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Sent: October 22, 2025 6:12 PM
To: Renee Ainsworth
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Subject: Re: Legal Opinion

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Renee

We will forward a revised opinion in the morning. A few points of clarification-

1. I did say that the mayor needed to repeal her strong mayor bylaw. However, council can also try to repeal it. However the mayor could and probably would try to veto that so we saw no point in going down that rabbit hole. I have asked my staff to make that a bit clearer in my opinion.

2. We will amend the opinion to address the issue of attacking the whole process but you will recall that I was of the view that there is very little to attack because neither the opdf, nor the minister, nor the mayor has made any decisions or entered into any agreements or done anything that could be challenged by jr or otherwise. Therefore it would be premature to start an action based on that. Therefore opinion will be amended to reflect that. If that changes then of course we could take steps to try to review those opinions. The letter will reflect all that

3. The opinion will also be amended to reflect to identify another potential issue being whether the minister can even make a decision to adjust the boundary or whether that requires an act of the legislature. We are not in a position to answer that question but will identify it as one requiring our further review.

Hope that helps. I will try to be on the call tomorrow but it will be dependant on my internet.

Quinto

> On Oct 22, 2025, at 11:31 PM, Renee Ainsworth <Renee.Ainsworth@springwater.ca> wrote:
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> Good afternoon,
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> Thank you for providing the opinion.

I do have a few comments/questions, taking into consideration that I have only had the time for a cursory review of the document.

I do have concern that the scope of the opinion does not fulfill what was directed by Council. The direction was “to provide detailed advice regarding the possibility of initiating a judicial review of the City of Barrie boundary adjustment process”. I will be forwarding the opinion to Council for their information, however please be prepared to possibly field additional questions surrounding the entirety of the COB boundary adjustment process mas your opinion seems solely focused on use of Strong Mayors powers.

In addition, Q5 of Appendix A it states that repeal of the Mayors by-law(s) is something for Council to determine. From our call last week, you had mentioned that only the Mayor is able to repeal Strong Mayors by-laws and that Council is not able to do so. Can you please clarify this for me?

I will complete a fulsome review this evening and provide you with any other questions or comments I may have.

Thank you,

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence from Mr. Lee in relation to the above-noted matter.

Thank you.

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