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January 8, 2009

Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached please find a copy of a signed Minister's Order made under Section 173(4) of the Municipal Act, 2001, which gives effect to the amalgamation of the Township of Barrie Island and the Township of Gordon into a single tier municipality known as the "**Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island**", effective January 1, 2009.

If notice of this Minister's Order would be of interest to others in your offices, please circulate to the appropriate individuals.

If you have any questions regarding this Minister's Order, please contact Bryan Searle, Municipal Advisor, at 1-800-461-1193, extension 46861, or by email at [bryan.searle@ontario.ca](mailto:bryan.searle@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David King".

David King  
Manager, Local Government  
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Attachment

**ORDER MADE UNDER THE  
MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25**

**TOWNSHIP OF GORDON, TOWNSHIP OF BARRIE ISLAND**

**Definitions**

1. In this Order,

"former municipalities" means The Corporation of the Township of Gordon and The Corporation of the Township of Barrie Island as they exist prior to January 1, 2009;

"former Township of Barrie Island" means The Corporation of the Township of Barrie Island as it exists prior to January 1, 2009; and

"former Township of Gordon" means The Corporation of the Township of Gordon as it exists prior to January 1, 2009; and

"new municipality" means The Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island created as a result of the restructuring under section 2.

**Municipal Restructuring**

2. On January 1, 2009, The Corporation of the Township of Gordon and The Corporation of the Township of Barrie Island are amalgamated as a single-tier municipality under the name "The Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island".

**Council**

3. (1) Following the 2010 regular municipal election, the council of the new municipality shall take office on December 1, 2010 and shall be composed of five members consisting of,

(a) the head of council, to be known as the reeve; and

(b) four councilors,

who shall be elected by general vote of the electors of the new municipality.

(2) Each member of council shall have one vote.

## **Interim Council**

4. (1) The terms of office of the council of the former municipalities elected in the 2006 regular municipal election shall expire on December 31, 2008.

(2) The members of the interim council of the new municipality shall assume office on January 1, 2009, and shall hold office until November 30, 2010.

(3) Effective January 1, 2009, the interim council of the new municipality shall be composed of seven members consisting of,

- (a) the head of council, to be known as the reeve, who held office as the head of office of the former Township of Gordon;
  - (b) the four current councilors of the former Township of Gordon;
  - (c) the head of council of the former Township of Barrie Island; and
  - (d) the current councilor of the former Township of Barrie Island who acts in the place of the head of council when the head of council is absent.
- (4) Each member of council shall have one vote.

## **Assets and Liabilities**

5. On January 1, 2009, the assets and liabilities, rights and obligations, including employees, of the former municipalities and their local boards become the assets and liabilities, rights and obligations, including employees, of the new municipality.

## **Assessment Roll**

6. For the purpose of the preparation of the assessment roll for the new municipality under the *Assessment Act* for the 2009 taxation year, the former municipalities shall be deemed to be one municipality.

## **Taxes**

7. All taxes, charges and rates levied, imposed or assessed under any Act by the former municipalities that are due and unpaid on December 31, 2008, shall be deemed to be taxes, charges and rates due and payable to the new municipality and may be collected by the new municipality in the same manner as if they had been levied, imposed or assessed by the new municipality.

## **Reserves and Reserve Funds**

8. Reserves and reserve funds shall become reserves and reserve funds of the new municipality and shall be used for the purpose for which they were designated on or before December 31, 2008, by the former municipality for the benefit of the ratepayers of the former municipality.

## **Library Board**

9. (1) Effective January 1, 2009, the council of the new municipality shall be entitled to appoint one member only to the Gore Bay Public Library Board.

## **By-laws**

10. (1) Every by-law and resolution of the former municipalities shall be continued and deemed to be a by-law or resolution of the new municipality and shall remain in force in the area of the former municipality until the date it is amended or repealed.

(2) Any by-law of a former municipality passed under section 34 of the *Planning Act* or a predecessor of that section and any official plan of a former municipality approved under the *Planning Act*, or a predecessor of that Act, shall be deemed to be a by-law or official plan of the new municipality and shall remain in force until it is amended or repealed by the council of the new municipality.

(3) If a former municipality has commenced procedures to enact a by-law under any Act, or adopt an official plan or amendment to it under the *Planning Act* and that by-law, official plan or amendment is not in force on January 1, 2009, the new municipality may continue the procedures.

## **Dispute Resolution**

11. (1) If a dispute arises with respect to any issue arising out of the interpretation of this Order, any of the former municipalities may refer the matter in dispute for resolution through mediation.

(2) If the dispute is not resolved through mediation, then the matter may either be referred,

(a) to arbitration, to be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Arbitration Act, 1991*, except as provided herein; or

(b) by agreement of all of the former municipalities, to the council of the new municipality for resolution.

(3) Where a dispute is referred to arbitration under clause (2)(a), the decision of the arbitrator shall be final.

(4) The costs associated with mediation or arbitration proceedings under this section shall be shared equally among the former municipalities.

  
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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Dated on this 12 day of December, 2008.