

Staff Memorandum



To	Mayor A. Nuttall and Members of Council
Subject	Public Meeting for an Amendment to the Zoning By-law 286 Ardagh Road
Date	October 29, 2025
Ward	6
From	M. Banfield, RPP, Executive Director of Development Services
Executive Member Approval	M. Banfield, RPP, Executive Director of Development Services
CAO Approval	M. Prowse, Chief Administrative Officer

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise members of the Affordability Committee of the Public Meeting regarding an application for a Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by Innovative Planning Solutions (IPS), on behalf of 286 Simcoe Capital Incorporated. The subject lands are legally described as Part of Lot 3, Concession 14 South, in the City of Barrie and are known municipally as 286 Ardagh Road.

Overview

The Zoning By-law Amendment application proposes to rezone the subject lands from 'Agriculture' (A) to 'Residential Apartment Dwelling Second Density-1 with Site-Specific Provisions' (RA2-1)(SP-XXX) in the City of Barrie Zoning By-law 2009-141. The purpose of the amendment is to facilitate the development of a six (6) storey apartment building containing seventy-two (72) dwelling units. The proposed amendment seeks to reduce the required interior side yard setback, rear yard setback, secondary means of egress, landscape buffer areas, and required minimum parking ratio in accordance with the following provisions:

Residential Apartment Dwelling Second Density (RA2-1) Zone Standard	Required by Zoning By-law 2009-141 (RA2-1)	Proposed Zoning Standard (RA2-1) (SP-XXX)
Interior Side Yard Setback (min.)	5m	3.7m
Secondary Means of Egress (min.)	7m	4.4m – West Lot Line 3.8m – North Lot Line
Rear Yard Setback (min.)	7m	5m
Parking (Min.)	108 spaces 1.5 space per unit (tandem parking not permitted)	93 spaces 1.29 spaces per unit
Landscape Buffer Areas (min.) – Section 5.3.7.1	3m	2m – East of Parking Area

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Landscape Buffer Areas (min.) – Section 5.3.7.2	7m	2m – East Lot Line

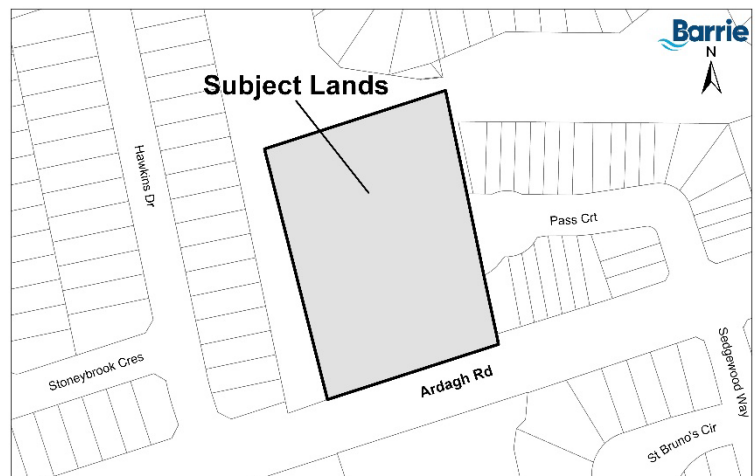
The application will also rezone a portion of the subject lands to ‘Environmental Protection’ (EP), which will ultimately be dedicated to the City in accordance with the recommendations made within the Environmental Impact Study that was provided as part of the application.

The complete submission package is available for viewing on the City’s **Development Projects** webpage under [Ward 6 – 286 Ardagh Road](#).

Background

The subject property is located on the north side of Ardagh Road, east of Hawkins Drive. The site is approximately 1.11 hectares in size with frontage of approximately 88 metres along Ardagh Road. The subject lands are currently vacant.

The subject property is designated ‘Neighbourhood Area’ on Map 2 – Land Use Designations in the City of Barrie Official Plan and is zoned ‘Agriculture’ (A) in Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2009-141.



Lands designated as ‘Neighbourhood Area’ area are intended to recognize new and existing neighbourhoods and communities while permitting appropriate levels of intensification that is compatible with and sensitive to the character of the surrounding neighbourhood.

The application was submitted to the City and deemed complete on August 28, 2025. Notification of the filing of a complete application and public meeting was circulated to all property owners within 120 metres of the subject property, as well as all interested parties, in accordance with the *Planning Act*. A public notification sign was posted on the property, and the notice was published on the [Public Notices](#) webpage on the City’s website. The application has been circulated to all applicable City departments and external agencies for review and comment.

The conceptual site plan is attached to this memorandum as Appendix A.

Neighbourhood Meeting

A neighbourhood meeting was held virtually through the Zoom platform on January 18, 2024. There were approximately forty-three (43) attendees including Ward 6 Councillor Nigussie and City Planning staff.

Comments and concerns were provided by residents at the meeting and are summarized as follows:

- Protection and preservation of existing mature boundary trees;
- Concerns with reduced landscape buffer areas and development setbacks;
- Concern regarding the proposed parking ratio, and increased demand for on-street parking;
- Concerns about the proposed height and loss of privacy on neighbouring properties;
- Concerns about the increased density and number of proposed units;
- Concerns about environmental protection for the surrounding area; and
- Questions pertaining to surrounding school accommodations for all existing and new residents.

Planning and Land Use Matters Under Review

The application is currently under review by City staff and external agencies. The primary planning and land use matters being considered include:

- Compliance with Provincial Planning Policy and the City's Official Plan;
- Appropriateness of the requested site-specific provisions to the City's Comprehensive Zoning By-law to accommodate the proposed development;
- Integration of the proposed development concept into the existing neighbourhood, and conformity with the envisioned development and character of the area;
- Ensuring that any shared boundary trees and private vegetation is protected from proposed development activities, in accordance with City standards;
- Confirmation that the proposed development can be supported by existing and/or planned services and infrastructure; and
- The impacts that the development may have on traffic operations and pedestrian safety.

Next Steps

Staff will continue to work with the applicant and members of the public to address any feedback received through the public consultation process, as well as those comments raised through the technical analysis of this application by staff and agency partners.

All technical comments that are received, as well as any comments provided at the Neighbourhood and Public Meetings, will be considered during the review of this application. This review may result in revisions or updates to the plans and reports submitted in support of the application.

A staff report is anticipated to be brought forward in Quarter 1 of 2026 for General Committee's consideration of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

For more information, please contact Riley Anderson, Planner, at 705-739-4220 ext. 4820 or by email at riley.anderson@barrie.ca.

Appendix:

Appendix A – Conceptual Site Plan

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File #:

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Pending #:

Not Applicable

Appendix A – Conceptual Site Plan

