

# Municipal Restructuring Public Meeting

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# Purpose of the Public Meeting

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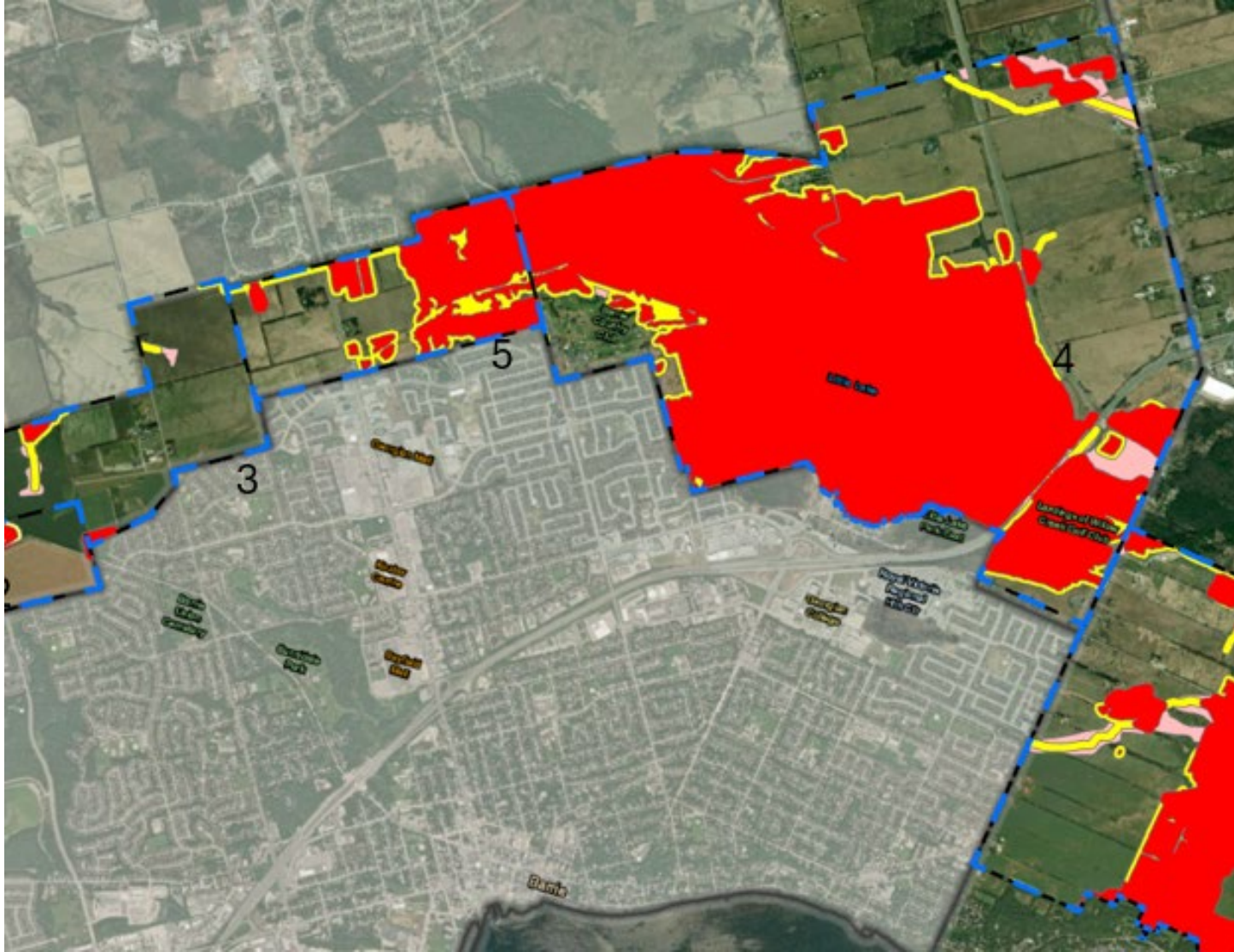
- Report on the facilitation process
- Gather public input into restructuring proposal framework agreements
- Statutory meeting – Section 173 Municipal Act

