

The Corporation of the Township of Springwater

By-law 2025-103

Being a By-law to authorize the negotiations and execution of a cross-border servicing agreement with the City of Barrie regarding the Barrie Boundary Proposal

(City of Barrie Boundary Adjustment/Restructuring Agreement)

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 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 are provincial priorities prescribed for the purposes of subsection 284.11.1(2) of the Act; and

Whereas By-law 2025-093 being a By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the boundary adjustment/restructuring proposal between the Township of Springwater and the City of Barrie was passed on November 5, 2025; and

Whereas section 6.4 of the boundary adjustment/restructuring proposal includes provisions for a cross-border servicing agreement with the City of Barrie; and

Whereas Bill 76, Barrie – Oro-Medonte – Springwater Boundary Adjustment Act, 2025 was introduced in the Provincial Legislature on November 25, 2025, which, if passed, will provide for a boundary adjustment between the City of Barrie and the Township of Springwater as well as the Township of Oro-Medonte; and

Whereas, Bill 76, Barrie – Oro-Medonte – Springwater Boundary Adjustment Act, 2025 does not propose to include the provisions of section 6.4 of the boundary adjustment/restructuring proposal; and

Whereas the Mayor of the Township of Springwater is of the opinion that the passage of a by-law authorizing staff to engage in discussion and to enter into negotiations with the City of Barrie regarding a cross-border servicing agreement could potentially advance the prescribed provincial priorities of building 1.5 million homes by 2031 and constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing including servicing.

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

1. That the Township staff be authorized and directed to engage in direct discussions and to enter into negotiations with the City of Barrie and the Province of Ontario to expedite the preparation of a cross-border servicing agreement.
2. That Township staff be authorized to retain and engage with such legal and subject matter consultants as necessary in order to assist with the negotiations with the City of Barrie in the preparation and execution of a cross-border servicing agreement.
3. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a cross-border servicing agreement with the City of Barrie and such other documents and instruments as may be necessary to give effect to this by-law.
4. This by-law shall, to the extent of any conflict, take precedence over any previous by-laws or resolutions regarding the servicing of these lands.

Passed in open Council this 4th day of December 2025.

Original signed by;

Jennifer Coughlin, Mayor

Renée Ainsworth, Clerk

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

Date: December 3, 2025

To: Members of Council

And To: Renee Ainsworth, 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;

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 authorizing negotiations and execution of a cross-border servicing agreement with the City of Barrie regarding the Barrie Boundary Proposal that could potentially advance provincial priorities (the “By-law”).

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

1. The By-law could potentially advance 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, discussions and negotiations with the City of Barrie and Province could potentially advance this provincial priority because it realizes a potential opportunity to create new housing units.
 2. The By-law could also potentially advance the provincial priority set out in paragraph 2 of O. Reg. 580/22 of constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing, which includes servicing that will address the needs of the Township of Springwater.
 3. By-law 2025-093 being a By-law to Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the boundary adjustment/restructuring proposal between the Township of Springwater and the City of Barrie was passed on November 5, 2025.
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4. Section 6.4 of the boundary adjustment/restructuring proposal included provisions for a cross-border servicing agreement with the City of Barrie to address the Township's needs related to the development of lands.
5. Bill 76, Barrie – Oro-Medonte – Springwater Boundary Adjustment Act, 2025 was introduced in the Provincial Legislature on November 25, 2025 which, if passed, will provide for a boundary adjustment between the City of Barrie and the Township of Springwater, as well as the Township of Oro-Medonte.
6. Bill 76, Barrie – Oro-Medonte – Springwater Boundary Adjustment Act, 2025 does not propose to include the provisions of section 6.4 of the boundary adjustment/restructuring proposal.
7. I am of the opinion that the passage of a by-law authorizing Township staff to engage in discussions and to enter into negotiations with the City of Barrie and the Province of Ontario regarding a cross-border servicing agreement and the eventual execution of the agreement could potentially advance the prescribed provincial priorities of building new homes by 2031 and of constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing, including servicing.

Original signed by;

Jennifer Coughlin, Mayor
