

# **City Initiated Official Plan Amendment to Integrate the Barrie-Oro-Medonte-Springwater Boundary Adjustment Act (2025)**

## **Public Meeting – April 15, 2026**

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# Public Meeting Overview

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- On January 1, 2026, the *Barrie-Oro-Medonte-Springwater Boundary Adjustment Act, 2025* came into effect transferring 1,673 hectares of land to the City
- City is now proceeding to update our Official Plan to support comprehensive planning
- Required Statutory public meeting to engage with the public and commenting agencies

# Why do we need an Official Plan Amendment?

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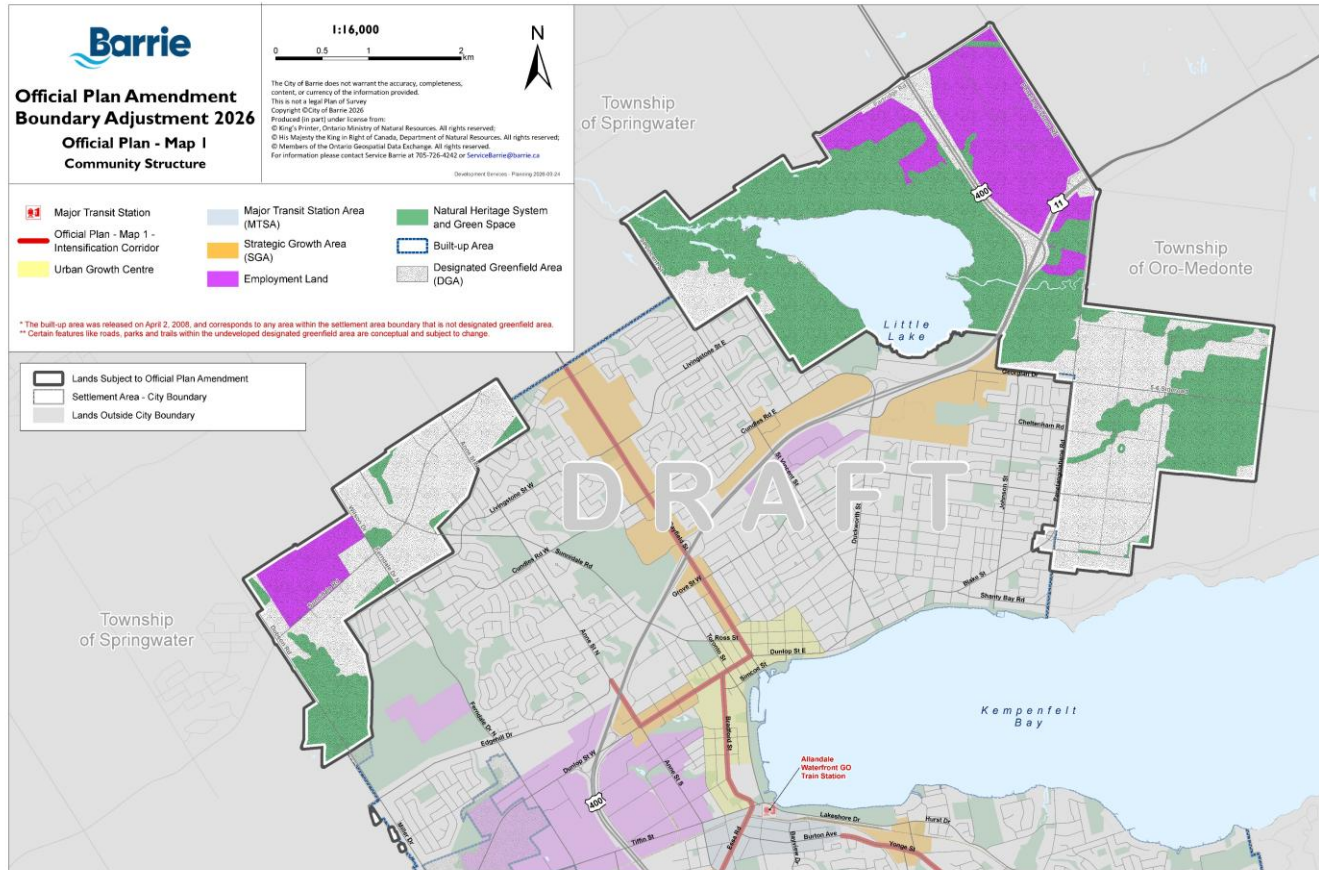
- Integrate former Township of Springwater and Oro-Medonte lands into the City's Official Plan 2051 (May 2024)
- Support existing and planned uses, preparing for future employment and community needs
- Establish a framework whereby development may proceed in a way which is responsible, sustainable and in alignment with community goals

