



DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2026-0134

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

**Application for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity
for the City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte and the
Township of Springwater**

By Delegation, before: **Lindsay Wright**
Director
Natural Gas & Supply

July 21, 2026

1 OVERVIEW

This Decision and Order of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approves an application filed by Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) for new certificates of public convenience and necessity (certificate) for the City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte and the Township of Springwater. These new certificates are required merely to reflect changes to the municipal boundaries of those three municipalities.

2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application with the OEB on April 10, 2026, under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*. The application is for an order approving new certificates to construct works to supply natural gas for each of the City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte and the Township of Springwater, to reflect changes in municipal boundaries.

The OEB held a written hearing. A Notice of Hearing was published on the *www.barrietoday.com* website from May 12 to May 19, 2026. The Notice was also posted on Enbridge Gas's website. No persons sought to become intervenors or otherwise participate in the proceeding.

This Decision and Order is being issued under delegated authority pursuant to section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act).

3 APPLICATION

Enbridge Gas is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, with its offices in the City of Toronto and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

The City of Barrie is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is a single-tier municipality located in the County of Simcoe.

The Township of Oro-Medonte and the Township of Springwater are both municipal corporations that are incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. Both municipalities are lower-tier municipalities located within the County of Simcoe.

On December 11, 2025, the Government of Ontario passed legislation which resulted in the adjustment of the municipal boundaries between the City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte and the Township of Springwater. The legislation provides for the annexation of portions of the Township of Oro-Medonte and the Township of Springwater to the City of Barrie.¹

Enbridge Gas holds a certificate dated February 6, 2025² for the City of Barrie, two certificates dated March 16, 2017³ and dated April 6, 2017⁴ for the Township of Oro-Medonte, and a certificate dated May 24, 2018⁵ for the Township of Springwater.

Enbridge Gas is authorized to serve the entire geographic area of the City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte and the Township of Springwater, as they are currently constituted, through its existing certificates for these three municipalities. Enbridge Gas states that there is no change to overall existing certificate rights held by Enbridge Gas in this area.

Through this application, Enbridge Gas requests an order of the OEB cancelling its existing certificates for the former City of Barrie, the former Township of Oro-Medonte and the former Township of Springwater and granting it new certificates to construct works to supply natural gas in the City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte and the Township of Springwater as they are currently constituted.

¹ This annexation took effect on December 11, 2025, upon Bill 76 (*Barrie – Oro-Medonte – Springwater Boundary Adjustment Act, 2025*) receiving Royal Assent.

² EB-2024-0298

³ EB-2016-0365 for Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

⁴ EB-2016-0377 for Union Gas Limited.

⁵ EB-2017-0342

Enbridge Gas states that it is not aware of any other person holding a certificate for any part of the current City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte or the Township of Springwater.

Enbridge Gas has a 20-year franchise agreement with the City of Barrie effective April 7, 2014.⁶ Enbridge Gas has two 20-year franchise agreements with the Township of Oro-Medonte both effective May 24, 2017.⁷ Enbridge Gas has a 20-year franchise agreement with the Township of Springwater effective July 4, 2018.⁸

Enbridge Gas also has franchise agreements with, and certificates for, the Township of Essa, the Town of Innisfil, the City of Orillia, the Township of Severn, the Township of Tay and the Township of Clearview, each of which is immediately adjacent to the City of Barrie, Township of Oro-Medonte nor Township of Springwater.

⁶ EB-2013-0441

⁷ EB-2016-0365 for Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and EB-2016-0377 for Union Gas Limited.

⁸ EB-2017-0342

4 FINDINGS

The OEB finds that it is in the public interest to approve Enbridge Gas's application for new certificates for the City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte and the Township of Springwater. Enbridge Gas filed a complete application and provided notice of the hearing in the manner instructed by the OEB. No party intervened or otherwise objected to the application.

The issuance of new certificates for the City of Barrie, the Township of Oro-Medonte and the Township of Springwater that are geographically aligned with their municipal borders is consistent with the intent of the OEB that certificate holders update service areas if boundaries of their existing certificate(s) are affected by municipal amalgamations, annexations, or name changes.⁹ No other person's certificate rights are affected as a result of this decision. This is a housekeeping change that merely reflects the current boundaries of these municipalities.

