



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Residents: Share your feedback on first draft of the new Zoning By-law**

(Barrie, ON) – The City of Barrie is creating a new comprehensive Zoning By-law, which is designed to implement the vision and policies of Barrie's adopted Official Plan. The Official Plan is currently awaiting approval by the Province. The first draft of the new Zoning By-law is [now posted](#) for public review and feedback.

A [Zoning By-law](#) regulates the use of land in our community. It tells how land may be used, where buildings and other structures can be located, the types and form of buildings that are permitted, and how those buildings can be used. This is the first new Zoning By-law for Barrie in 13 years.

The first draft is a working document that is subject to change. Residents, businesses, and industry stakeholders are invited to review the By-law and provide feedback.

The main changes in the first draft include density increases, greater variety of housing types, parking districts, and the potential of allowing backyard chickens in the future, pending Council approval.

Upcoming in-person and virtual meetings will allow residents and business owners to share their thoughts on the new draft Zoning By-law:

- **In-person meeting:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023 from 4 to 7 p.m.  
City Hall (Rotunda), 70 Collier St., Barrie  
*Note: Registration is not required for the in-person meeting*
- **Virtual meeting:** Thursday, April 20, 2023, from 2 to 3 p.m.  
*Online (please [pre-register using the Zoom link](#))*

Visit [buildingbarrie.ca/zoning](#) to review the first draft document, share your input, and learn more. The deadline for feedback on the first draft is April 28, 2023.

There will be multiple opportunities for public consultation and feedback as each version of the new Zoning By-law is presented to the community. Feedback from the first draft will be incorporated into a second draft, which is planned to be released this summer. City staff will host an open house and public meeting in fall 2023 for feedback on the second draft. Then, it's expected that the final Zoning By-law will be shared for Council's consideration for adoption before the end of the year.

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