



A group of concerned citizens recently met again with Mayor Greenlaw, Deputy Mayor Lavoie, and Councillor Clark to discuss the proposed annexation of Oro-Medonte Lands along Penetanguishene Road by the City of Barrie. Here's an update from our meeting:

Under Mayor Greenlaw's leadership, our council unanimously voted to request a provincial land facilitator to discuss Barrie's proposed boundary expansion plan. Once appointed, the facilitator will invite affected municipalities—Barrie, Oro-Medonte, and Springwater Township—to participate in confidential and voluntary discussions. Municipalities can decline participation.

Oro-Medonte's council's stance with the facilitator is clear: 1. Oro-Medonte does not support Barrie's proposed municipal boundary expansion. 2. Oro-Medonte opposes Industry/Manufacturing on the lands Barrie intends to annex. 3. Oro-Medonte advocates for industrial land use along major highway corridors.

We urge community members to continue voicing their opposition to industrial development on the proposed annexed lands. These developments could include industries like paint and varnish manufacturing plants, as well as a brewery or feed packing plant. Such industries do not belong near our homes, farmland, or environmentally protected zones. We encourage both Barrie and Oro-Medonte residents to join us in opposing this proposal for an Industrial Park. **Look out for another petition circulating soon to have those who have not been able to sign, get their voices heard!**