# Proposed Policy Amendments

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- Allowing for temporary communal or private septic in limited areas
- Make use of existing policies to require landowner coordination and allow for area specific development charges
- Managing Little Lake Park
- Aligning the Official Plan with PPS 2024

# Amendment to Map 1 – Community Structure



Designate new lands as *Designated Greenfield Areas* using existing development policies

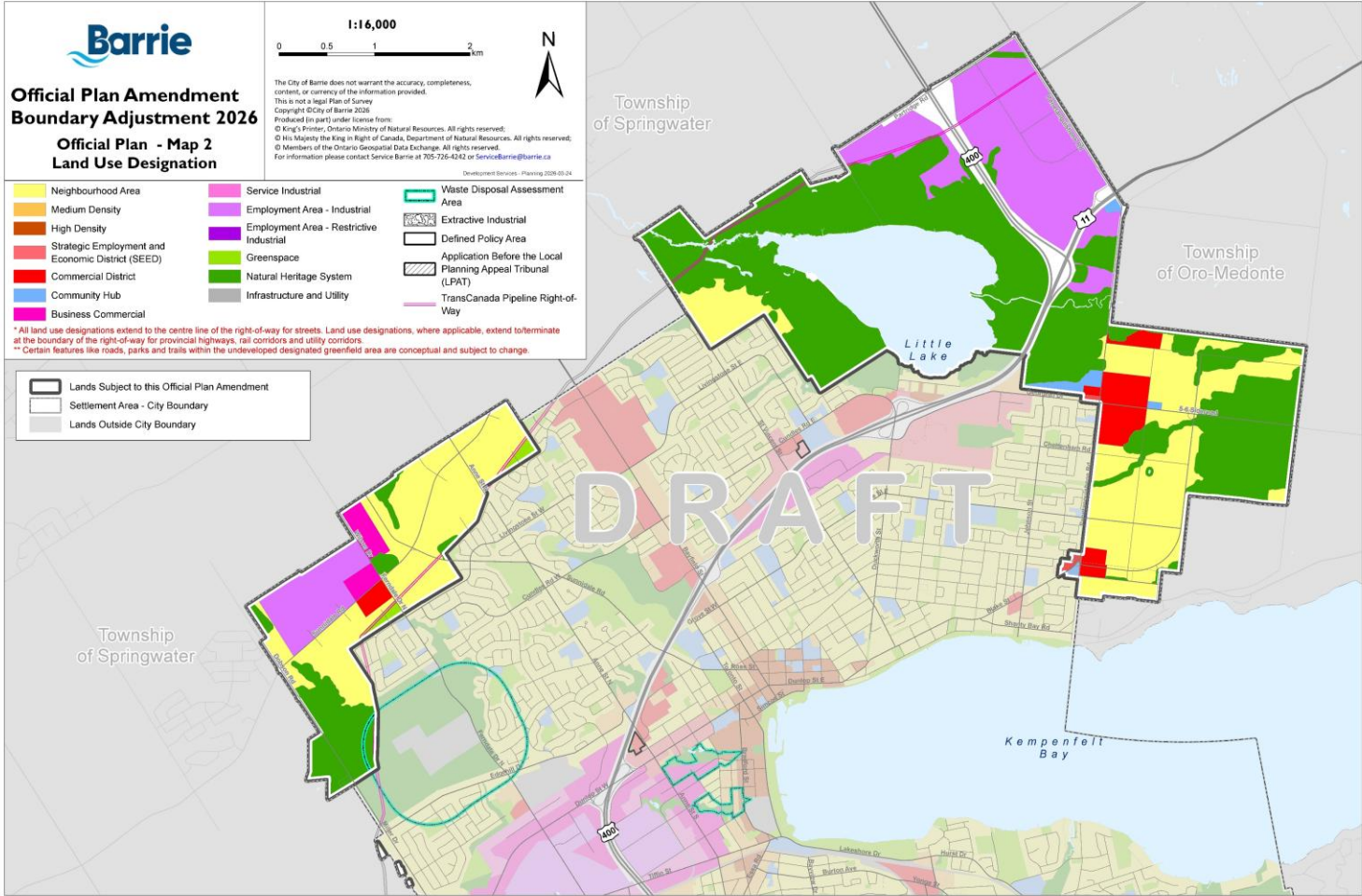
Establishing the Little Lake Park Natural Heritage System

