

The Corporation of the Township of Springwater

By-law 2025-068

Being a By-law to authorize the Mayor to include cross-border servicing for the Bayfield Street corridor in discussions with the City of Barrie and the Province of Ontario regarding the Barrie Boundary Proposal

(City of Barrie Boundary Discussions – Cross Boarder Servicing
Bayfield Street Corridor)

Whereas pursuant to subsection 284.11.1(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 (the “Act”), if the head of council is of the opinion that a by-law could potentially advance a prescribed provincial priority, the head of council may propose a by-law to the Council and require the council to consider and vote on the proposed by-law at a meeting; and,

Whereas pursuant to subsection 284.11.1(3) of the Act, the Mayor shall provide a copy of any by-law proposed under subsection 284.11.1(2) of the Act, together with the Mayor’s reasons for the proposal, to the Clerk and to each member of Council; and,

Whereas on July 2, 2025, Council passed resolution C266-2025 to revoke its support for MZO-2023-001 – The Remington Group Inc. – 727 Bayfield Street North and MZO-2023-002 – Paul Sadlon Communities (2252841 Ontario Inc.) – 742 Bayfield Street North unless these lands are serviced through the Midhurst water and wastewater treatment facilities; and,

Whereas Council received an update in closed session from the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator where new information was presented that could be impacted by resolution C266-2025; and,

Whereas the Province of Ontario desires a local solution and is expecting a framework agreement to be achieved by September 30, 2025; and,

Whereas pursuant to Ontario Regulation 580/22, building 1.5 million new residential units by December 31, 2031 and constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing is a provincial priority prescribed for the purposes of subsection 284.11.1(2) of the Act; and,

Whereas the Mayor is of the opinion that the passage of a by-law authorizing the Mayor to include cross-border servicing for the Bayfield Street corridor in discussions with the City of Barrie and the Province of Ontario regarding the Barrie Boundary Proposal advances the prescribed provincial priority of building 1.5 million homes by 2031.

Now Therefore, the Council of the Township of Springwater enacts as follows:

That the Mayor be authorized to include cross-border servicing for the Bayfield Street corridor in discussions with the City of Barrie and the Province of Ontario regarding the Barrie Boundary Proposal to meet the Province's deadline of September 30, 2025 for a framework agreement.

That Confirmatory By-law 2025-053 dated July 2, 2025 be revoked, in part, as it applies to resolution C266-2025 and that the remainder of Confirmatory By-law 2025-053 remain in effect.

That notwithstanding any previous resolutions regarding cross-border servicing for the Bayfield Street Corridor in the Barrie Boundary Discussions, this by-law shall take precedence.

Passed in open Council this 3rd day of September 2025.

Original signed by:

Jennifer Coughlin, Mayor

Jennifer Marshall, Clerk

**Reasons for By-law Proposed
pursuant to 284.11.1(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001**

Date: September 3, 2025

To: Members of Council

And To: Jennifer Marshall, Clerk

Whereas pursuant to subsection 284.11.1(2) of The Municipal Act, 2001 (the “Act”), if the Mayor is of the opinion that a by-law could potentially advance a prescribed provincial priority, the Mayor may propose a by-law to the Council and require the Council to consider and vote on the proposed by-law at a meeting; and,

Whereas pursuant to subsection 284.11.1(3) of the Act, the Mayor shall provide a copy of any by-law proposed under subsection 284.11.1(2) of the Act, together with the Mayor’s reasons for the proposal, to the Clerk and to each member of Council; and,

Therefore, in accordance with subsection 284.11.1(3) of the Act, I Jennifer Coughlin, Mayor of the Township of Springwater, provide the following reasons for the proposal of a By-law to authorize the Mayor to include cross-border servicing for the Bayfield Street corridor in discussions with the City of Barrie and the Province of Ontario regarding the Barrie Boundary Proposal (the “By-law”).

The reasons for the proposal of the By-law are as follows:

1. The By-law could potentially support the provincial priority set out in paragraph 1 of O. Reg. 580/22 of “Building 1.5 million new residential units by December 31, 2031”. In particular, discussion with the City of Barrie and Province could potentially support this provincial priority because it realizes a potential opportunity to create new housing units.
 2. The By-law could potentially support the provincial priority set out in paragraph 2 of O. Reg 580/22 Constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing.
 3. The By-law could support the province’s desire for a local solution and is expecting a framework agreement to assist in its mandate.
 4. On July 2, 2025, Council passed resolution C266-2025 to revoke its support for MZO-2023-001 – The Reminton Group Inc. – 727 Bayfield Street North and MZO-2023-002 – Paul Sadlon Communities (2252841 Ontario Inc.) – 742 Bayfield Street North unless they are serviced through the Midhurst water and wastewater treatment facilities.
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5. On August 14, 2025, Council received an update in closed session from the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator where new information was presented that could be impacted by resolution C266-2025.
6. I, Jennifer Coughlin, Mayor of the Township of Springwater, am of the opinion that a by-law is required to authorize the Mayor to include cross-border servicing for the Bayfield Street corridor in discussions with the City of Barrie and the Province of Ontario regarding the Barrie Boundary Proposal to meet the Province's deadline of September 30, 2025 for a framework agreement.

"Original Signed By"

Jennifer Coughlin, Mayor