A new certificate, attached as Schedule A to this Decision and Order, is granted to Enbridge Gas for the City of Barrie. The new certificate cancels and supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificate authorization for the City of Barrie.

A new certificate, attached as Schedule C to this Decision and Order, is granted to Enbridge Gas for the Township of Oro-Medonte. The new certificate cancels and supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificate authorizations for the Township of Oro-Medonte.

A new certificate, attached as Schedule E to this Decision and Order, is granted to Enbridge Gas for the Township of Springwater. The new certificate cancels and supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificate authorization for the Township of Springwater.

⁹ EB-2022-0081, [Natural Gas Facilities Handbook](#), (March 31, 2022), Section 3.6.2: Municipal Changes that do not affect another Person's Certificate Rights

5 ORDER

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, attached as Schedule A, is granted to Enbridge Gas Inc. to construct works to supply natural gas in the City of Barrie. A current map of the City of Barrie is attached as Schedule B. This Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity cancels and supersedes EB-2024-0298.
2. A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, attached as Schedule C, is granted to Enbridge Gas Inc. to construct works to supply natural gas in the Township of Oro-Medonte. A current map of the Township of Oro-Medonte is attached as Schedule D. This Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity cancels and supersedes the certificates granted in EB-2016-0365 and EB-2016-0377 related to the Township of Oro-Medonte. The franchise agreements approved in EB-2016-0365 and EB-2016-0377 remain unaffected.
3. A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, attached as Schedule E, is granted to Enbridge Gas Inc. to construct works to supply natural gas in the Township of Springwater. A current map of the Township of Springwater is attached as Schedule F. This Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity cancels and supersedes the certificate granted in EB-2017-0342 related to the Township of Springwater. The franchise agreement approved in EB-2017-0342 remains unaffected.
4. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs of and incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, July 21, 2026

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SCHEDULE A

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE
CITY OF BARRIE**

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

EB-2026-0134

JULY 21, 2026

EB-2026-0134

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

The Ontario Energy Board grants

Enbridge Gas Inc.

approval under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended, to construct works to supply natural gas in the

City of Barrie

as it is constituted on the date of this Decision and Order.

This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes EB-2024-0298.