Planning for both *Employment Area* and *Community Area* lands

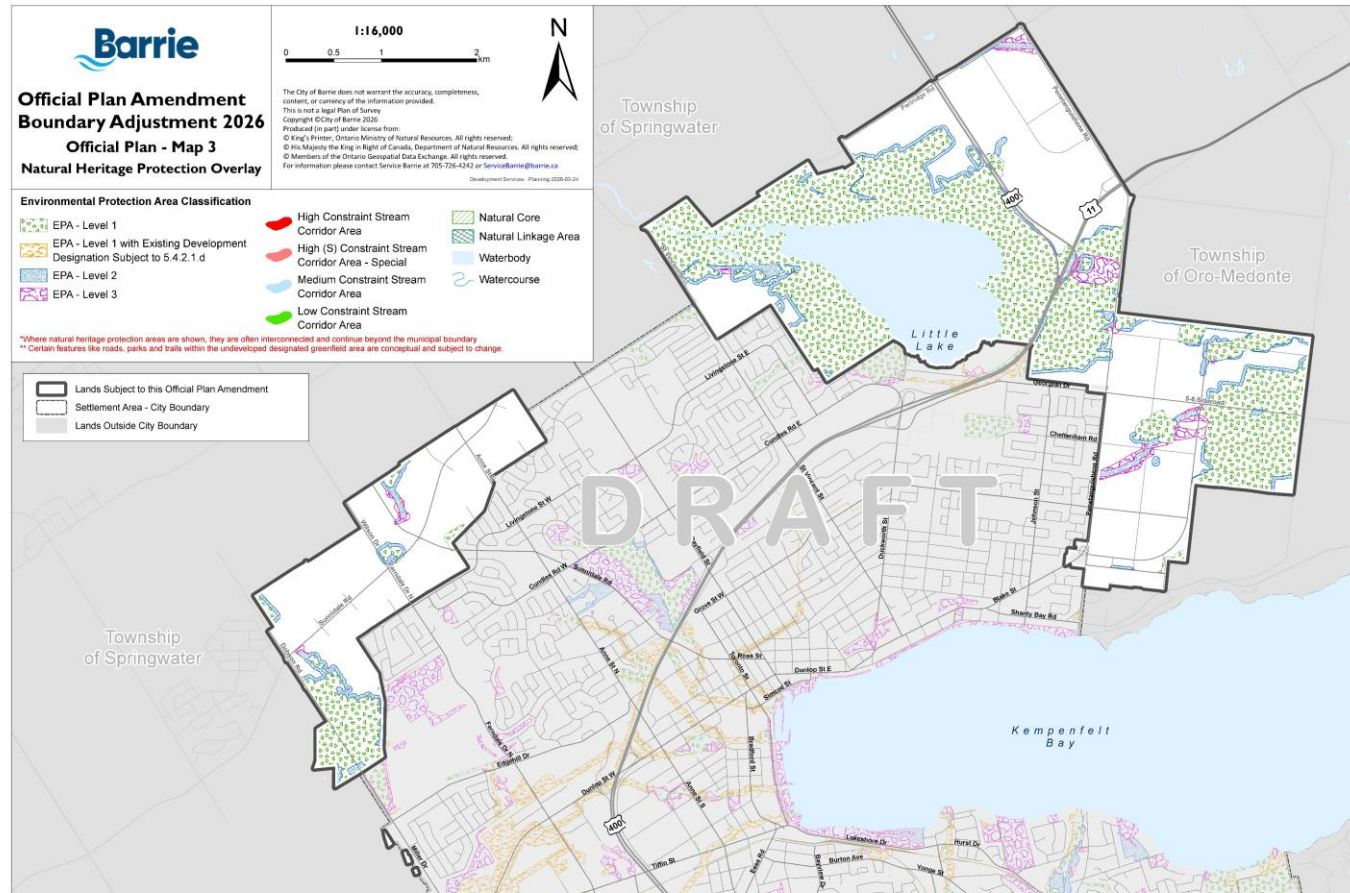
# Amendment to Map 2 – Land Use Designation

