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Renee

I would appreciate it if you would forward this email to all members of Council at your earliest convenience.

Mayor and Members of Council:

As you know, the legislature on Wednesday November 25, 2025, introduced Bill 76. "Barrie - Oro-Medonte-Springwater Boundary Adjustment Act, 2025 "**An Act respecting the adjustment of the boundaries between the City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte and the Township of Springwater**". A copy of the proposed legislation is attached for your reference. Bill 76 received second reading yesterday, November 26, 2025. If passed, it is our opinion that the effect of the legislation would be to implement the Barrie annexation proposal by statute, thereby making the relief which you instructed me to seek in the Application to Quash the Mayor's various strong Mayors By-laws and Directions moot. In those circumstances, the relief sought, (although still important as it would determine the reach of a Strong Mayor), would be theoretical only. Courts generally do not make rulings on theoretical or moot points and therefore the likelihood of success would diminish considerably were you to continue with the litigation now. Therefore, I have asked our litigation team to cease work on the Application to Quash as of today so that legal costs are minimized. If the legislation is passed I will likely follow up with a recommendation to council that it authorize me to withdraw the application.

I do note the Bill gives the Minister power to require compensation to be paid and that this may require further negotiation with the province and the other municipalities to determine that compensation (or at the very least, submissions to that effect should be made to the Minister by your council). You will recall that I made certain recommendations on how to improve the compensation last offered by Barrie through the Framework agreement, so that it was more in line with other examples throughout Ontario and fairer for Springwater. If Council wishes, I would be pleased to continue as your counsel and assist in those negotiations or submissions. Kindly advise.

Regards

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