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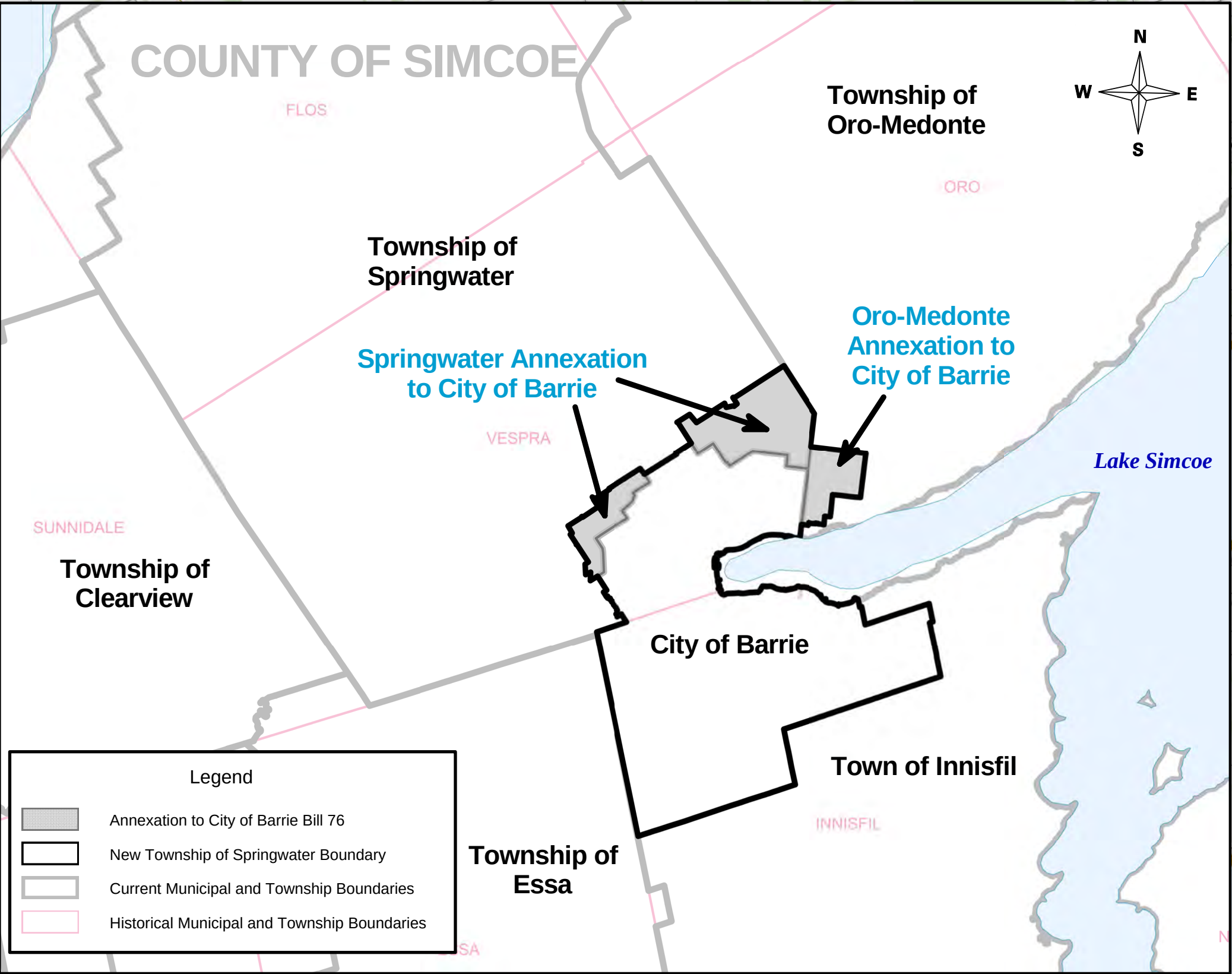
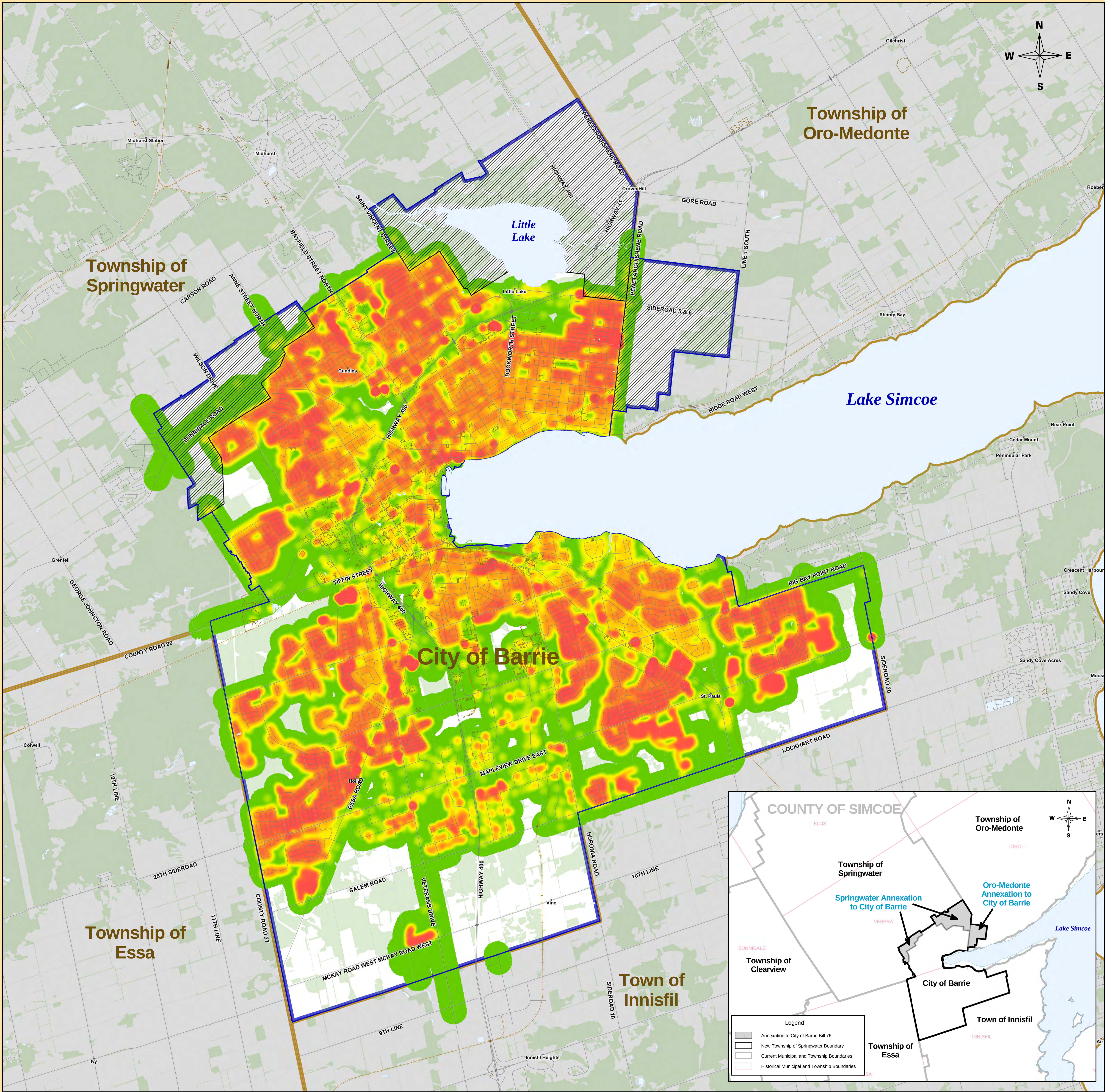
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SCHEDULE B
MAP OF THE CITY OF BARRIE
ENBRIDGE GAS INC.
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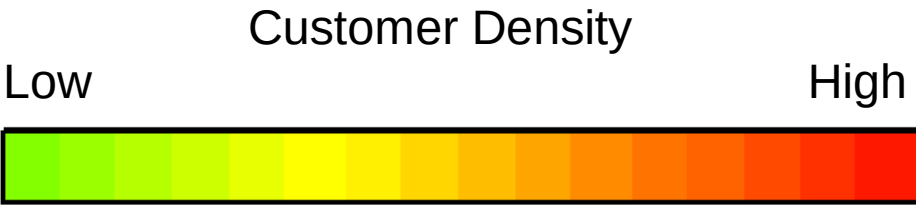
City of Barrie

