RESOLUTION OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER

WHEREAS on May 7, 2025, the Mayor of the Township of Springwater exercised the Strong Mayor Powers and By-law 2025-042 was passed authorizing the Mayor to engage in discussions with the City of Barrie and the Province of Ontario with respect to the City of Barrie's Boundary Proposal;

AND WHEREAS on September 3, 2025, the Mayor of the Township of Springwater exercised the Strong Mayor Powers and By-law 2025-068 was passed authorizing the Mayor to include cross-border servicing for the Bayfield Street corridor in the discussions with the City of Barrie and the Province of Ontario regarding the City of Barrie's Boundary Proposal;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Springwater Council authorized the retainer of Loopstra Nixon LLP on May 21, 2025 by Resolution C245-2025 in respect of the City of Barrie Boundary Proposal;

AND WHEREAS the retainer of Loopstra Nixon LLP was not legally terminated by Mayoral Direction MDIR-2025-005 given to Staff on November 8, 2025, such termination being legally possible only by further direction of Council, not Staff;

AND WHEREAS Council confirms that Loopstra Nixon LLP was duly authorized to fulfill Council's instructions in respect of the City of Barrie Boundary Proposal, including the provision of legal opinions in respect of the matter, and that such instructions also conferred authority for Loopstra Nixon LLP to communicate with individual Council members as necessary to address the issues involved;

AND WHEREAS on November 5, 2025, the Mayor of the Township of Springwater exercised the Strong Mayor Powers and By-law 2025-093 was passed authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the boundary adjustment/restructuring proposal between the Township of Springwater and the City of Barrie;

AND WHEREAS on November 5, 2025, the Township of Springwater Council authorized Loopstra Nixon LLP to challenge the validity of By-laws 2025-042, 2025-068 and 2025-093 by Resolution C446-2025;

AND WHEREAS on November 10, 2025, Loopstra Nixon LLP filed a Notice of Application to Quash By-laws 2025-042, 2025-068 and 2025-093 pursuant to section 273(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001,* S.O. 2001, c. 25, with the Superior Court of Justice;

AND WHEREAS on December 11, 2025, Bill 76, the 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, received Royal Assent thereby rendering the Application to Quash By-laws 2025-042, 2025-068 and 2025-093 filed with the Superior Court of Justice pursuant to section 273(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001,* S.O. 2001, c. 25, moot;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council of the Township of Springwater hereby authorizes Loopstra Nixon LLP to withdraw the Application to Quash filed with the Superior Court of Justice on November 10, 2025;

2. Council of the Township of Springwater hereby directs Loopstra Nixon LLP to cease all work on this matter effective December 12, 2025, and to submit an account for services rendered up to and including that date, and directs Staff to pay all outstanding accounts forthwith; and

3. Council extends its appreciation to Quinto Annibale and Loopstra Nixon LLP for its diligent and professional representation on such a highly contentious matter during an especially challenging period for the Township, and confirms that Quinto Annibale and Loopstra Nixon LLP faithfully carried out its work in accordance with Council's instructions (which instructions included seeking the views of individual Councillors who contacted them and who they contacted) and conducted itself at all times with the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and competence.