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TO: MAYOR A. NUTTALL AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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RE: BILL 150, *PLANNING STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT ACT, 2023*

DATE: JANUARY 10, 2024

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update on Bill 150, *Planning Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023* which was introduced into the provincial legislature on November 16, 2023, and received Royal Assent on December 6, 2023.

Background

Bill 150, *Planning Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023*, was introduced to reverse decisions on Official Plans for 12 municipalities including the City of Barrie.

The City of Barrie's Official Plan was approved by the Province of Ontario with 73 modifications on April 11, 2023.

On October 23, 2023, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra announced his "*priority to review past decisions related to land use planning, including official plans and minister's zoning orders, to ensure that these earlier decisions support our goal of building at least 1.5 million homes in a manner that maintains and reinforces public trust*" and asked heads of Council to submit comments on Official Plan modifications by December 7, 2023.

On November 16, 2023, Bill 150, *Planning Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023* was introduced into the Provincial legislature.

On November 22, 2023, the City of Barrie held a Town Hall to gather stakeholder feedback regarding the Official Plan modifications.

Mayor Nuttall submitted the City of Barrie's recommendations on the Official Plan to the Minister on December 6, 2023, the submission included feedback received by the public through email and comments at the Town Hall, in advance of the December 7, 2023, deadline (45 day window).

Bill 150, Planning Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023

The Provincial Legislature gave royal assent to the Bill 150 on December 6, 2023, reversing the Provincial modifications to the City of Barrie's Official Plan.

This legislation brings into effect the Official Plan as adopted by Council on March 7, 2022, with one modification which was made to align with provincial regulation.



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Provincial modification number 66 is being retained:

6.5.1.3.j) a new policy is added to read:

“Where their activity would cause a significant drinking water threat, uses outlined in Policy LUP-1 of the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Plan shall not be permitted in vulnerable areas.”

A new version of the Official Plan is available on the City's website at <https://www.barrie.ca/government-news/adopted-strategies-plans/official-plan>

It is anticipated that the City will hear back from the Minister in response to the City's submission on additional Official Plan modifications in 2024 at which time staff will provide an update to Council on this matter.