

Project Backgrounder

Brantford Municipal Airport Boundary Adjustment

Overview

The City of Brantford and County of Brant have signed a *Memorandum of Understanding* that outlines proposed terms for a municipal boundary adjustment involving the Brantford Municipal Airport and surrounding lands. The proposed adjustment is intended to support the long-term planning, governance, servicing, and economic development of the airport lands while providing a clear process for public information, questions, and future Council consideration.

The Brantford Municipal Airport is owned by the City of Brantford and serves the broader Brantford-Brant region. It supports general aviation, private and corporate travel, aircraft storage, parts and maintenance, flight training, medical transport, logistics, filming, recreation, and aviation-related businesses.

The City's Economic Development Strategy identifies the airport as an important economic development asset with significant long-term potential. The strategy includes a vision for the airport as a premier Ontario destination for small private, corporate, and commercial aircraft services.

Why a Boundary Adjustment Is Being Considered

Although the City owns and operates the airport, the airport is currently located within the County of Brant. This creates challenges for long-term planning, financing, servicing, governance, and implementation of future airport-related development.

The proposed boundary adjustment would bring the airport and a surrounding land area into the City of Brantford. The proposed transfer lands comprise 1,317 acres. This would allow the City to better plan for the airport's long-term needs and support future investment.

Key Terms in the MOU

The MOU outlines proposed terms that include:

- Transfer of the airport and surrounding lands, while leaving most of the Oak Hill Settlement Area in the County.
- Existing boundary road arrangements would continue to apply to boundary roads.
- Compensation to the County, including:
 - A lump sum payment for lost taxation.
 - A lump sum payment based on net developable acreage.

- Reimbursement for eligible external legal costs, up to an agreed maximum.
- Additional details related to planning, water, wastewater, roads, and related agreements.

Economic Development Opportunity

One opportunity identified through the City's Economic Development Strategy is the potential development of an aviation business park at the airport. This could support aviation services such as maintenance, parts, paint, propeller and engine services, interiors, training, and related businesses.

An aviation business park could support local jobs, skilled labour attraction, supply chain growth, regional competitiveness, and long-term airport financial sustainability.

Public Engagement

Residents and stakeholders are invited to learn more, ask questions, and provide comments.

Online

A dedicated [Let's Talk Brantford project page](#) includes:

- Project information
- Map of the proposed boundary adjustment
- FAQs
- Background documents
- Questions and Comments submission tool
- In person Open House details

Following a series of public engagement opportunities, the City and County will continue work on a draft restructuring agreement. Future steps are expected to include special open Council meetings and statutory public hearings before the restructuring agreement is considered for approval.









Public questions and comments received through Let's Talk Brantford and the open houses will help identify key issues, information needs, and community feedback before the next stage of Council consideration. The public is also welcome to participate in the statutory public hearings, anticipated during the week of July 6, 2026. Once confirmed, the dates will be promoted to both City and County residents.

Appendix 1 – Transfer Lands



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Kilometres
Brantford Planning Dept., April 2026

Legend

-  Transfer lands
-  Developable area (250.51 ha per County OP)
-  NHS
-  NHS 30 m buffer
-  County parcels
-  Brantford parcels
-  Existing municipal boundary
-  Proposed new road or road realignment