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MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2000

The second regularly scheduled meeting for the month of February of the Council of the Township of Ramara was held in the Council Chambers with the following members and staff in attendance:

	Mayor	Thomas Garry
	Deputy Mayor	Dan McMillan
	Councillor	Marilyn Brooks
	Councillor	Neal Snutch
	Councillor	Norm Whitney
Absent	Councillor	John Ferguson
	Councillor	Nadir Jamal
	CAO/Clerk	Richard Bates
	Assistant to the CAO/Clerk	Janice McKinnon
	Treasurer	Margaret Black
	Planning Secretary	Kitty Bavington

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mayor Garry opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Garry advised that Councillor Brooks, Councillor Whitney, Deputy Mayor McMillan and himself had attended the ROMA/Good Roads Conference from February 20 to 23, 2000.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.57.2000

MOVED BY: BROOKS

SECONDED BY: WHITNEY

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, dated February 14, 2000 be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

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4. PUBLIC MEETINGS

4.1 WALKER, Rob and Cheryll, File Z-2/00

Proposed Zoning bylaw Amendment, Part Lot 31, Conc. 9, Mara
(Minutes under separate cover)

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.58.2000

MOVED BY: BROOKS

SECONDED BY: WHITNEY

THAT we have considered Staff Report PD-9-2000 dated February 28, 2000 and the comments received at the public meeting, regarding proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment, File Z-2/00, Rob and Cheryll Walker.

AND THAT we amend Zoning Bylaw #1368 to change the zoning on the subject lands, being Part of Lot 31, Concession 9, Mara, #4768 and #4770 Cedar Point Lane, from "Shoreline Residential" (SR) to "Shoreline Residential Exception No. 4" (SR-4) to:

- a) permit a maximum of two dwelling units on one property;
- b) recognize the two dwellings as permanent residences;
- c) permit the reduction of the minimum required gross floor area for one dwelling from 93 sq.m. (1000 sq.ft) to 69.7 sq.m. (750 sq.ft.);
- d) permit reduction of the minimum required lot frontage from 30 m. (100 ft) to 26.8 m. (88 ft.);
- e) permit reduction of the minimum highwater setback from 20 m. (65 ft) to 15 m. (50 ft.);
- f) permit construction on a property that does not have frontage on an assumed public road.

AND THAT the applicants be required to merge the two lots into one parcel, and provide a certificate of potable water prior to passing the zoning bylaw.

CARRIED.

4.2 THOMPSON, Elgin - owner, ATTIA QUARRIES - applicant, Files Z-1/00 & OP-1/00

Proposed Zoning Bylaw and Official Plan Amendments, Part Lots 14, 15 and 16,
Concessions E and F, Rama
(Minutes under separate cover)

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.59.2000

MOVED BY: BROOKS

SECONDED BY: WHITNEY

THAT we have considered the comments at the Public Meeting, Mark Dorfman's Report dated February 22, 2000, correspondence from the County of Simcoe dated February 24, 2000, John Pitts, dated February 25, 2000 and from Dennis and Teresa LaPrise dated February 28, 2000, regarding proposed Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendment, Files Z-1/2000 and OP-1/2000, Attia Quarries, Lots 14, 15 and 16, Concessions E and F, (Rama).

AND THAT we direct the Clerk and the Township Planning Consultant to prepare and submit a letter from the Township to the District Manager of the Ministry of Natural Resources and the applicant prior to March 4, 2000 detailing the issues in the report and indicating the Township's objection to the proposed license until these issues are addressed to the satisfaction of the Township.

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AND THAT we consider all the comments raised at the public meeting and the agency comments prior to making a decision on the applications to amend the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw.
AND THAT the applicant be required to submit a report that addresses all concerns raised at the public meeting, through agency circulation and in the planning report.
AND THAT prior to amending the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw, the applicant enter into a Development Agreement with the Township to deal with matters of municipal concern.

CARRIED.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND RECEIVING OF PETITIONS

5.1 Mr. Bill Bolton, 182 Bayshore Dr., addressed Council with respect to the mail-in-voting. He advised that they are not opposed to the principle of mail-in-voting but are opposed to the application of mail-in-voting in the present circumstances of Ramara Township.

Mr. Bolton also advised that the timeshare situation at Harbour Inn in Lagoon City allows for up to 100 votes per unit and acknowledges it is currently legal but is not ethical or fair and urged Council to revert to the traditional method of voting.

