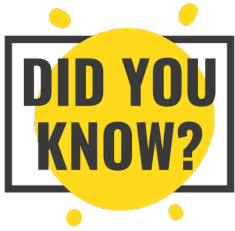




# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole - July 20, 2020



Please note that all Committee decisions are subject to Council approval. The next Council meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions regarding agenda items or decisions made at Committee or Council meetings, please email [council@ramara.ca](mailto:council@ramara.ca).

## OPP UPDATE

Inspector Robitaille, OPP Acting Detachment Commander, provided an update to Council regarding the gun ranges in Ramara. Brent reported that when residents hear rapid gun shots going off in the Township to call the non-emergency OPP line 1-888-310-1122, and Police officers will investigate the use of illegal firearms being used. Brent reported that OPP do not investigate noise issues as that is up to the Township's Bylaw Enforcement to regulate if a noise bylaw is in effect.

## ONTARIO CLEAN WATER (OCWA) AGENCY PRESENTATION

Natalie Baker, Cindy Spencer and Geoff Redden presented the history, the value added services and the transition process of contracting OCWA for its water and wastewater services. OCWA is the largest water and wastewater operator in Canada and manages more than \$20 Billion in municipal infrastructure. The shared services model provides six value added services that include: a Computerized Maintenance Management System, Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition - Outpost 5 SCADA, Process Optimization study for Bayshore WWTP, 10-Year Capital Investment Plan, Process Data Management Improvements/Upgrades and Energy Walk through of Facilities. As well, OCWA supports many community initiatives that include supporting charities, attending public events and informing the public and students the value of water. The transition process will take place from now to September 1st, 2020.

**Next Council meeting is on July 27 at 9:30 a.m.**

## SERVICE DELIVERY REVIEW - CURRENT STATE REPORT AND IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Alicia Sinclair and Chris Loretto from StrategyCorp presented their analysis of the Township's Service Delivery Review that focused on a current state report and improvement opportunities. StrategyCorp identified high impact initiatives that may reduce costs, create efficiencies, or add value to the Township and residents. StrategyCorp will take a deeper look into the following: IT and Information Management, Fire and Rescue Services and Recreation and Library Services. A full report will be presented to Council in late August or early September.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1 TO A PLACE TO GROW:GROWTH PLAN FOR THE GREATER GOLDEN HORSESHOE (2019)**

Committee approved to write a letter requesting the Township of Ramara be excluded from the restrictions presented in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and schedule a formal meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

## **MANDATORY SEPTIC RE-INSPECTION PROGRAM**

Committee approved for the Township to contract Tatham Engineering to complete the 150 inspections remaining for the year 2020. At this time, the discretionary septic re-inspection program will resume in 2021.

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## **CONTROLLING GUN RANGES IN RAMARA**

Committee wants to know how they can ban or control gun ranges in Ramara. Planning Supervisor and Zoning Administrator, Deb McCabe, reported that in our current Official Plan, having a gun range is a permitted use and that Council would not make the decision on whether the site plan is approved or not. The site plan process is not a public process, so the public or Council cannot give their approval. John Pinsent, our CAO, reported that they will investigate a process for a public meeting and that next week a memo will be brought to Council outlining the benefits and limitations of having an electronic public meeting with the amount of residents who would want to be involved.

## **FOUR-WAY STOP AT SIDEROAD 15 AND CON B**

Committee approved a four-way stop at Sideroad 15 and Concession Road B. Council will need to pass the bylaw at the next meeting Council meeting on July 27th, 2020 and then staff will need to start the process of installing a sign that includes: ordering locates, signs and installing signage.

## **SHOREWALL PROCESS**

Committee approved to amend the Shorewall Bylaw to delegate an Appeals Committee that would hear appeals respecting the Shorewall Bylaw. Committee also approved new process and procedures on Shorewall inspection and replacement timelines and fees.

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## **WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW**

The Mayor asked where the Township stood on the Ward Boundary Review project. The Township's Clerk, Jennifer Connor, reported that within the next month a Request for Proposal will be going out in order for the review to take place in late 2020 early 2021. This review ensures that the municipal boundaries are aligned with population growth within the set boundaries to ensure that residents are fairly represented. This review will need to take place before the next election in October 2022.

# FUNDING FROM EMERGENCY COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND FOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Supervisor of Recreation Services, Caroline Schiavone reported that she received a programming grant for youth engagement in the amount of \$6,000.00. The Emergency Community Support Fund that is administered by the Community Foundations of Canada will support the Curbside Youth Engagement Project under the Rec2Go platform that will provide virtual programming and safe curbside pickup and/or porch delivery of youth activity boxes.

## COMMITTEE & BOARD REVIEW

Committee examined the Committee and Board Review report that outlined the composition and efficacy of the Committees and Boards, how they can be better supported by staff and Council, and what changes could be recommended going forward. Committee approved 14 recommendations that include Staff assigned to Committees and Boards, Simplifying budgets, offering more training and more strategic planning.

## BEACH AND WATER ACCESS POINTS

Committee approved recommendations for a partial opening for water access points and that the timeline to fully re-open public beaches will be subject to staff review/opinion. Committee also approved for contracted Security Officers to continue to patrol the Township public beaches and water access points to ensure compliance with parking regulations, physical distancing requirements, social gathering limits, littering bylaw and providing general ambassador duties for the Township. Staff and Council will continue to monitor the situation daily and will make the necessary changes if required.



Township staff have been working hard on creating a mobile-friendly and resident focused site that includes accessibility improvements, news and emergency notifications, and more. Stay tuned for more information!

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