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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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**\*\*SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY\*\***

**RE: Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting 019-8370: Proposed Changes to Regulations under the Planning Act and Development Charges Act, 1997 Relating to the Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024 (Bill 185): Newspaper Notice Requirements and Consequential Housekeeping Changes**

Please accept this letter in response to Environmental Register of Ontario (ERO) proposal 019-8370 regarding the Proposed Changes to Regulations under the Planning Act and Development Charges Act, 1997 Relating to the Bill 185, Newspaper Notice Requirements and Consequential Housekeeping Changes. Staff have undertaken a review of the proposal and offer the following comments.

#### Proposal Summary

Regulatory changes are proposed that would modernize public notice requirements under the Planning Act and Development Charges Act, 1997 regarding newspaper notice and make other amendments to support implementation of legislative changes.

#### Comments

City staff welcome the proposed change to identify the municipal website as a formal notice mechanism as we currently use this option as an additional layer of public engagement. In addition, the opportunity to streamline notice requirements and updates to legislative changes is encouraged.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Banfield".

Michelle Banfield, RPP,  
Executive Director of Development Services

cc. Mayor Alex Nuttall  
Michael Prowse, CAO, City of Barrie  
Wendy Cooke, Clerk, City of Barrie