Legend

- Enbridge Gas Pipeline Coverage Area
- Annexation Areas to City of Barrie (Bill 76)
- City of Barrie
- Roads
- Railways
- Municipal and Township Boundaries
- Indigenous Land



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Location map

SCHEDULE C

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE
TOWNSHIP OF ORO-MEDONTE**

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

EB-2026-0134

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EB-2026-0134

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

The Ontario Energy Board grants

Enbridge Gas Inc.

approval under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended, to construct works to supply natural gas in the

TOWNSHIP OF ORO-MEDONTE

as it is constituted on the date of this Decision and Order.

This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes the certificate authorizations granted in EB-2016-0365 and EB-2016-0377.

DATED at Toronto, July 21, 2026

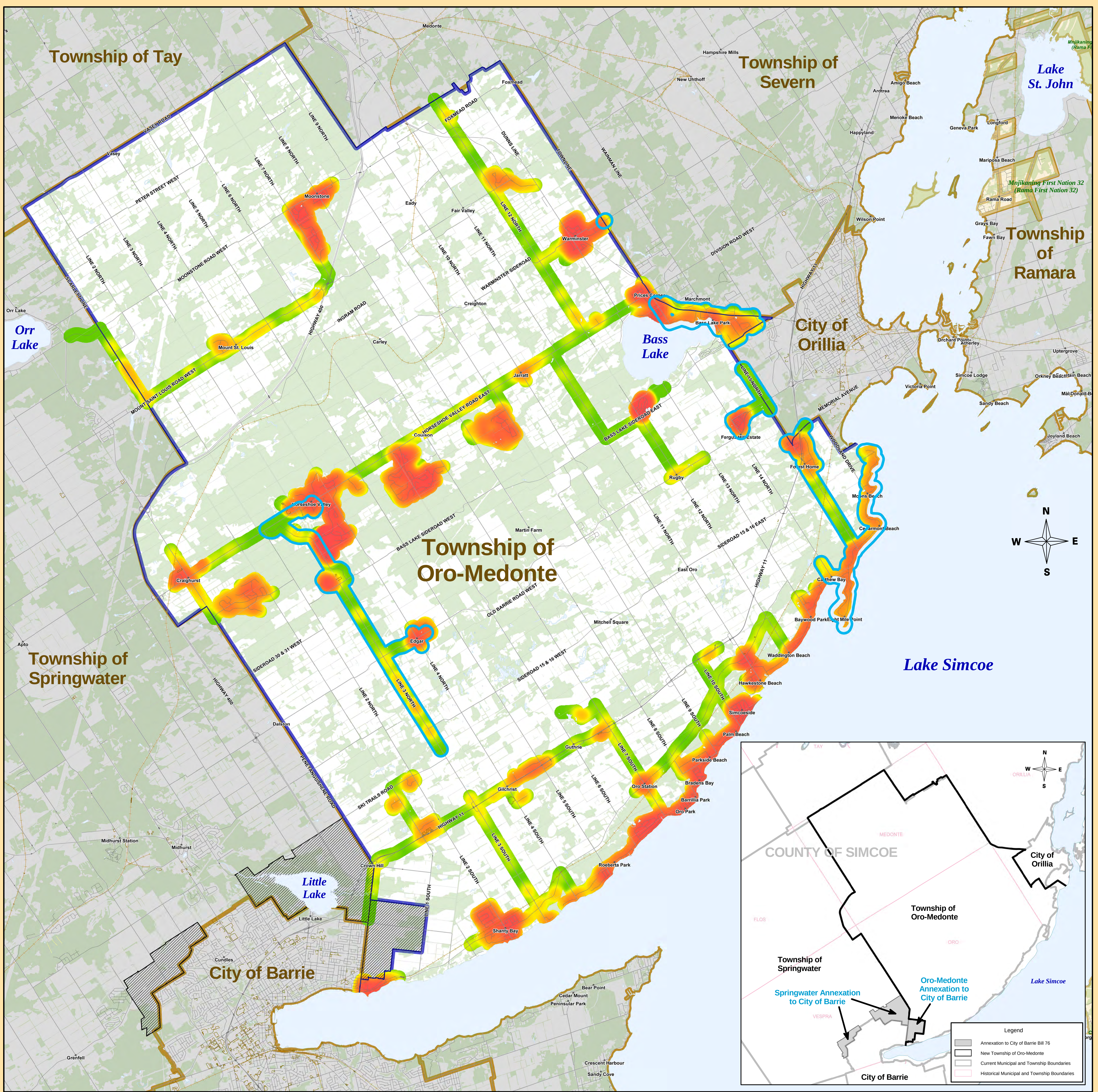
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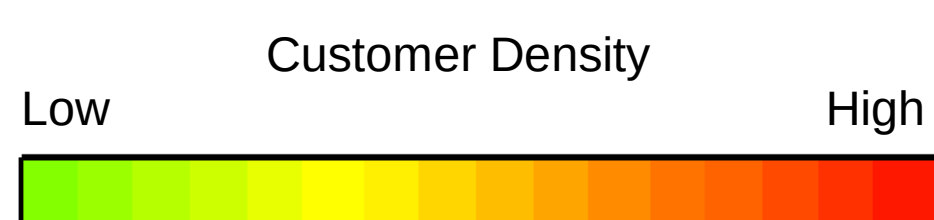
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MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ORO-MEDONTE
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Township of Oro-Medonte

Legend

- Enbridge Gas Pipeline Coverage Area
- Former Legacy Union Gas Service Area
- Annexation Areas to City of Barrie (Bill 76)
- Township of Oro-Medonte
- Roads
- Railways
- Municipal and Township Boundaries
- Indigenous lands



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**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER**

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

EB-2026-0134

JULY 21, 2026

EB-2026-0134

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

The Ontario Energy Board grants

Enbridge Gas Inc.

approval under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended, to construct works to supply natural gas in the

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER

as it is constituted on the date of this Decision and Order.

This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes the certificate authorization granted in EB-2017-0342.

