
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.

Whereas Mayoral Direction MDIR004-25 directed staff to investigate conservation efforts in the area of Little Lake and other environmentally sensitive lands; and

Whereas Mayoral Direction MDIR011-25 directed staff to add Audrey Milligan's Pond as part of the lands to be included in the conservation lands; and,

Whereas the *Barrie-Oro-Medonte-Springwater Boundary Adjustment Act, 2025* being an important part of bringing Little Lake lands into Barrie for protection and conservation; and

Whereas the Restructuring Compensation Agreement between the City of Barrie and the Township of Springwater includes a provision for the Mayor or Mayor Designate of Springwater to have a seat on the board for the purpose of preserving environmentally sensitive lands within the area; and

Whereas the City sought feedback from the public as to other lands to be identified for conservation;

I, Alex Nuttall, Mayor of the City of Barrie, have provided the following direction:

That staff introduce a by-law within 30 days to establish a Barrie Conservation Municipal Services Board, comprised of up to five (5) members of Council, the Mayor of Springwater, and citizen members, with the mandate to:

- Establish a long-term vision for conservation and stewardship.
- Define and guide appropriate activation opportunities that align with the conservation vision.
- Pursue recognition under the 30×30 conservation framework to enhance land protection.
- Facilitate the creation of a "Friends of Barrie Conservation" group to support fundraising and community engagement initiatives.

Staff are further directed to create Terms of Reference and a proposed governance structure, in advance of the formal appointment of the Board by the next term of Council, and to include a 5 year Trail and Crossing Implementation Program in the amount of \$20,000/year in the 2027-2036 capital plan.

The Barrie Conservation Board will include naturalized areas of City-owned lands as follows:

- Little Lake
- Milligan's Pond
- Sunnidale Park Natural Area
- Riverwood Ravine
- The Gables
- Bear Creek wetlands
- Lovers Creek Ravine
- Lackie's Bush
- North Shore Trail
- Ardagh Bluffs
- Sandy Hollow Ravine
- Hewitt's Creek Ravine
- Allandale Station Park

Dated at the City of Barrie this 4th day of May, 2026.

"Original signed by"

Mayor Alex Nuttall