



## BUSINESS PERFORMANCE AND INTERNAL AUDIT MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** MAYOR A. NUTTALL AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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**RE:** STREAMLINE DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS FUND

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 7, 2024

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### Summary

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with a summary concerning the Streamline Development Approvals Fund (SDAF) through the Province of Ontario. The Streamline Development Approvals Fund was announced by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on January 19, 2022. The purpose of the fund was to provide Municipalities with funding to implement streamlining development approval initiatives such as e-permitting systems, temporary staff (including interns) to address backlogs, online application portals, and other projects aimed at unlocking housing supply.

On March 24, 2022, the City of Barrie (the "City") received funding in the amount of **\$875,000** as an interim payment for eligible SDAF costs.

On October 30, 2023, the City reported its use of the SDAF (Appendix A) which was posted to the City's website (<https://www.barrie.ca/media/11514>) and included in the City's submission to the Province of Ontario to receive the balance of available SDAF funding. The report identified completed projects eligible for SDAF totaling \$1,481,944.85 including Harmonized Sales Tax (HST).

After evaluating the City's submission, the Province of Ontario advised \$22,213.02 of amounts claimed were ineligible expenses under the fund. In addition, \$111,592.72 in HST paid on the eligible SDAF costs was recovered by the City through HST rebates therefore it was removed from the eligible costs.

The City received additional SDAF funding in the amount of **\$473,139.11** on December 20, 2023. In total, the City of Barrie received **\$1,348,139.11** in SDAF funding (\$1,481,944.85 of submitted costs less \$22,213.02 of ineligible costs less \$111,592.72 of HST recovered through rebates) to complete initiatives that expedite approvals and unlock housing supply.



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**APPENDIX "A"**

**SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS**