



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council - February 22, 2021

MAYOR UPDATE

Mayor Clarke opened the meeting and advised that Council received many questions and concerns regarding the deputation on the Rama Regional Airport. The Mayor advised that there has been no decision made on this issue and that the first step was for the applicant to make a public deputation to Council requesting the purchase. The next step, based on the motion at Council, would be for staff to prepare a report. If staff advises that there is no future use for the land, then the Township would follow Bylaw 2005.114 "A Bylaw to establish procedures governing the sale of land." Residents will have an opportunity to provide their comments through the process or by making a deputation at a Council meeting. Learn more on how to make a deputation to Council on our [Township website](#).

CAO UPDATE

CAO, John Pinsent, reported that the Township Administration Building reopened on Thursday, February 18th for appointments only other than for services offered in the Finance Department. The only walk-in services available will be for the following:

- Pay a Bill
- Purchase Water tokens
- Tax and Utility Bill lookup
- Purchase Dog Licences (Dog tags)

The CAO advised that due to changes to staffing related to turnover and departures, we encourage residents to contact staff by phone and/or email and to use available online services. To learn more on how to book an appointment, what to expect when entering the Township Administration building, online services and more, please visit www.ramara.ca/ramarareopens.

Next COW meeting is on March 1, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

John Matheson and Olivia Lahaie from Strategy Corp presented on the Interim Report for the Ward Boundary Review. From January 11th to February 1st, Strategy Corp conducted their Phase 1 of Public Consultations. From the comments they received from Council, staff and residents, Strategy Corp created an Interim Report. From the report, Strategy Corp found that the current ward structure no longer delivers effective representation due to the inequalities of population among wards. As well, it was reported that inequalities of population is forecast to worsen over the period of 2020-2030.

The next steps are for Strategy Corp to develop ward boundary concepts, conduct Phase 2 of Public Consultations and submit a final report to Council.

WELL DONE RAMARA LIBRARY STAFF

Council received a letter from a resident thanking the Ramara Township Public Library staff for their hard work and diligence through the pandemic. Staff, even through the pandemic, were able to provide access to reading and learning materials and virtual programs and events. During a time when individuals are socially isolated, the Ramara Township Public Library staff were able to think of creative ways to bring the community together. Well done Library staff!!

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MECP - COMMUNAL DRINKING WATER INSPECTION REPORT

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks inspected the Brechin & Lagoon City Drinking Water System to confirm compliance with Ministry's legislation, control documents and policies in place during the time of inspection. The Township had an overall inspection rating of 95.91%.

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EXTENSION OF DOG LICENCE

Have you purchased your 2021 Municipal Dog licence!? Council has extended the time for you to purchase your 2021 Dog licence before prices go up. From now until April 1st, you can purchase your dog licence for \$20.00 each (limit of 3)! **Apply online** with a small convenience fee or visit our Administration Building. Learn more at www.ramara.ca.

FCM - MUNICIPAL ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING

Council approved the Township application for MAMP funding to advance our asset management program through Lifecycle Modeling and Levels of Service Framework Development, Data Improvements and Asset Management Training.

UPCOMING REPORTS AT NEXT MEETING

The following reports will be on the March 1 agenda:

- IM-IT Plan
- Waterfront Strategy
- Asset Management Presentation from OCWA
- Planning Update
- Budget to Actual



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