

A group of concerned citizens recently met with our Mayor and Deputy Mayor to discuss the proposed annexation of Oro-Medonte Lands by the City of Barrie. Below is the information we gathered from this meeting.

Under the leadership of Mayor Randy Greenlaw and Deputy Mayor Peter Lavoie, the township of Oro-Medonte is actively engaged in constructive negotiations with the City of Barrie. These negotiations aim to minimize industrial land impacts from the proposed annexed area and include a proposal for a servicing agreement with the city, allowing Oro-Medonte to mutually partner in development of these lands in the future.

Our township is working to create a plan that not only benefits both parties but also minimizes negative impacts on nearby residences and farmland. In addition to safeguarding environmentally protected land and sensitive wetlands, their collaborative efforts focus on directing industrial lands towards highways and major corridors to facilitate transportation while preserving the environment.

We extend a major shoutout to all of you who signed that petition against putting industries on Penetanguishene Rd – you're amazing! It's clear our community's voice matters, as highlighted during our township's presentations at two provincial government meetings to oppose any annexation!

We will strive to keep you updated on this important issue in the coming weeks or months.