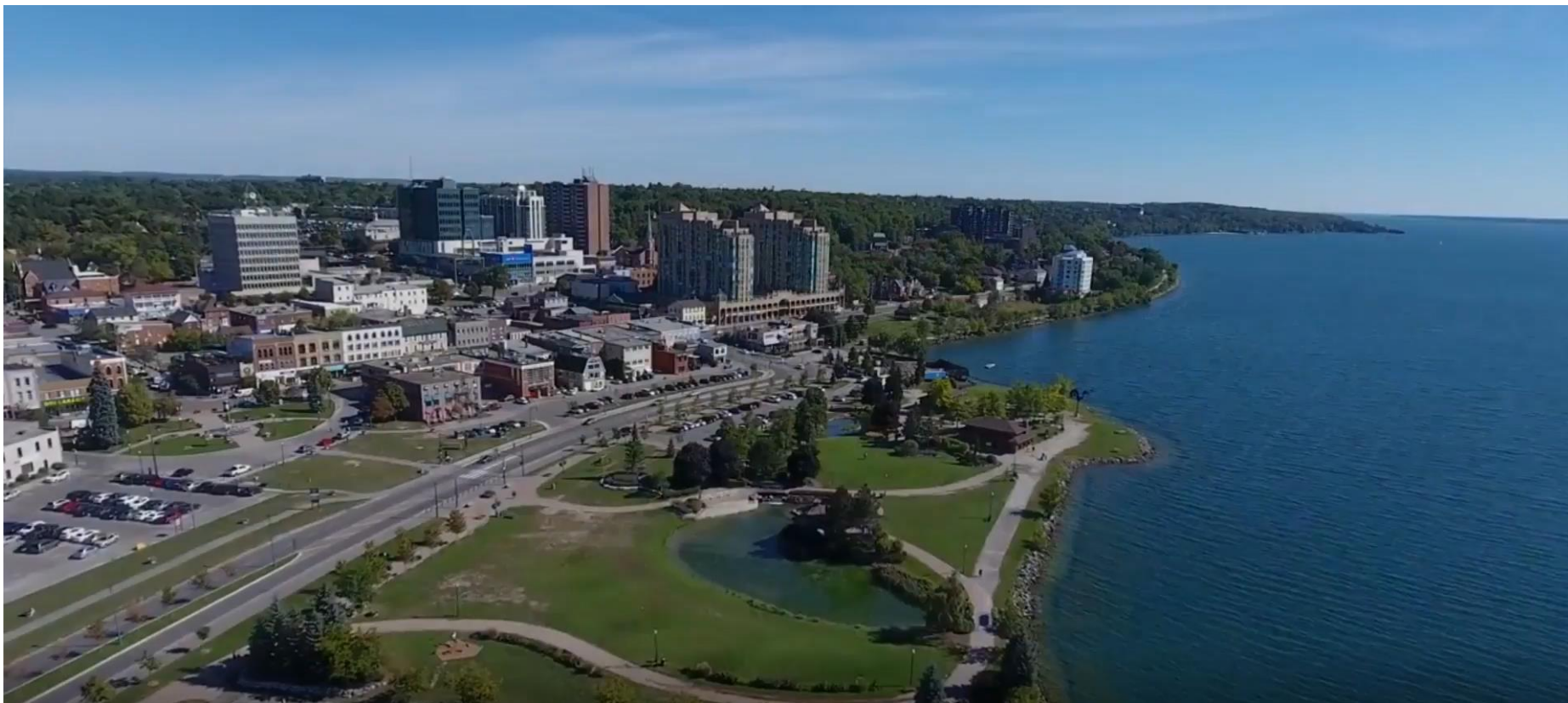
253,000 people

129,000 jobs

Barrie needs to prepare for more housing, jobs, infrastructure, services and **density** as we move forward.



# Barrie is growing & changing



# Alignment to Council's Strategic Priorities

## Growing the city's economy

- Making land ready for investment/development
- Planning for quality jobs, respond to new employment trends, and provide critical infrastructure alongside residential development

## Fostering a safe and healthy city

- Strengthening urban design
- Encouraging walking/cycling/transit/wellness and overall connectedness
- Integrating community health and wellness principles
- Right-sizing parks, open space, community centres

## Building strong neighbourhoods

- Protecting stable areas from unplanned change
- Ensure there is a diversity of housing types
- Nurture meaningful community engagement

## Offering innovative and citizen-driven services

- Involving citizens to ensure a “made in Barrie” plan
- Facilitating development through clear, modern policy/zoning
- Implement effective growth management tools

