Katja Awender

From: Jennifer Marshall
Sent: October 9, 2025 4:33 PM
To: John Mascarin; Renee Ainsworth
Subject: RE: Advice re Strong Mayors

Hi John,

As discussed, this morning, see Council resolution below passed at the 5pm Special Meeting of October 8, 2025 regarding this matter.

C384C-2025
Moved by Cabral
Seconded by Alexander

That the Correspondence from Davies Howe LLP dated October 6, 2025 re: Barrie Annexation Proposal Use of Strong Mayor Powers; be received; and,

That Council hereby requests a legal opinion from Loopstra Nixon LLP, Aird and Berlis LLP and the Province on the use of Strong Mayor powers for the Barrie Boundary Adjustment Proposal as well as a peer review on the Davies Howe LLP correspondence; and,

That Ainley be requested to provide Council with a peer review on the most recent technical memos received through the facilitation process; and,

That the legal opinion be presented to Council in closed session on October 15, 2025, prior to the regular meeting.

Carried

Additional information can be found at the following:

- **City of Barrie Proposed Boundary Adjustment – Township Webpage**
- **MDIR-2025-001-Mayoral-Direction-to-Staff-re-City-of-Barrie-Proposed-Boundary-Adjustment.pdf**
- **2025-042-City-of-Barrie-Boundary-Discussions----Signed.pdf**
- **2025-068-City-of-Barrie-Boundary-Discussions---Cross-border-servicing-for-the-Bayfield-Street-corridor-and-Mayors-Reasons.pdf**

Once the summary staff report is published later today, I will send you a link to the agenda.

Renee and I will monitor our emails over the weekend if you require anything further from us.

Regards,

Jennifer Marshall, AMP (She/Her)

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Subject: RE: Advice re Strong Mayors

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Renee and Jennifer,

Sorry to keep you waiting.

We are good to go on conflicts – no issue from our end because of the scoped advice we are providing re the use of the strong mayor powers.

Please send along the resolution authorizing our review and the staff report. We can get the other information from the Barrie Annexation webpage and the mayor's decisions and directions from the website.

John

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Thanks John. I believe the correspondence had about 80 people on the email chain. Please let me know once you determine if you need to call conflict on this one.

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Renee and Jennifer,

Apparently, the Davis Howe letter is making the rounds. One of my partners who is advising Simcoe County on the annexation has asked to speak to me. I am concerned about a conflict with now two existing retainer we have re the annexation.

Could you kindly let me speak to my partners advising Simcoe County and Oro-Medonte to see if my advising Springwater on the use of strong mayor powers in relation to the annexation is a conflict?

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Importance: High

Hi John,

Are you able to have a call with Jenn and I first thing in the morning? I promise its actually going to happen this time 😊 Council provided direction just now to have a legal opinion/peer review of the following: https://springwater.civicweb.net/FileStorage/B6C245132B5A46D7A0C9658C14CDC732-08.%20Davies%20Howe%20-%20Letter%20to%20Springwater%20re%20Strong%20.pdf

Just give us a time and we will make it work.

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