

March 12, 2024

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
777 Bay Street, 17th floor  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Via Email to: [Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org)

Dear Minister Calandra,

At its meeting of November 15, 2023, Council for the Township of Springwater discussed the City of Barrie's proposal for boundary adjustments and passed the following resolution:

**C655C-2023**

Moved by: Fisher

Seconded by: Garwood

That the Report item listed herein, be received as information:

6) City of Barrie – Proposed Boundary Adjustment

And That Council hereby terminate discussions between the City of Barrie regarding the Cities proposal for boundary adjustments and cross border servicing, and they be so advised.

And That Council direct that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CAO pursue discussions with the County of Simcoe and Township of Oro-Medonte regarding potential cross border servicing partnerships.

And Further That a letter be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing advising of the Township of Springwater's termination of discussions with the City of Barrie.

And That staff be directed to submit a delegation request for the ROMA conference regarding this item.

**Carried**

Subsequently, at its meeting of March 6, 2024, Council for the Township of Springwater reconsidered the above resolution. The below direction was provided following the reconsideration:

**C116D-2024**

Moved by: Moore

Seconded by: Thompson

That Council hereby reconvene discussions between the City of Barrie regarding cross border servicing, and they be so advised; and,

That staff be directed to explore and examine potential options including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Review and analyze existing Township planning policies alongside provincial direction through Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, to identify potential areas suitable for increased residential and/or industrial development beyond existing predefined settlement areas that can be reasonably serviced.
2. Explore the possibility of establishing "special economic zone(s)" through collaborative partnerships with neighboring municipalities that aim to address potential employment opportunities.
3. Assess and evaluate current cross border servicing arrangements/agreements in other municipalities in Ontario to determine their effectiveness, efficiency, and overall viability.
4. Consider the potential for collaborating with the County of Simcoe to establish water and wastewater infrastructure that would support further development of employment lands, in and around Springwater Township.

And Further That this resolution be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

**Carried**

**C117-2024**

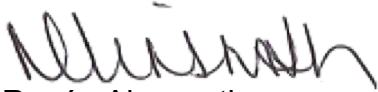
Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Moore

That Council hereby terminate discussions between the City of Barrie regarding the Cities proposal for boundary adjustments, and they be so advised.

**Carried**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Renée Ainsworth', written in a cursive style.

Renée Ainsworth

Director of Corporate Services/Clerk