



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA**

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**MINUTES**

**TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA**

**MONDAY, JULY 10, 2000**

The first regularly scheduled meeting for the month of July 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	John Ferguson
Councillor	Nadir Jamal
Councillor	Neal Snutch
Councillor	Norm Whitney

CAO/Clerk	Richard P. Bates
Assistant to the CAO/Clerk	Janice McKinnon
Treasurer	Margaret Black

**1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

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

Mayor Garry advised he had attended the official opening of the information centre at Box Car Willy's on June 28<sup>th</sup>. He also advised that the new sign has been erected at the entrance into Ramara Township at Highway #12 at Gamebridge.

The July 1<sup>st</sup> millennium event held at Udney was a great success and was attended by the Mayor, Council and numerous residents.

Mayor Garry presented the 1999 Annual Ontario Crime Control Commission's Certificate of Excellence to Win Robertson in recognition of her contribution to the Ramara Township Policing Committee. Mayor Garry expressed his gratitude, on behalf of Council and residents, to Win for her dedication and hard work.

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.228.2000

**MOVED BY: BROOKS**

**SECONDED BY: JAMAL**

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, dated June 26, 2000 be adopted, as amended.

**CARRIED.**

**3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Councillor Jamal indicated he had a pecuniary interest with respect to Item 7.2, Voucher 11A, the nature being he is the owner of the pharmacy and the payee of the invoice. Councillor Jamal did not vote or participate in any discussion regarding the matter.

**4. PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**5. DEPUTATIONS AND RECEIVING OF PETITIONS - 9:10 P.M.**

5.1 Blain Hughes, petition and correspondence dated July 5, 2000, regarding opening of Southview Drive.

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.229.2000

**MOVED BY: WHITNEY**

**SECONDED BY: JAMAL**

THAT the correspondence and petition from Blain Hughes, dated July 5, 2000, regarding the opening of Southview Drive be received.

**CARRIED.**

5.2 Reverend Paul Browning of St. Paul's United Church addressed Council with respect to the Longford Cemetery. He provided Council with a background of the history of the cemetery advising that in 1927 the cemetery in Longford was established and called the Longford Union Protestant Cemetery.

Rev. Browning indicated that the cemetery was not owned by the Church but by a Board of Trustees who were elected by the members of the two Protestant Churches in town.

After the closure of the church in 1981, the cemetery began to suffer from neglect and the United and Anglican Churches rectified the situation by spending \$6,000.00 to cut down brush, add fill, landscape and restore headstones.

In 1996 and 1997 two public meetings were held at the Longford Community Centre to receive comments from the community with respect to the disposition of the cemetery. It was indicated that the community voiced unanimous agreement that the Township should take over the care of the cemetery.

Rev. Browning indicated that he felt the issue of the disposition of the cemetery was more of a social aspect than a church responsibility and that perhaps the churches were actually doing the municipality a favour by looking after the cemetery all these years.

Rev. Browning indicated that the current occupant of the Church pays approximately \$1,600.00 per year in taxes and the churches pay a local man for the upkeep of the cemetery at \$1,000.00 a year.

Council had a number of comments which included the Mayor indicating that he was troubled by the abandonment of the cemetery by the Board of Trustees. Rev. Browning advised that the Trustees did not abandon the cemetery, they died.

Deputy Mayor McMillan indicated that the Anglican and United Churches shared the building and their descendants must still be in existence. He also indicated that he thinks the cemetery should fall under the umbrella of the church. The Deputy Mayor also pointed out that of the \$1,600.00 received in taxes, the municipal portion is one third of that.

Councillor Whitney enquired if the Board did not have their books audited by the presbytery? Rev. Browning advised he did not know if they did or not.

Councillor Jamal questioned if there was another cemetery that had been closed and that the municipality looked after? He was advised that the Township currently maintains a closed cemetery in Atherley.

In closing Rev. Browning indicated that he felt they had been very responsible in bringing the cemetery up to standards and it was in very good shape to be turned over to the Township.

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.230.2000

**MOVED BY: MCMILLAN**

**SECONDED BY: SNUTCH**

THAT the deputation by Rev. Paul Browning of the St. Paul's United Church, regarding the Longford United Church Cemetery be received.

AND THAT we thank him for his comments.

**CARRIED.**

**6. TENDER OPENING REPORTS**

**7. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.231.2000

**MOVED BY: MCMILLAN**

**SECONDED BY: SNUTCH**

THAT Accounts Voucher #11, dated July 10, 2000 in the amount of \$1,895,739.42 be approved.

**CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.232.2000

**MOVED BY: MCMILLAN**

**SECONDED BY: SNUTCH**

THAT Accounts Voucher #11A, dated July 10, 2000 in the amount of \$129,24 be approved.

**CARRIED.**

**8. ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

8.1 AMO FYI, dated June 26, 2000, regarding Orillia Shares Successful Organic Diversion Program.

8.2 AMO Alert, dated June 22, 2000, regarding Premier's Task Force on Rural Economic Renewal.

8.3 AMO Alert, dated June 29, 2000, regarding OMAFRA Issues Directive Relating To Agricultural Operations.

8.4 Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, correspondence dated June 28, 2000, regarding a directive under the Farming and Food Production Act.

