



County of Brant Mayor Ron Eddy and City of Brantford Mayor Chris Friel Deliver Joint Announcement Regarding Boundary Adjustment

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On Wednesday January 6, 2016 City of Brantford Mayor Chris Friel and County of Brant Mayor Ron Eddy signed an historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that establishes the basis of a formal boundary agreement between both municipalities. The MOU is the result of a collaborative approach between staff from both municipalities and direction provided by both Councils over the last several months.

The MOU defines the City and County's mutual objectives as follows:

- To assure shared prosperity by growing together as sustainable and independent municipalities
- To strategically plan to accommodate the future growth projected by both municipalities
- To achieve orderly and environmentally sustainable development, consistent with Provincial legislation as defined by the *Planning Act* and the *Places to Grow Act, 2005*
- To negotiate a comprehensive "Future Agreement" that will define the parameters of the transfer of jurisdiction
- To provide ample opportunity for the public to provide their input during the formal agreement development process
- To ensure that nothing in the MOU or Future Agreement shall be construed to take away from Aboriginal, treaty, constitutional, or other rights of the Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation or their members.

QUICK FACTS

- The total land quantum to be transferred to the City is 2,454 hectares
- The net land quantum of developable land to be transferred is 1,534 hectares
- There will be a total of 2,146 hectares initially transferred to the City (366 hectares for Employment and 1,780 hectares for Residential.)

The following three (3) areas are to be transferred to the City:

- North of the City between Powerline Road and Governor’s Road East totalling 1,824 hectares to be used for Employment and Residential lands.
- East of Garden Avenue and North of Highway 403 totalling 184 hectares to be used for Employment lands.
- Either side of Mount Pleasant Road, known as Tutela Heights, totalling 446 hectares to be used for Residential lands.

QUOTES

“This Memorandum of Understanding is the first important step in ensuring that both the County of Brant and the City of Brantford remain strong, independent and sustainable municipalities. It represents our future – a future that we can all get excited about and embrace.” *County of Brant Mayor Ron Eddy*

“This is a momentous day in the history of our municipalities. Together we stand at the threshold of a future more certain to deliver mutual prosperity and a high quality of life and caring for all of our citizens.” *City of Brantford Mayor Chris Friel*

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

The County of Brant and the City of Brantford are committed to ensuring the public has an opportunity to provide their input on this important issue. Public meetings will be held to provide information and to hear comments regarding the boundary change at the following times and locations:

Thursday, January 14, 2016
Lion’s Park Arena - Auditorium, 20 Edge Street, Brantford
Open House at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Open House at 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Public Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 21, 2016
Grand Valley Christian Centre, 379 Golf Road, Brantford
Open House at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Open House at 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Public Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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