
May 28, 2026
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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTION 34(12) OF THE PLANNING ACT,
R.S.O. 1990, AS AMENDED, IN RESPECT TO A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING
BY-LAW**

**Re: Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment
General Provisions and Definitions**

TAKE NOTICE that the Affordability Committee of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Barrie will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** to review an Amendment to the Zoning By-law to support Canada's sovereign defence capabilities.

TAKE NOTICE that the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment was introduced by Mayor Nuttall pursuant to Bill 3, the *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022*, in accordance with subsection 284.3(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended;

The Zoning By-law Amendment proposes to amend the City of Barrie Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2009-141 by revising and adding text as follows:

1. Under section 4.0, General Provisions, the current text of section 4.2.1. be amended to reflect the following:

4.2.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in this By-law, any *public utility* or service owned and operated by the City of Barrie, as well as uses or facilities required to support *sovereign defence* as approved by the City, Province, or Federal government, shall not be subject to the provisions and standards of this Zoning By-law, save and except as provided in Section 11 of this By-law.

2. Under section 3.0, Definitions, the following definition be added:

Sovereign Defence

Shall mean the domestic capability to independently research, develop, test, manufacture, assemble, maintain, repair, upgrade, store, and sustain advanced technologies, products, equipment, and systems that support Canada’s ability to protect its territory, infrastructure, and population, and to maintain long-term operational readiness, without reliance on foreign production or sustainment for essential capabilities. Sovereign defence capabilities are those without which Canada cannot defend its sovereignty or meet its allied commitments. To qualify, a capability must be critical to the ability to defend Canada; an area of strength in Canada or have the potential to be one; and in demand by our Allies and partners to support collective defence and enable exports.

This public meeting will be held in a virtual forum with electronic participation and in person at City Hall. The meeting will be livestreamed on the City’s YouTube Channel <http://youtube.com/citybarrie>.

If you would like to participate virtually, you will need access to a computer with internet service or a telephone. If you wish to provide oral comments at the public meeting, please register in advance by emailing: cityclerks@barrie.ca or calling 705-739-4220 x5500 during regular office hours prior to **June 17, 2026 by 12:00 p.m.** Once you register, you will be provided information from the Legislative Services Branch on how to make your submission.

Any person may attend the meeting and make representation or present submission respecting this matter. If you wish to make a written submission concerning this matter, please email or mail written comments to cityclerks@barrie.ca or City Hall, 70 Collier Street, PO Box 400, Barrie, ON L4M 4T5 (attention: City Clerk). Written comments must be received by **June 17, 2026 by 12:00 p.m.**

Notification of the approval of the Zoning By-law Amendment by the City will be provided upon written request to the undersigned file manager in the Development Services Department – Planning Division.

If a person or public body who would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the City of Barrie to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the City of Barrie in respect of the proposed Amendment to the Zoning By-law before the Corporation of the City of Barrie gives or refuses to give approval of the Amendment to the Zoning By-law:

- (a) the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of The City of Barrie to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT); and
- (b) the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

All information including opinions, presentations, reports, documentation, etc. provided for or at the Public Meeting are considered public records. This information may be posted on the City of Barrie website and/or made available to the public upon request. Questions about this collection should be directed to the undersigned.

Any person seeking further information or clarification about the proposal, including the draft zoning by-law, should contact the undersigned during regular office hours.

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