8.5 AMO Alert, dated June 29, 2000, regarding AMO's Municipal Action Plan For Water.

- 8.6 Ontario Provincial Police, correspondence dated June 27, 2000, regarding Second Policing for Results Survey commencing this September.
- 8.7 Village Road Rustic Signs, correspondence dated June 28, 2000, extending appreciation for opportunity to construct signs.
- 8.8 Township of Ramara Hydro Commission, 1999 Financial Statements.
- 8.9 Trustees of the Udney United Church Cemetery, correspondence dated June 28, 2000, regarding waiving rezoning fees.  
**COMMENTS** (Clerk's) - That we not charge the required fee.
- 8.10 Margaret Black, Treasurer, MEMO dated July 10, 2000, regarding Council Inquiry on June 26, 2000.
- 8.11 County of Simcoe, Media Release dated June 27, 2000, regarding awarding of Simcoe County Land Ambulance Contract.
- 8.12 Orillia & District Literacy Council Inc., correspondence dated June 22, 2000, requesting receiving permission to tag in Brechin and surrounding area.
- 8.13 Brechin and District Lions Club, correspondence dated June 12, 2000, requesting a Special Occasion Permit for a Community Festival.
- 8.14 Report BD-17-00 dated July 10, 2000, regarding Building Permits, issued June 1999 - 2000.
- 8.15 Atherley Community Centre Board, Minutes of Meeting held June 1, 2000.
- 8.16 Ramara Canine Control Monthly Report for the period June 1-30, 2000.
- 8.17 Ramara Canine Control Summary Report. **CONFIDENTIAL UNDER F.O.I.**
- 8.18 Bylaw Enforcement Report dated July 10, 2000. **CONFIDENTIAL UNDER F.O.I.**
- 8.19 Lagoon City Parks & Waterways Commission, Minutes of Meeting held May 17, 2000.
- 8.20 Ramara Library Board, Minutes of Meeting held June 7, 2000.  
**COMMENTS** (Clerk) - That an appointment for the vacancy concerning the resignation of Janet MacFadyen be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.
- 8.21 Marlene McCarthy, correspondence dated July 6, 2000, regarding July 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Levee and the books "they came to mara".
- 8.22 Common Interest Committee, Minutes of Meeting held June 15, 2000.

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.233.2000

**MOVED BY: MCMILLAN**  
**SECONDED BY: SNUTCH**

THAT Items of Information 8.1 to 8.22 inclusive, as listed on the Agenda dated July 10, 2000, be received.

**CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.234.2000

**MOVED BY: BROOKS**

**SECONDED BY: WHITNEY**

THAT the correspondence from Bruce Mundie, Trustees of the Udney United Church Cemetery, dated June 28, 2000, regarding rezoning fees, be received.  
AND THAT we waive the required rezoning fees with respect to the proposed application.

**CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.235.2000

**MOVED BY: FERGUSON**

**SECONDED BY: SNUTCH**

THAT the correspondence from the Orillia and District Literacy Council Inc. dated June 22, 2000, regarding Tag Days to be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2000, be received.  
AND THAT we advise them that we have no objections in this regard.

**CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.236.2000

**MOVED BY: MCMILLAN**

**SECONDED BY: SNUTCH**

THAT the correspondence from the Brechin & District lions Club dated June 12, 2000 regarding the Special Occasion Permit for a Community Festival on July 14, 15 and 16, 2000 be received.  
AND THAT they be advise we have no objection.

**CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.237.2000

**MOVED BY: JAMAL**

**SECONDED BY: BROOKS**

THAT the Ramara Library Board, Minutes of Meeting held June 7, 2000, be received.  
AND THAT an appointment for the vacancy concerning the resignation of Janet MacFadyen be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

**CARRIED.**

**9. REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**10. ITEMS REQUIRING THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF COUNCIL**

10.1 Appointment to Property Standards Committee

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.238.2000

**MOVED BY: MCMILLAN**

**SECONDED BY: SNUTCH**

THAT we appoint Wayne Denne as a member of the Property Standards Committee.

**CARRIED.**

10.2 Report CD-48-00, dated July 10, 2000, regarding Frost - Request to Extend the Brechin Business Park Covenants.

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.239.2000

**MOVED BY: BROOKS**

**SECONDED BY: WHITNEY**

THAT we agree to extend the Brechin Business Park covenant on Part 6, Plan 51R-19203, Part Lot 10, Conc. 3 (Mara) to commence a building for an additional 5 years and to be completed within 1 year after commencement subject to the owner (Frost) paying the Township's legal fees.

AND THAT the Township solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary agreement to implement the extension.

**CARRIED.**

10.3 Hydro One Networks Inc., Letter of Intent.

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.240.2000

**MOVED BY: SNUTCH**

**SECONDED BY: MCMILLAN**

THAT a bylaw be prepared to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a non-binding Letter of Intent to enter into negotiations with Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) for the possible sale of Ramara (Brechin) Hydro subject to the draft Letter of Intent presented by Hydro One being amended to:

1. limit the exclusive negotiations with Hydro One to a period of 45 days; and,
2. amending the terms and conditions of sale to be the "proposed" terms and conditions.