# Background

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- Conversation began in January 2023 with the other municipalities around Barrie's land needs and possible solutions
- November 2023 Mayor Nuttall presented to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure & Cultural Policy identifying Barrie's need for additional employment land
- Spring 2024 - Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing appointed the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator; Municipal leaders, supported by CAOs, staff, and a consulting team, have participated in this process
- December 2024 - Joint Land Needs Analysis & Study – Hemson presented their conclusions that the City would require about 630ha of community land and 300ha of employment land
- January 2025 – Council direction to move ahead with next stage of study to refine land needs, assess opportunities to address the land needs, and consider servicing
- September 2025 – Facilitation process is complete, conclusions from technical studies are available, Barrie has prepared draft agreements for consideration by Council and the Townships

# Independent Joint Land Needs Analysis & Study Conclusions



- To achieve population and employment targets Barrie requires
  - ~500ha of developable community land
  - 300ha of developable employment land
  - Total of ~800ha land needs
- Environmental constraint mapping of entire study area identified developable lands
- Barrie's infrastructure systems are well positioned to provide servicing beyond its existing borders

# Elements of Facilitation Process & Draft Framework Agreements

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Fairness for Affected  
Property Owners



Environmental  
Stewardship and  
Protection



Maintaining Adequate  
Supply of Land for  
Community/Residential  
uses



The Creation of  
Employment Land to  
Support Job Creation and  
a Strong Local Economy