Mr. Bill Clark, North Ramara Association, addressed Council with a request to return to the ballot box election.

Initially he thanked Council for the support they have given to the ratepayer groups. He also advised that his association has not objected to the proposed quarry.

He advised Council of the names of various residents present for the deputation and requested Council not make a decision on the method of voting until all of Council was present.

Mr. Clark then proceeded to outline to Council that he found it offensive that someone who pays taxes for perhaps one week a year can have the same voting power as a farmer, or other property owner who pays 12 months a year. He also indicated that he felt it galling to see a one room residence generate 100 votes or more, while a 100 acre farm or house in town may generate no more than two to four votes on average.

Mr. Clark also indicated, that in his opinion, the political consequence of having a large block of votes coming from a single source has the ability to tip the margins and control the outcome of the election.

A meeting with Al McLean, M.P.P. for Simcoe North, and John Gerretsen, M.P.P., and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister, was attended by representatives from the Ramara Ratepayers Association to discuss the voting issue in Ramara Township. Mr. Clark indicated that a concept for a residency requirement of 60 or 90 days was developed and it was felt that it represented a fair and reasonable way to address the problems as well as retaining the mail-in-vote. Subsequently, the idea was struck down because it was claimed there would be discrimination against university students.

Mr. Clark closed his deputation requesting Council to conduct the November 2000 election by ballot at polling stations with scrutinizers present.

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.60.2000

MOVED BY: MCMILLAN

SECONDED BY: SNUTCH

THAT the deputation by Bill Clark, North Ramara Association and Bill Bolton, Bayshore Village Association, be received.

AND THAT we thank them for their comments.

CARRIED.

6. TENDER OPENING REPORT

7. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.61.2000

MOVED BY: MCMILLAN

SECONDED BY: SNUTCH

THAT Accounts Voucher #4, dated February 28, 2000 in the amount of \$216,069.93 be approved.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.62.2000

MOVED BY: MCMILLAN

SECONDED BY: SNUTCH

THAT Accounts Voucher #4A, dated February 28, 2000 in the amount of \$141.43 be approved.

CARRIED.

8. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.63.2000

MOVED BY: SNUTCH

SECONDED BY: MCMILLAN

THAT Items of Information 8.1 to 8.16 inclusive, as listed on the Agenda dated February 28, 2000, be received.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.64.2000

MOVED BY: WHITNEY

SECONDED BY: BROOKS

THAT the correspondence from the County of Simcoe, dated February 16, 2000, regarding an application, for a Minor Exception from Bylaw No. 4338, Tree Cutting Bylaw, by Linda Truax, Lot 7 and Part Lot 8, Concession N, Rama, be received.

AND THAT we advise the County of Simcoe that we have no objections.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.65.2000

MOVED BY: SNUTCH

SECONDED BY: MCMILLAN

THAT the correspondence from the Township of Essa dated February 18, 2000, regarding Delivery of Land Ambulance Service - County of Simcoe, be received.

AND THAT we support the resolution and the Township of Essa be so advised.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.66.2000

MOVED BY: SNUTCH

SECONDED BY: MCMILLAN

THAT the correspondence from Huronia Trails and Greenways dated February 19, 2000, regarding supporting the building of a trails network in our municipality and the surrounding region, be received.

AND THAT we advise Huronia Trails and Greenways that we have no position on this matter at this time.

CARRIED.

9. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.67.2000

MOVED BY: MCMILLAN

SECONDED BY: SNUTCH

THAT Report 3/00, of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 18, 2000, be adopted.

CARRIED.

10. ITEMS REQUIRING THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.68.2000

MOVED BY: BROOKS

SECONDED BY: WHITNEY

THAT Staff Report PD-8-2000, dated February 28, 2000, regarding Deeming Bylaw - Brian and Linda Egan, Lots 1 and 2, Plan 400, Mara, #2531 and 2529 Lakeshore Drive, be received.

AND THAT we pass a Bylaw deeming Lots 1 and 2, Plan 400, to not be part of the registered plan of subdivision for the purpose of subdivision control, so that the two lots can merge.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.69.2000

MOVED BY: SNUTCH

SECONDED BY: MCMILLAN

THAT Report FD-02-00 dated February 28, 2000, regarding the Fire Department Roster be received.