Extension of existing land use designations

Amendments to properties within the Built-Up Area to support active applications



# Amendment to Map 3 – Natural Heritage Protection Overlay



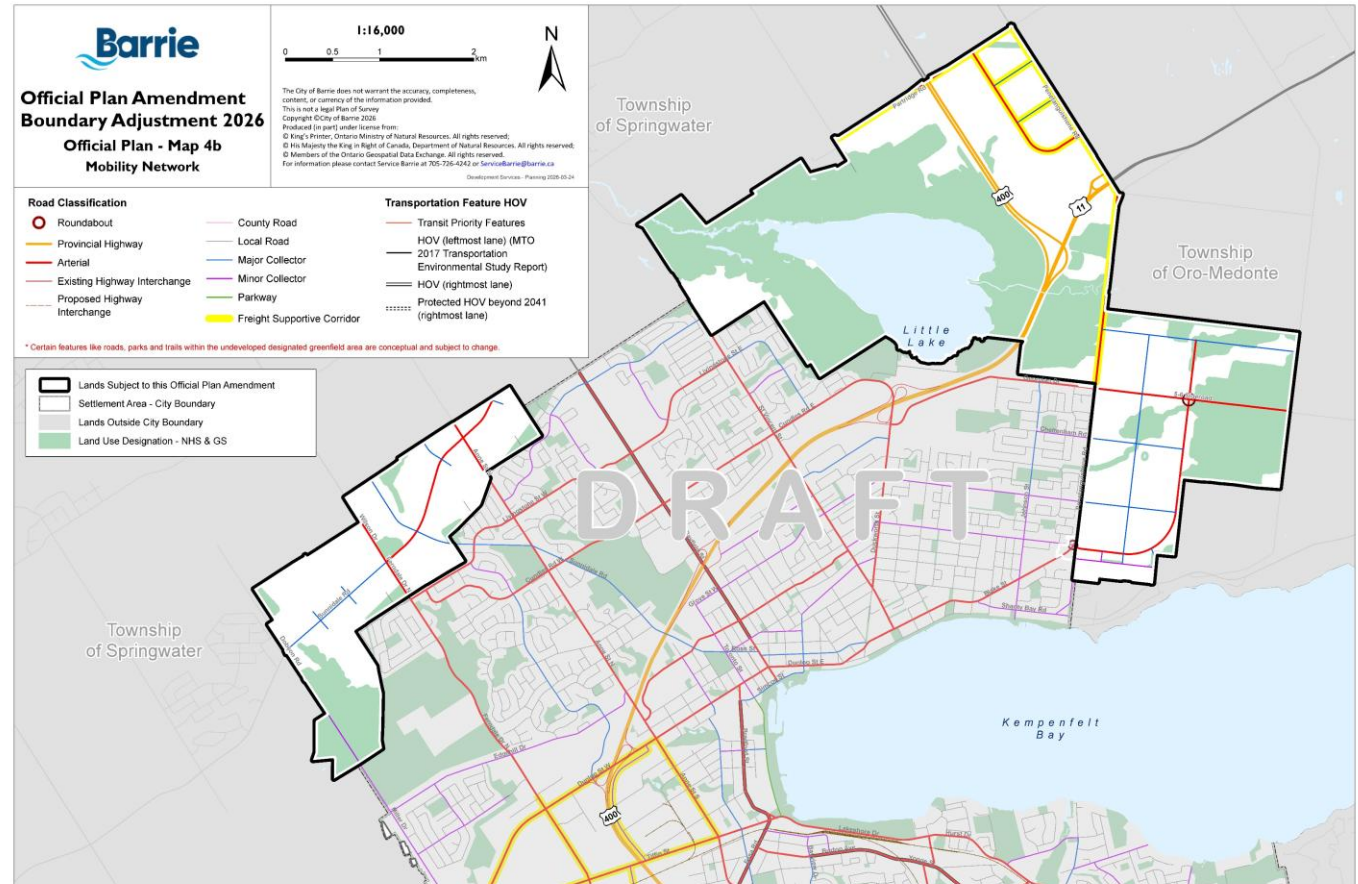
Natural Heritage systems and features were defined through work by North South Environmental in 2025

Continuing with existing environmental protection classifications, while considering refinements through development applications

