Township of Springwater

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Mayoral Direction

MDIR-2025-005

To direct Township staff to Engage Legal Counsel and Provide Notice to Loopstra Nixon LLP

Whereas the Mayor has the authority to make certain decisions under Part VI. 1 (Special Powers and Duties of Head of Council) of the Municipal Act, 2001 ("Act"); and

Whereas Section 284.3 (Directions to Municipal Employees), the Mayor may direct staff to:

(a) undertake research and provide advice to the head of council and council on policies and programs of the Township or of the head of council as they relate to the powers and duties under this Part; and

(b) carry out duties related to the exercise of the power or performance of the duty, including implementing any decisions made by the head of council under this Part.

And Whereas Quinto Annibale, Partner with Loopstra Nixon LLP was advised of my Mayoral Decision MD-2025-005 to veto a portion of Confirmatory By-law 2025-91, specifically resolution C446-2025, on November 7, 2025, at 12:15 p.m.

I, Jennifer Coughlin, Mayor of the Township of Springwater, direct Township staff as follows:

1. Retain external legal counsel, without delay, to advise and continue to represent the Township with respect to the process and decision making of the Township in relation to all matters relating to the Barrie Boundary Adjustment in order to potentially advance prescribed provincial priorities, in addition to other resources as required to protect the integrity of the Township.
2. Issue a written notice to Loopstra Nixon LLP confirming cessation of its engagement effective 12:15 p.m. (EST) on November 7, 2025, directing the firm to cease all work immediately, and clarifying that the Township of Springwater will not be responsible for any costs incurred on or after that time.
3. Preserve all correspondence and records related to this matter.

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4. Confirm to my Office once legal counsel has been engaged and the notice to Loopstra Nixon LLP has been issued.

This mayoral direction shall come into effect this 8th day of November, 2025.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2025

Original Signed By

Jennifer Coughlin,
Mayor

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