

# Special Council Minutes

## November 24, 2017

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The special meeting for the Council of the Township of Ramara was held at the Administration Building in Brechin with the following members and staff in attendance:

Present:	Mayor	Basil Clarke
	Deputy Mayor	John O'Donnell
	Councillor	Marilyn Brooks
	Councillor	Margaret Sharpe
	Councillor	Erika Neher
	Councillor	John Appleby
	Councillor	Kal Johnson

Also Present:	Mgr. of Legislative Services/Clerk	Jennifer Connor
	Mgr. Environmental Services	Dave Readman
	C.C. Tatham & Associates	Tim Collingwood
	Member Provincial Parliament	Patrick Brown
	Council/Committee Coordinator	Cathy Wainman

### 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mayor Clarke opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Mayor Clarke welcomed and thanked Patrick Brown, M.P.P. for attending the meeting and taking the time from his busy schedule. Mayor Clarke stated the Township is looking for the Bayshore Village Effluent System be recognized as a sewage treatment plant.

### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND/OR AGENDA ADDITIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.542.17

**MOVED BY: SHARPE**

**SECONDED BY: BROOKS**

THAT the Special Council Agenda dated November 24, 2017 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED.**

### 3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

### 4. DEPUTATIONS

Tim Collingwood, Township Engineer provided Council, Patrick Brown, MPP, and members of the public with an overview of how the Bayshore spray fields operate. Mr. Collingwood noted that a solution to sewage treatment is required as the life cycle of the Bayshore spray fields is coming to an end. The preferred option is to have a sewage treatment plant but the Township is having difficulty in having the Province recognize the spray fields as a treatment facility and therefore preventing the Township from constructing a new tertiary system because of its proximity to Lake Simcoe. The province is no longer permitting any new sewage treatment plants along Lake Simcoe. Another option, which is less preferred, is to obtain lands and have additional spray fields in order to rehabilitate the existing spray fields. The Township is looking for relief from the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan in order to permit a tertiary sewage treatment plant to be constructed and is asking for the assistance of Patrick Brown in doing so.

MPP Patrick Brown requested information and data that will prove the preferred system will reduce phosphorus entering Lake Simcoe; proof that existing septic users in the area will in fact hook up to a new sewage treatment plant; and provide phosphorous data from other similar systems. If the Township can provide this data, MPP Patrick Brown will take our fight to the Minister of the Environment for a new tertiary sewage treatment plant.

#### RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.543.17

**MOVED BY: JOHNSON**

**SECONDED BY: NEHER**

THAT we provide information and data to Patrick Brown, M.P. in bringing the Bayshore Village effluent disposal issue to the forefront at the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change;

AND THAT it be recognized that the Bayshore Village municipal sewage works is a special case that requires a flexible interpretation of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan policies in order to allow the Township to further consider the possibility of discharging a highly treated effluent from the Bayshore Village sewage works to the Lake Simcoe watershed.

**CARRIED.**

5. CONFIRMATION BYLAW

RESOLUTION NUMBER CR.544.17

**MOVED BY: SHARPE**

**SECONDED BY: BROOKS**

THAT Bylaw 2017.80 a bylaw to confirm the proceedings at the Special Council meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017, be considered read a first, second and third time and finally passed as a bylaw.

**CARRIED.**

6. ADJOURNMENT

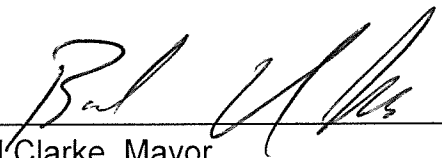
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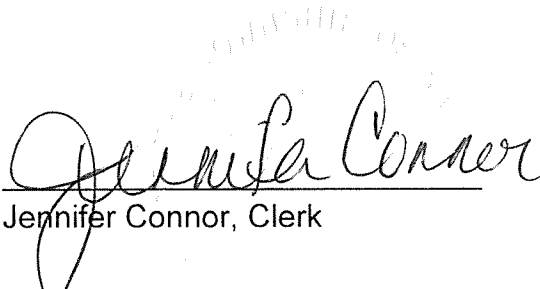
**MOVED BY: APPLEBY**

**SECONDED BY: NEHER**

THAT we now adjourn at 9:35 a.m.

**CARRIED.**

  
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Basil Clarke, Mayor

  
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Jennifer Connor, Clerk