DATED at Toronto, July 21, 2026

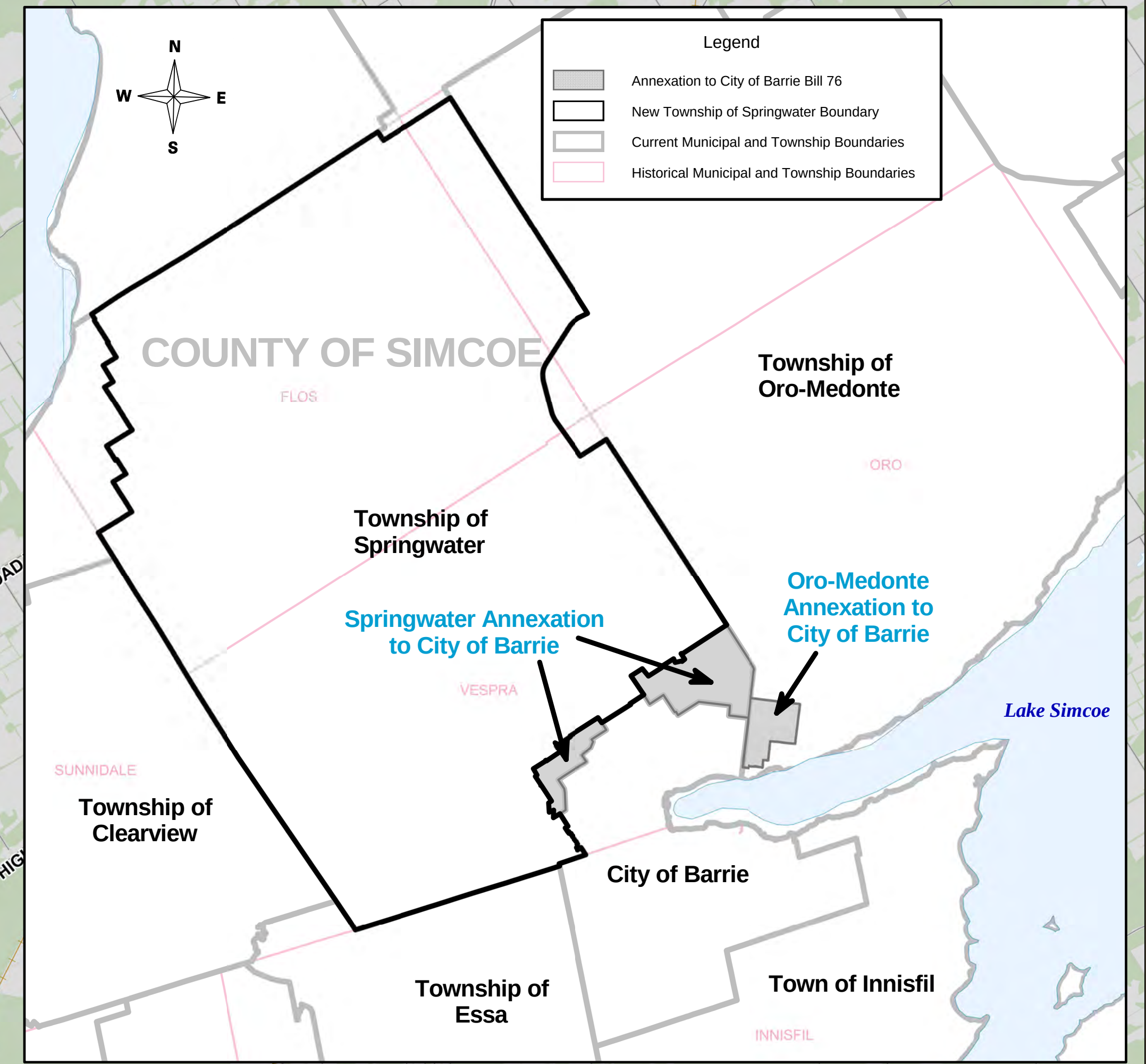
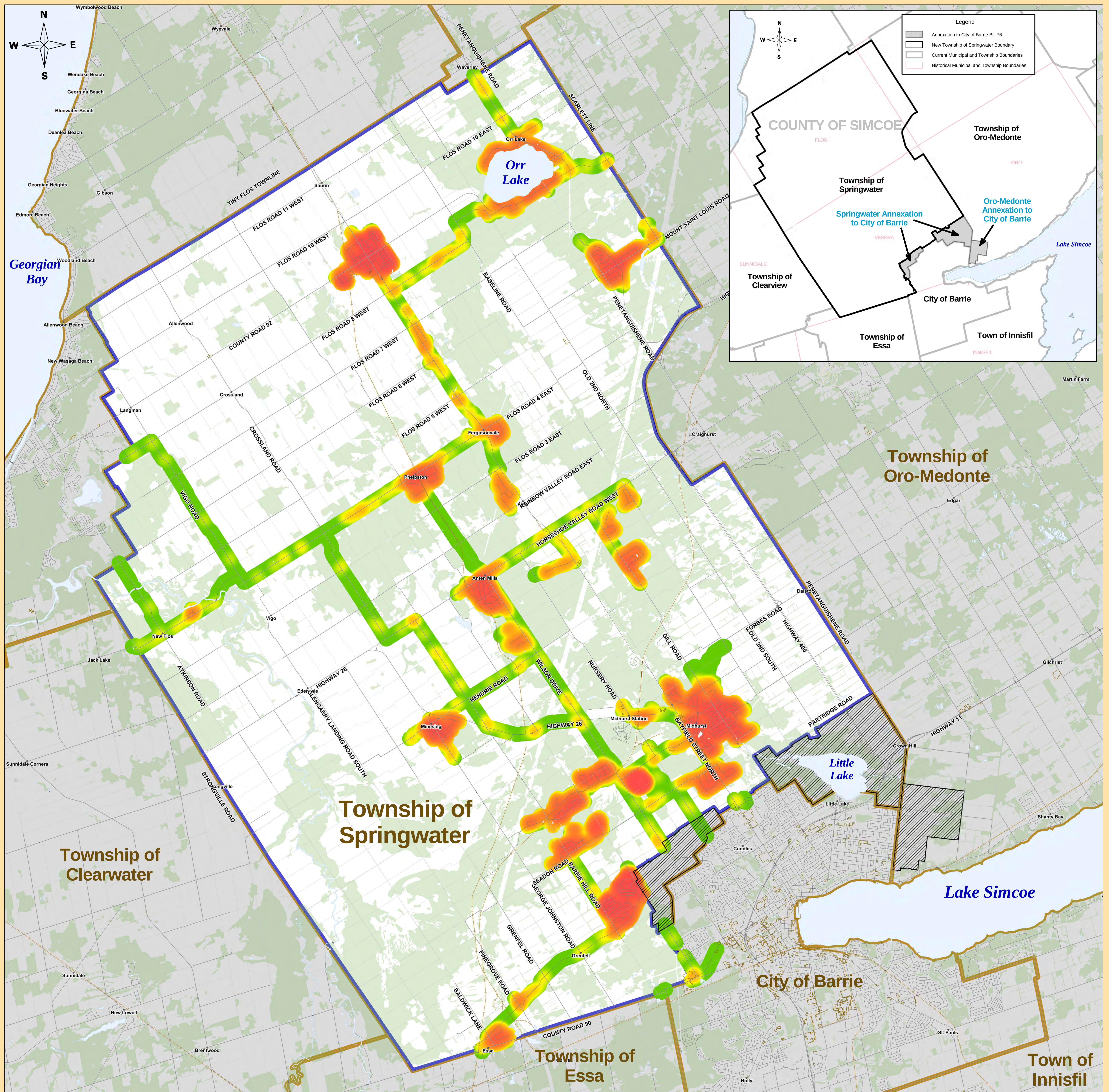
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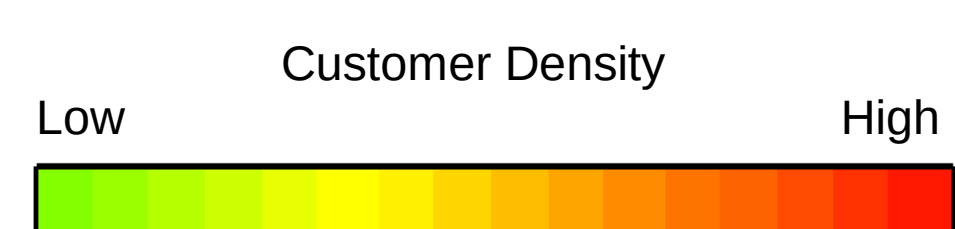
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SCHEDULE F
MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER
ENBRIDGE GAS INC.
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JULY 21, 2026



Legend

- Annexation Areas to City of Barrie (Bill 76)
- Sprinwater_annexation
- Township of Springwater
- Roads
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Township of Springwater



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