**CARRIED.**

**11. UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS**

Councillor Whitney advised that he had received calls with respect to small model air planes being operated behind Byers Equipment. It was also indicated that someone had recently started operating model planes in another location which is in a field and back off the road. It was suggested perhaps the operator behind Byers could be advised of the other location.

Councillor Whitney enquired if slow down signs or caution signs could be placed in the area of the curve on Muley Point Road.

Councillor Whitney advised while travelling on Township roads, he witnessed garbage bags left on the road. Subsequently, he came upon the garbage truck further down the road and requested the driver return and pick up the bags. Following the request, Councillor Whitney revisited the areas and noted that the bags had been picked up but the debris was not.

Councillor Jamal enquired if a noise bylaw would restrict the use of the model airplane use and advised that previously Council dealt with complaints regarding a helicopter.

Councillor Jamal enquired if the cost of the history books of Mara and Rama could be reduced. It was suggested the matter be reviewed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Deputy Mayor McMillan enquired if the bylaw enforcement matter on Lakeshore was being looked after?

He also advised that the road on either side of the railroad crossing on Airport Road was in need of repair. In addition, he enquired as to the status of the signal lights on Concession 2.

Councillor Whitney advised that the railroad crossing in Longford Mills at the Stepan crossing, is in bad repair as well.

Councillor Snutch indicated that the rail crossing on Highway #12 was also in bad repair and vehicles traveling southbound were crossing into the northbound lane to avoid the large bump in the southbound lane.

**12. ANNOUNCEMENT AND ENQUIRIES**

**13. COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE**

Mayor Garry advised that as of September 1, 2000, the County of Simcoe would be taking over the waste management contracts being renewed after that date.

The Land Ambulance three year contract has been awarded to Health Trust Prehospital Services Inc. for Ten Million Dollars. Mayor Garry advised that both Deputy Mayor McMillan and himself had been called by current ambulance operators with respect to the granting of the contract.

Deputy Mayor McMillan indicated that he felt the method in which the contract was awarded was a fair method.

Deputy Mayor McMillan also advised that proposals are coming in for the waste diversion plant and this is the reason the County is taking over the waste management contracts to ensure they have control over the materials going to the site.

**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 questions and statements:

1. The District of Muskoka has taken over the waste management for the area in which Mr. Galway has his cottage and he indicated that the system is a total disaster and is getting progressively worse each year.
2. He recently received a letter from the Ministry of Transportation and enquired if Council was aware of any long term solutions being proposed for Highway #12. Mr. Galway had written to MTO with respect to the asphalt which was taken off the road and placed on the shoulders. In response to his correspondence, the MTO indicated they were looking at a long term solution for Highway #12.

Cliff Armstrong advised Council that he was concerned about the County taking over the waste management contracts and enquired if the County would be doing a separate contract for each of the sixteen municipalities or one complete contract for the whole of the County. He also indicated that currently our costs for the waste management are low and expects that they will increase with the County taking over the contracts. In addition, he advised that in his opinion the landfill sites had deteriorated since the County took over the sites and they are basically driving people away from using the blue box system.

Win Robertson enquired if when the CAO/Clerk was drafting the animal control bylaw with respect to the age of puppies, if he would also include cats in the bylaw.

Bruce Galway enquired why Council would not include cats in the bylaw.

## 17. **BILLS AND CONFIRMATION BYLAW**

2000.47 Bylaw to raise money to aid in the construction of drainage works under the Tile Drainage Act.

2000.48 Amend Bylaw 98.09 (Governing Sale of Real Property).

### RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.241.2000

**MOVED BY: SNUTCH**

**SECONDED BY: FERGUSON**

THAT Bills 2000.47 and 2000.48 as listed on the Agenda of July 10, 2000, be considered read a first, second and third time and finally passed as bylaws.

**CARRIED.**

2000.46 Authorize Execution of Agreement with Rostance Electric Ltd.

2000.49 Authorize Execution of Non-Binding Letter of Intent with Hydro One Networks Inc.

### RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.242.2000

**MOVED BY: SNUTCH**

**SECONDED BY: FERGUSON**

THAT Bills 2000.46 and 2000.49 as listed on the Additions to the Agenda of July 10, 2000, be considered read a first, second and third time and finally passed as bylaws.

**CARRIED.**

### RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.243.2000

**MOVED BY: JAMAL**

**SECONDED BY: WHITNEY**

THAT Bylaw 2000.62, a Bylaw to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000, be considered read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

**CARRIED.**

## 18. **ADJOURNMENT**


### RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.244.2000

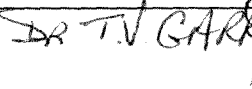
**MOVED BY: JAMAL**


**SECONDED BY: WHITNEY**

THAT we now adjourn at 9:00 p.m. until July 24, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

  
Dan McMillan  
Deputy-Mayor

  
DR. T.V. GARRY  
RB

  
Richard P. Bates, BAS, CET  
CAO/Clerk