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Good morning folks,

Please see the draft for the joint statement. I'm not sure if they'll go for point #3, but Mayor Nuttall has agreed to the rest of this language in principle. Please let me know if this aligns with your legal strategy.

If the statement is indeed released today or tomorrow, we advise the Township to immediately release a video on their website and social media of the Mayor speaking to residents about the latest developments, what they mean, and how she is working to further Springwater's interests. We will send the recommended script in a separate email as it will be dependent on the final language in the joint statement.

JOINT STATEMENT: CITY OF BARRIE AND TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER November 27, 2025

Subject: Securing a Future of Mutual Prosperity and Housing Certainty

The Township of Springwater and the City of Barrie welcome the decisive action taken by the Government of Ontario in introducing the *Barrie-Oro-Medonte-Springwater Boundary Adjustment Act, 2025* (Bill 76). This historic step acknowledges the regional necessity of aligning land use with essential infrastructure to meet provincial housing targets and drive economic growth across Simcoe County.

For the past two years, our communities have engaged in complex, provincially-facilitated discussions aimed at developing a path for growth that benefits all residents. The introduction of this legislation, based on the recommendation of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator, brings certainty to this process and validates the spirit of partnership established between our two municipalities.

Mayor Alex Nuttall and Mayor Jennifer Coughlin share a core commitment: **to transform infrastructure capacity into tangible, long-term benefits for the people of this region.**

The Foundation for Partnership:

1. **Certainty and Servicing:** The City of Barrie reaffirms its commitment, originally outlined in the Restructuring Framework, to extend municipal water and wastewater servicing capacity to the critical non-annexed areas of Springwater, enabling key community projects. This infrastructure guarantee is paramount, ensuring that regional growth moves forward immediately and responsibly.
2. **Community Benefits:** This resolution allows Springwater to move forward decisively on stalled community-building initiatives that rely on this servicing solution, including new capacity for

seniors' housing, potential long-term care facilities, and essential public infrastructure like a high school.

3. **Fiscal Responsibility:** This partnership provides the Township of Springwater with the agreed-upon compensation package, securing financial stability and avoiding the multi-million dollar, high-risk capital investment required to solve our servicing needs independently.

Now that the Province has provided the legislative framework, our focus shifts to seamless implementation. Our respective administrations will work together immediately to finalize the specific agreements on compensation, boundary transition, and servicing deployment, ensuring every resident benefits from this next chapter of shared prosperity.

This is a win for regional planning, a win for local jobs, and most importantly, a win for the residents and families of Springwater and Barrie.