
Mayoral Direction to City Staff

Section 284.3 of the *Municipal Act* provides the Head of Council the authority to give direction to staff in writing.

I, Alex Nuttall, Mayor of the City of Barrie with the unanimous support of City Council hereby provide the following direction:

That staff, myself and the Deputy Mayor discuss and prepare with the Township of Springwater a boundary adjustment agreement to allow for City of Barrie to assume lands from the Township of Springwater, in alignment with the shared principles noted below:

- A joint economic development committee will be formed to support coordinated growth strategies and investments in dedicated resources for the Township of Springwater;
- A buffer area along the Barrie-Springwater boundary to appropriately scale any future development and ensure an appropriate transition between the communities;
- Provisions associated with the collection of Development Charges;
- City of Barrie boundary expanded in exchange for water and wastewater servicing in defined area on the draft map as attached to this Direction and compensation aligned to the St. Thomas/Central Elgin agreement;
- A collaborative approach to regional healthcare services to ensure accessible care across both municipalities;
- A property tax phase-in program to ease the transition for affected property owners;
- Provision of recreational access in Barrie, including annual Barrie waterfront parking passes and access to City of Barrie recreation programs and facilities;
- To confirm the Mayor of Springwater as a member on the Barrie Conservation Trust; and
- A request for the Ontario Energy Board to consider an alignment of the Alectra boundary with the new City of Barrie boundary

That the agreement be executed by the Mayor and CAO in form acceptable to the Provincial Government.

Dated at the City of Barrie, this 9th day of May, 2025.

“ORIGINAL SIGNED”

Mayor Alex Nuttall

**MEDIA RELEASE**

Friday, May 9, 2025