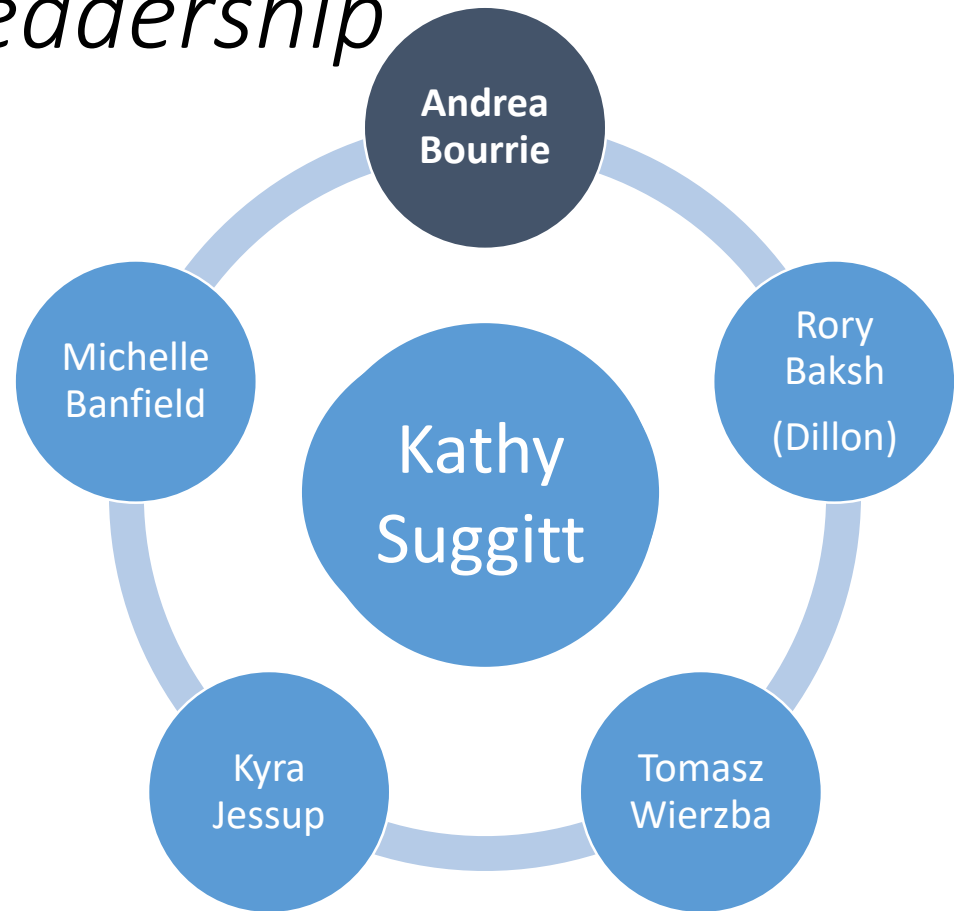
## Improving the ability to get around Barrie

- Guiding strategic investments to enhance mobility for all
- Enhancing the capacity to live/work/play in Barrie for life
- Offer and promote active transportation options



