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**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE**  
**Mayor's Office**

Mayor Randy Greenlaw  
Township of Oro-Medonte  
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March 19, 2025

Dear Mayor Greenlaw,

Thank you for your correspondence dated March 4, 2025 with respect to the motion passed by Oro-Medonte Council on February 26, 2025 pertaining to the Boundary Adjustment Provincial Facilitation Process.

The City of Barrie was surprised by this motion passed unanimously by Oro-Medonte Council given that all parties had agreed and signed the Terms of Reference for the work of the Provincial Facilitator in 2024.

The City of Barrie continues to be committed to the facilitation process that was initiated in June of 2024 and agreed upon by all parties. The facilitation process is designed to be impartial, with the facilitator acting as a neutral chair to guide discussions and resolve disputes. We respect this process. The City of Barrie supports making all council discussions on this matter public and has acted accordingly.

As you know, the Hemson report was presented publicly to all parties and provides a comprehensive analysis. The City of Barrie is committed to using this data to address the region's housing and employment needs. The report indicates a need for additional land for Barrie in order to provide for comprehensive community/employment areas. The report recommended assessing the adjustment of municipal boundaries as an option to address the need for additional land for Barrie to provide for comprehensive community/employment areas. In particular, there is an identified need for shovel-ready lands and parcels for expansion of existing users and new larger users. Recent and planned growth suggests that achieving Official Plan targets in Barrie will be challenging without additional lands.

The next step in the process, as recommended by the Provincial Facilitator, is to engage Hemson and a broader consultant team to conduct further analysis as to the land needs and servicing within the study area. This information will inform continued discussions and future engagement with the public. The City of Barrie has agreed to fund the work, which will take several months to complete, at its sole cost.

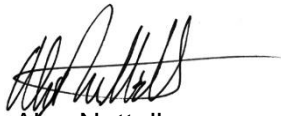
Through the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator, the City of Barrie would like to continue to engage with Oro-Medonte and Springwater to resolve this issue.

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However, this motion as introduced by Deputy Mayor Peter Lavoie on February 26, 2025 and unanimously supported by the Oro-Medonte Council jeopardizes our discussions and the joint commitment to work on finding a local solution to the boundary dispute.

I hope that Oro-Medonte council will reconsider their position and come back to the Provincial Land Development Facilitation table to come to a locally developed resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Nuttall', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alex Nuttall  
Mayor

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MPP Doug Downey  
MPP Andrea Khanjin  
Mayor Coughlin, Township of Springwater  
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