AND THAT we remove James Ripley, Richard Burman, Darcey Mullen, Mike Thompson and Wayne Brooks from the Ramara Fire Department Volunteer Roster.

AND THAT we accept the appointment of Mike Shane, Jodi-Marie Mulvihill and Dave Monahan as volunteer fire fighters on the Ramara Fire Department.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.70.2000

MOVED BY: WHITNEY

SECONDED BY: BROOKS

THAT report CD-08-00 dated February 28, 2000, regarding Mosquito Control Spray Program - Year 2000 be received.

AND THAT we accept the quotation of Zimmer Air Services Inc. for a 1 year contract to supply a single pass application at a cost of \$12,348.00, including taxes, for the Township's Year 2000 Mosquito Spray Program requirements;

AND THAT we accept the quotation of GDG Environment Ltd. for the Year 2000 requirements of Vectobac 200G, at a cost of \$30,526.03, including taxes.

AND THAT the cost per household for the year 2000 be \$16.00.

CARRIED.

11. UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Whitney enquired if Mayor Garry would be submitting an overview for the Development Review in the Packet.

Councillor Whitney advised that problems were being experienced on a number of roads due to the recent early thaw. He indicated that he was receiving a lot of complaints.

Deputy Mayor McMillan enquired if the fence on Conc. C (Rama) that had been torn down a few years ago had been replaced or when it would be.

Councillor Brooks advised that a number of trucks using Switch Road were not at half load and the road was going to deteriorate.

12. ANNOUNCEMENT AND ENQUIRIES

13. COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

14. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

15. NOTICE OF MOTION

16. **QUESTION PERIOD FOR MEDIA AND PUBLIC DEALING WITH AGENDA ITEMS**

Bruce Galway had the following comments:

- He complimented Mark Dorfman, Township Planning Consultant, for ensuring that the residents present for the public meeting concerning the quarry, were made aware of the procedure to follow to ensure their objections were received prior to the deadline.

- He indicated that the Lagoon City Community Association support the mail-in-vote method on the basis of the address problem being fixed. He also advised that changing to the ballot system would take the vote away from residents that would not drive up north to vote.

Clyde Hetherington advised Council that in the past he had belonged to an association which basically ran an election in another municipality.

Erika Neher, The Local Web, advised that she had spoken with someone from Huntsville that had a timeshare unit and were not permitted to vote.

Win Robertson advised that, in her opinion, the current Council was the best one yet. She also indicated that the previous election saw the highest number of votes the Township ever had. She further advised that her association agreed with the mail-in-vote method and felt that Council should have mentioned to Mr. Clark the amount of Township money spent defending the voting system during the investigation.

17. **BILLS AND CONFIRMATION BYLAW**

Bill #2000.10 Deeming Bylaw (Egan)

Bill #2000.11 Agreement with City of Orillia for Fire Dispatch Services

Bill #2000.12 Appoint a Drainage Engineer (McNabb Drain)

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.71.2000

MOVED BY: BROOKS

SECONDED BY: WHITNEY

THAT Bills 2000.10, 2000.11 and 2000.12 as listed on the Agenda of February 28, 2000, be considered read a first, second and third time and finally passed as a bylaws.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.72.2000

MOVED BY: MCMILLAN

SECONDED BY: SNUTCH

THAT Bylaw 2000.15, a Bylaw to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at the meeting held on the 28th day of February, 2000, be considered read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

CARRIED.

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18. **ADJOURNMENT**

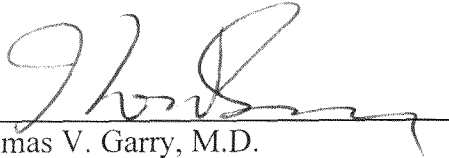
RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.73.2000

MOVED BY: MCMILLAN

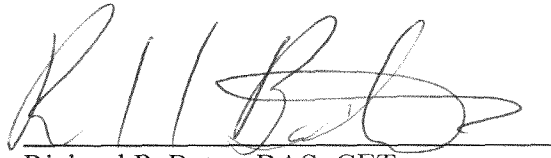
SECONDED BY: SNUTCH

THAT we do now adjourn at 10:17 p.m. until March 13, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED.



Thomas V. Garry, M.D.
Mayor



Richard P. Bates, BAS, CET,
CAO/Clerk