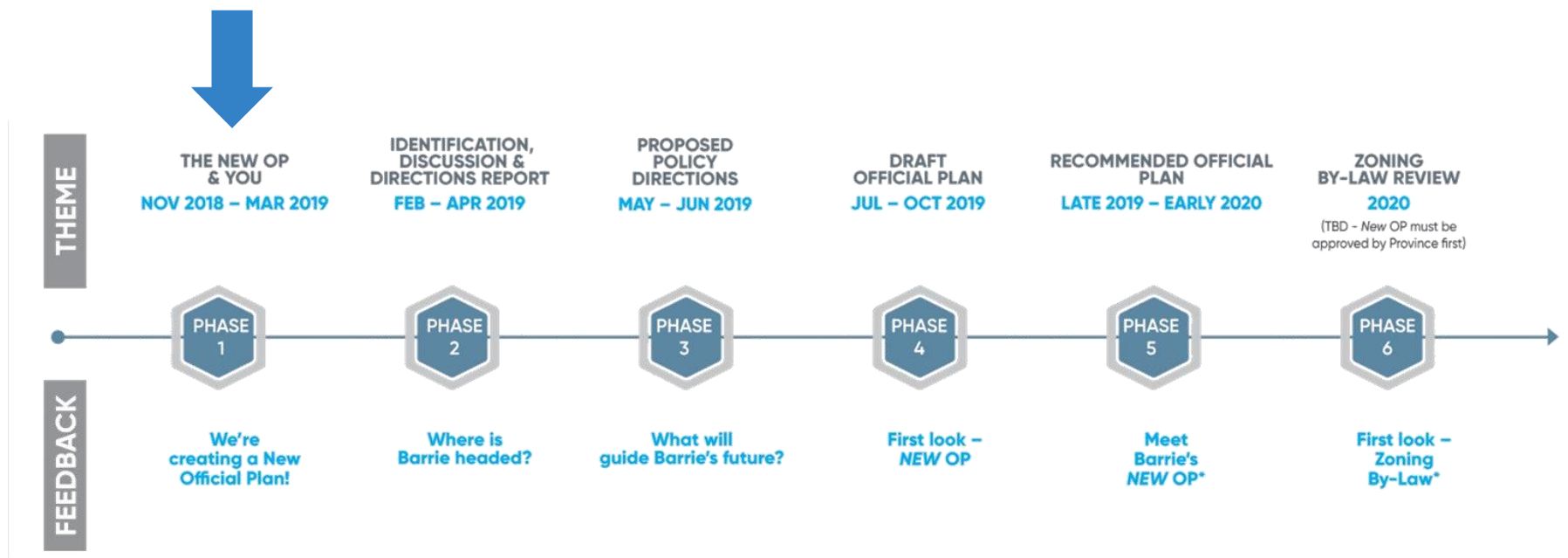
# Work Underway & Successes

## *Official Plan Leadership Team*





# Work Underway & Successes *Where We Are*

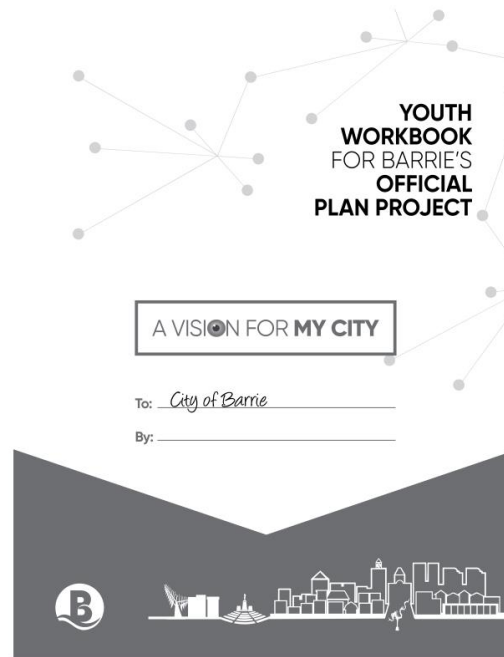




# Work Underway & Successes


## *Consultation*

- ✓ Launch of OP online at BuildingBarrie.ca
  - ✓ Approx. 1,600 visitors
- ✓ 3 Pillars document online engagement
- ✓ Nov. 2018 & Jan. 2019: 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Public Consultation (3 locations)
  - ✓ Approx. 116 attendees
- ✓ Innovative Youth Workbook (available in hardcopy and online)



**Getting Around**

A city like Barrie needs many ways for people to move and get around. Circle all the different transportation methods people are using in this image.



How would you like to get around Barrie?

How do you get to school (choose all types that apply)?

<input type="checkbox"/> Barrie Transit	<input type="checkbox"/> Bike/Scooter	<input type="checkbox"/> Car	<input type="checkbox"/> Rideshare (i.e. UBER)
<input type="checkbox"/> School bus	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxi	<input type="checkbox"/> Walk	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

# Work Underway & Successes

## *Consultation*



- ✓ 116 in-person participants
- ✓ Official Plan Project (online):
  - ✓ 1,599 visitors
  - ✓ 503 sought info (e.g., download document, watched video)
  - ✓ 221 engaged by giving feedback
- ✓ Youth & the OP (online):
  - ✓ 183 visitors
  - ✓ 76 sought info (e.g., download document, watched video)
  - ✓ 6 engaged by giving feedback

*Note: Online activity stats as of January 20, 2019.*



# Work Underway & Successes

## *Studies & Reports*

- ✓ 3 Pillars Discussion Paper issued in November with Big Questions
- Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) underway
- 7 Themed Discussion Papers currently underway

**1** **What would you do if everything in the world around you was changing?**

For example, what would you do if your **choice of housing** today becomes unattainable tomorrow?  
Or if your new-build home was delayed because the sewer system was behind schedule? What if growth happened so quickly the new **infrastructure and facilities** couldn't keep up?

**2** **What if you wanted to open your own business** but there wasn't space available?  
Or if your business could double its workforce but had to move cities for more access to young families and workers?

**3** **How would you feel if the shops and services you rely on moved further away? If streets had less cars and more trees, public transit, cyclists and pedestrians? Would you bike your kids to school on new bike routes? How would you create a beautiful, walkable city?**

Would you be ready to subsidize the changes with your own tax dollars or expect the changes to improve our City's fiscal situation?

**These BIG QUESTIONS of change are facing Barrie today. Together, our community can find the answers.**

# Big Questions

## *As context for this Special Meeting*

### Pillar 1: Custom Crafted by Barrie, For Barrie

- As the city grows and we accommodate more development, what do we want to see in that transformation?
- What elements must remain strong and what characteristics need protection?

### Pillar 2: Integrated & Coordinated

- What does a well-connected community mean and who must work together to create and implement the new Official Plan?
- How are we going to pay for new growth and maintain what we already have?

### Pillar 3: Meeting Our Obligations

- How do we embrace a variety of housing types for more housing options and where should the tallest and most dense developments go?
- How do we prepare for a changing economy and make our community more resilient to the impacts of climate change?





# Next Steps

- OP Team strives for:
  - Enhanced, innovative public consultation
  - Inclusive, transparent process
  - Addressing the Big Q's & key issues
  - Achieving *Provincial Growth Plan* requirements
  - Ensuring a 'Made in Barrie' new OP & Zoning By-law
- Next steps
  - Tonight's questions and comments will be considered along with other feedback
  - Stay engaged at [BuildingBarrie.ca](http://BuildingBarrie.ca)
    - Lots more to come in 2019 with this project



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**Open floor to Public Meeting format**

