From: William McLennan
Sent on: December 1, 2025 12:31:45 PM
To: Renee Ainsworth
CC: Stacey Forfar; Michael Binetti
Subject: RE: Privileged and Confidential - Email from Bob Bruton

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Hi Renee,

Please see the proposed response below. This tracks the comms strategy that we've discussed.

Some important notes:

1. You need to add a link to the council decision approving the Framework Agreement in the highlighted section below.
2. Please confirm the factual accuracy of the statement (e.g., the basis of the $22M and the per-acre cost, the fact that the servicing grants hundreds of millions in value, etc.).

Here is the response for consideration:

> Thank you for reaching out.
>
> Now that the Province has introduced the Barrie-Oro-Medonte-Springwater Boundary Adjustment Act, 2025 (Bill 76), I have instructed our staff to finalize compensation details with the City of Barrie based on the Council-approved Framework Agreement **[Link]**, to which we remain fully committed.
>
> - Financial compensation is a core pillar of the framework we negotiated with the City of Barrie, and it is a key component of the 'Mutual Prosperity' approach we have agreed upon.
> - Under the negotiated framework, the total compensation package for the Township of Springwater is valued at approximately $22 million. This funding is critical for ensuring that growth pays for growth and will help maintain our financial sustainability as the region expands.
> - The compensation model in the framework is based on a rate of $15,000 per developable acre. This formula ensures a fair exchange for the land transfer while protecting Springwater's tax base.
> - Importantly, this compensation is just one part of the equation.
> - The servicing agreement will provide immense value for residents of Springwater. Securing access to Barrie's water and wastewater capacity unlocks hundreds of millions of dollars in infrastructure value without having to burden Springwater's taxpayers with the risk of building it ourselves.
> - Finalizing this agreement will enable us to build capacity for long-planned, essential community needs and provincial priorities like seniors' housing, long-term care, hospice, and attainable housing.
>
> I look forward to working with Mayor Nuttall and the Province to finalize these details and get shovels in the ground for the housing and services our region and residents need.

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Hi Renee – Received. We will work on this and get back to you.

Will

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Hi Will,

Mayor Coughlin has asked if Bakir could provide a draft response for the below media inquiry.

Thanks,

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Hi Stacey and Renee,

At Mayor Coughlin's request, I am sharing the below email.

Shelley

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From: Bob Bruton <bob@barrietoday.com>
Sent: December 1, 2025 10:07 AM
To: Jennifer Coughlin <Jennifer.Coughlin@springwater.ca>
Subject:

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Mayor Coughlin

Does Springwater still expect to be compensated by Barrie for land annexed under Bill 76?
If so, what would be the amount and how would it be arrived upon?
Would it be a certain amount per developable acre?
If no, why not?
I would appreciate your answers and any other comments you have. on this matter.
I am writing the story today.
Thanks for your time.

Bob Bruton
BarrieToday