Ensuring Adequate  
Compensation for Loss of  
Tax Revenue and  
Opportunity



Unlocking Near-term  
Opportunities for  
Community Development

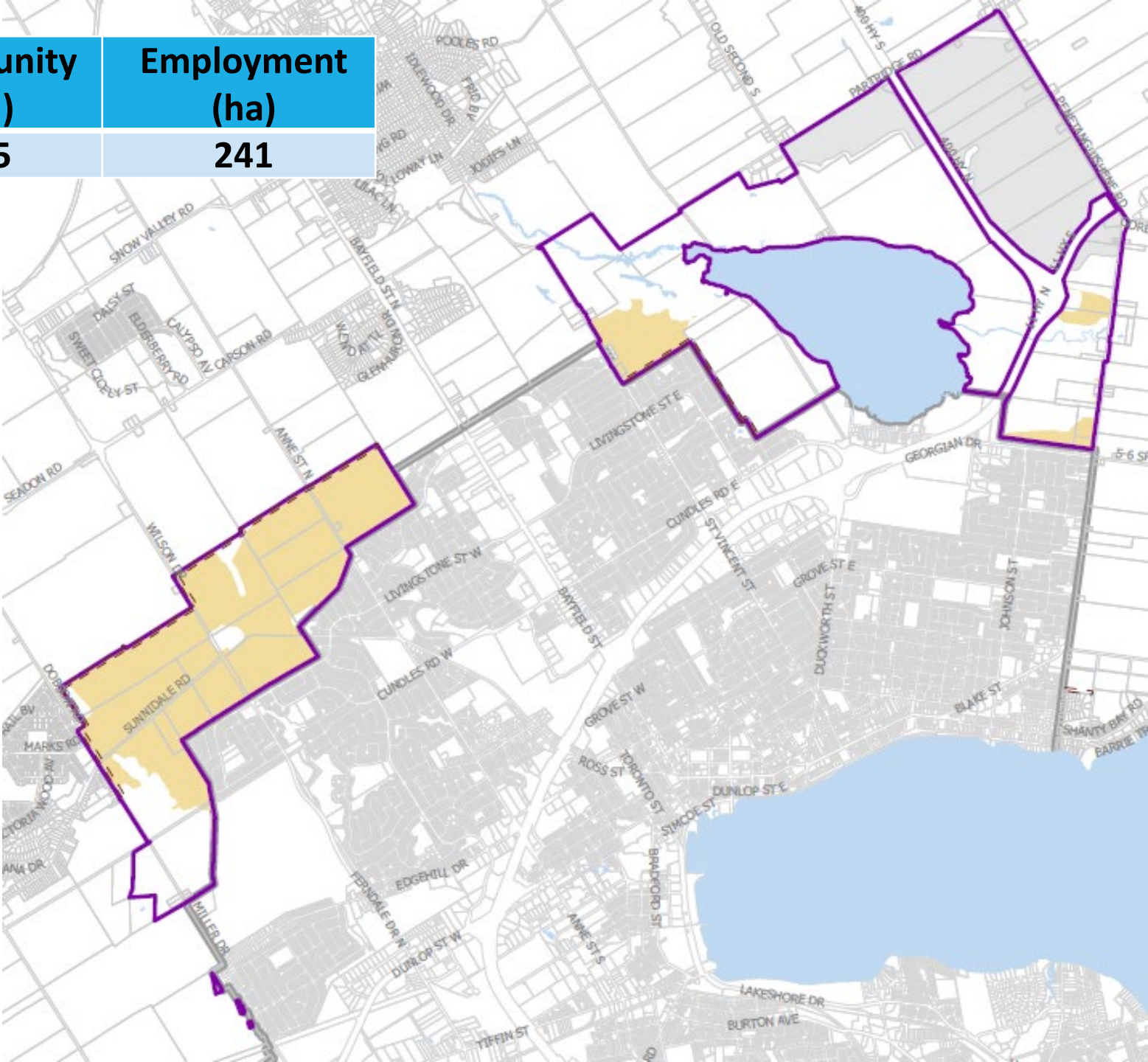
# Proposed Annexed Lands into Barrie

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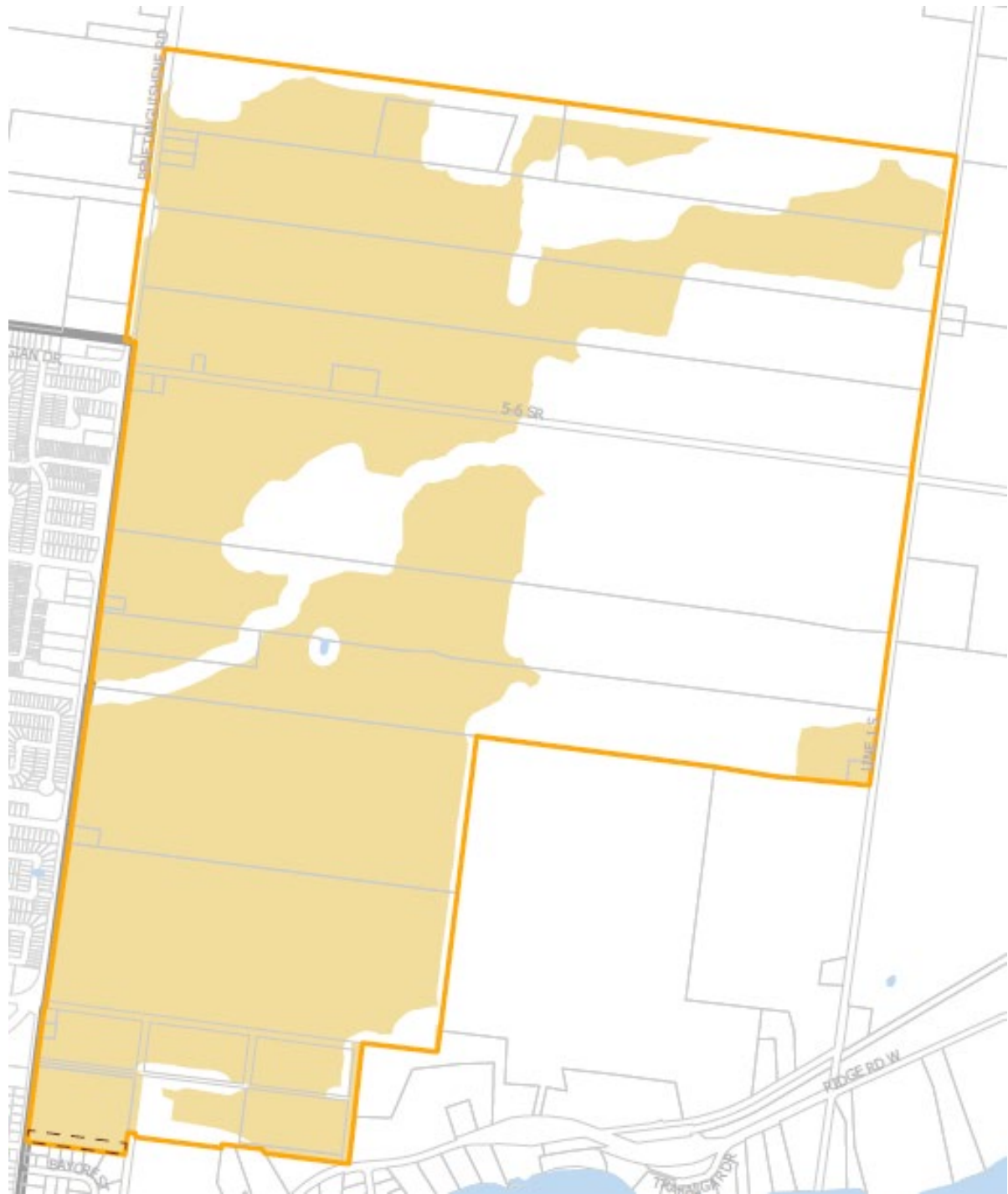
Proposed Annexed Lands	Community (ha)	Employment (ha)
Springwater	355	241
Oro-Medonte	274	
Total	629	241



