

Staff Memorandum



To: Mayor A. Nuttall and Members of Council

Subject and Ward(s): Joint Needs Analysis and Study Stage 3 and All Wards

Date: January 8, 2025

Department Head Approval: M. Prowse, Chief Administrative Officer

Executive Management Approval: M. Prowse, Chief Administrative Officer

CAO Approval: M. Prowse, Chief Administrative Officer

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update concerning the Joint Needs Analysis and Study Stage 3.

On Dec. 11, 2024, Council passed the following motion.

“Therefore Be It Resolved, that given the information contained within the Joint Needs Analysis and Study Stage 1 and 2 completed by Hemson Consulting, the City of Barrie’s experience with developable lands within the City’s boundary and historical experience with the 2009 annexation, the initial land request proposals to the Townships of Springwater and Oro-Medonte be reassessed to better respect and identify the City’s demonstrated need for vacant land required for comprehensive community employment lands and residential housing, in order to meet Provincial targets; and

That an updated request to include the Little Lake Area Lands in addition to the 4000 acres of gross land, be forwarded to the Province of Ontario and Provincial Land Facilitator with a request for this matter to be dealt with in an expeditious manner; and

That the Mayor and CAO continue with the meeting identified by the Provincial Land Facilitator to negotiate an update to the City of Barrie’s border with neighbouring municipalities and staff report back on January 8, 2025 with the scope of work to proceed with Stage 3 to identify Barrie’s border with neighbouring municipalities, and

That as part of the report back, staff verify the developable industrial land needs identified by Hemson.”

Hemson Consulting has completed their draft scope of work, and the Provincial Land Facilitator has circulated the draft report for comment. The City of Barrie staff have provided initial comments and are awaiting next steps in the process from the Provincial Land Facilitator. Once formalized a further updated will be provided to Council.

Appendix:

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