# Amendment to Map 4b – Mobility Network

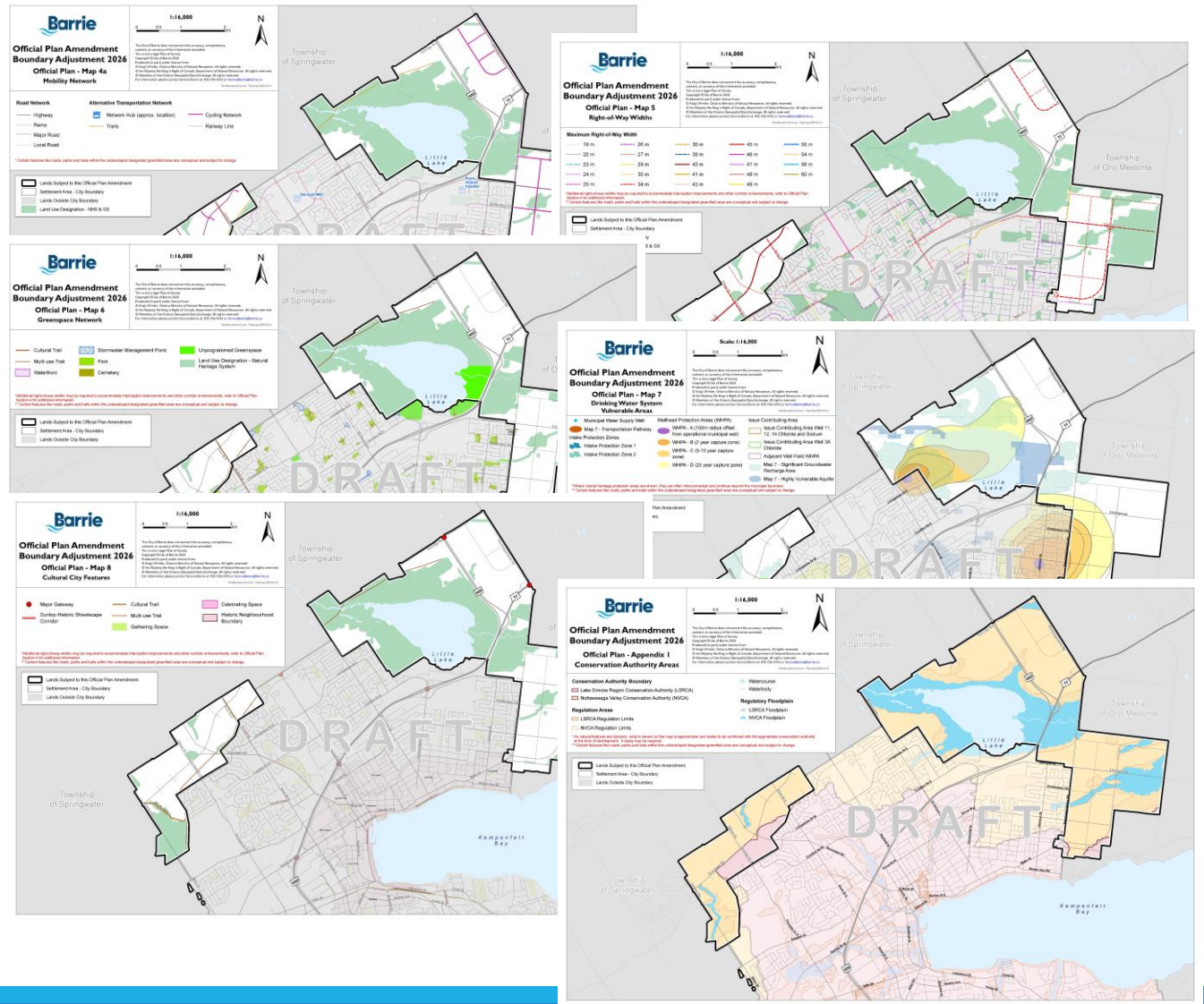
Envisioning Arterial and Collector connections within the new lands and making connection with adjacent municipalities to support the movement of people and goods

Protection for a future Highway 400 interchange at Partridge Road to support employment areas



# Amendment to Remaining Maps and Appendix 1

Modifications are proposed to all Official Plan Schedules to integrate the new lands into the City's Official Plan



# Next Steps

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- Staff will receive comments and feedback
- Undertake updates to the OPA and draft maps based on community input and technical comments
- Council consideration is anticipated prior to the summer recess
- Notice of Decision
- Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) Appeal Process is available

Further information is available at:

<https://www.barrie.ca/government-news/adopted-strategies-plans/official-plan>