Developable Lands	Community (ha)	Employment (ha)
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# Financial Compensation

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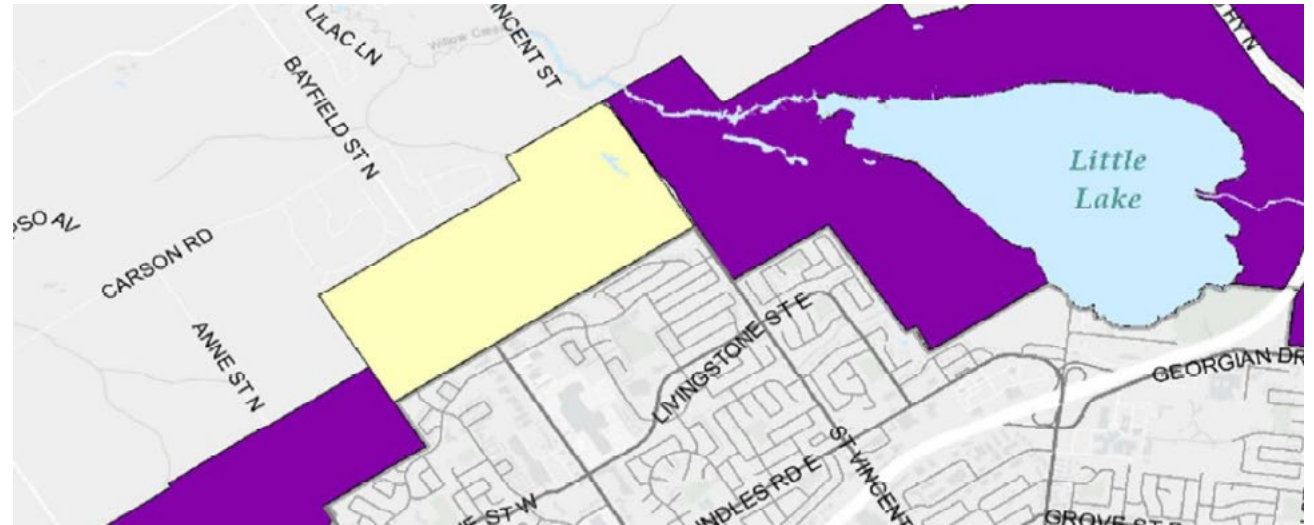
- Barrie will compensate Springwater and Oro-Medonte at \$15,000 per developable acre annexed
- Springwater will receive an additional \$850k for economic development initiatives

Total Compensation	
Springwater	\$ 22,930,000
Oro-Medonte	\$ 10,155,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 33,085,000</b>

- County contribution for economic development

# Springwater Cross Border Servicing

- Commitment to enter into future agreement for water and wastewater servicing
- Lands at north end of Bayfield Street
- Principle of full cost recovery for Barrie



# Economic Development Initiatives

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- Strategic working group – all parties represented
- Champion employment for entire region and work collaboratively to develop a vision for 3 zones
  - Forbes Road at Highway 400
  - Lake Simcoe Regional Airport
  - Craighurst parcel

# County of Simcoe Considerations

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Upper tier to Springwater and Oro-Medonte

Referenced in both framework agreements

- Role in economic development
- Transfer of some County roads and services to Barrie
- Municipal Act requirement to host Public Meeting and consider restructuring proposal

# Next Steps

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- Public feedback will be incorporated into draft framework agreements
- October 1 – Barrie General Committee & Council consideration
- October 8 - Springwater Public Meeting
- October 15 – Springwater Council consideration
- October 15 - Oro-Medonte Public Meeting
- October 22 - Oro-Medonte Council consideration
- County dates not yet scheduled
- If approved by all municipalities, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing may implement the restructuring through issuance of an order